

# **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

A-2025-R-14

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 5:30 PM City Council Chambers

**City Council** 

City of Laredo
Regular City Council Meeting
A-2025-R-14
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
September 2, 2025
5:30 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- IV. ROLL CALL
- V. MINUTES

Approval of Minutes of:

August 14, 2025 August 18, 2025

#### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens can participate through in-person comments. Citizens wishing to provide in-person comments are required to fill out a witness card and submit it to the City Secretary no later than 5:45 p.m. and identify themselves at the microphone. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. All comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

#### VI. RECOGNITION

1. The City of Laredo Mayor, Dr. Victor Treviño, and Council proudly recognize Damaris Morales, a proud Laredoan, who has been selected as one of 48 semifinalists in the international "México Canta por la Paz y Contra las Adicciones" competition, launched by the Mexican Government to promote positive, healing music. Her participation not only highlights her talent and commitment to socially conscious music but also brings pride to our city. Congratulations!

#### VII. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Presentation by Mayor Dr. Victor Trevino, providing general comments on city matters, upcoming initiatives, and other relevant updates for the Council and the public.

**25-1581** 

**REC-22** 

#### VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- 1. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of Allen **APPT - 63** Holmgreen to the Fine Arts & Culture Commission.
- 2. Appointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez of John **APPT - 64** Beckelhymer to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Appointment by Council Member Ricardo " Richie" Rangel Jr. of 3. **APPT - 67** Terry Franklin Hix Jr. to the Ethics Commission.

#### IX. PLANNING & ZONING - PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

1. Public Hearing and adoption of the Future Thoroughfare Plan as 2025-R-204 Appendix "D" of the City of Laredo's Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended adoption of the Future Thoroughfare Plan with the changes identified as Exhibits A thru H.

Staff recommends the adoption of the Future Thoroughfare Plan with the changes identified as Exhibits A thru H.

#### X. PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

- 1. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance creating Article VI, 25-1457 entitled "Mitigation Rates for Emergency and Non-Emergency Services" of Chapter 12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo entitled "Fire Protection and Prevention" to authorize mitigation rates for Fire Department services. Fees will be deposited into the General Fund.
- 2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance of the City of Laredo. 25-1557 Texas adopting the proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, by appropriating the revenues, expenditures and balances reported therein for the year beginning October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026, consistent with the financial plan described in said annual budget (see exhibit "A"), motions approved by city council at public workshop (see exhibit "B") and holiday schedule for FY2025-2026 (see exhibit "C") authorizing the city manager to implement said annual budget (as amended)

(Recess) (Press Availability)

#### XI. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

3. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY2025 Capital Grant Fund to appropriate revenues and expenses in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 for the Federal Railroad Administration

**25-1446** 

(FRA) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant for the Downtown Laredo Rail Corridor Safety Planning Project. The project is a highway-rail grade crossing improvement project to support planning activities for 31 at-grade crossings. The project includes development of construction documents to include installation, repair or improvement of grade separations, railroad crossing signals, gates and related technologies, highway traffic signalization, highway lighting and crossing approach signage, roadway improvements such as medians or other barriers, railroad crossing panels and surfaces and safety engineering improvements to reduce risk. The project includes two grade separations, five crossing closures, nine crossing signal installations and roadway improvements including medians, and fifteen roadway-only improvements. Funding is available in the Capital Grants Fund.

4. An Introductory Ordinance of The City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Article II, Division 6 (Pay Administration), of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, specifically Section 2-87.7-Policy (C.) (12)(A.) by providing for a two and a half percent (2.5%) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA); a one and a half percent adjustment (1.5%) to the wage schedule and a tenure achievement adjustment pay for all City of Laredo full-time Employees who have completed one consecutive year of employment with the City of Laredo; except Contract Employees, Interns, Cooperative Education Program Employees (Co-Ops), Elected Officials, Temporary Contract Labor Employees, and Firefighters and Police Officers Governed by the Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreement; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date (As Amended).

25-1588

#### XII. SECOND READING

5. An Ordinance amending Ordinance # 2023-O-200 authorizing the City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to Ramco Waste, LLC DBA Frontera Waste to use the present and future streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, sidewalks, easements and other public rights-of-way of the City of Laredo, Texas for purposes of constructing, maintaining and operating a commercial container refuse gathering and disposing service, setting forth terms and conditions to govern the franchise; Providing a severability clause, a savings clause and an effective date. Franchise fees will be deposited in the General Fund.

25-1562

### XIII. THIRD AND FINAL READINGS

6. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, granting Medina Electric Cooperative, Inc., its legal representatives, successors, lessees and assigns, as the grantee herein, certain

powers, licenses, rights-of-way, privileges and franchise to construct and maintain in the City-of Laredo, Texas, as now or hereafter constituted, an electric power utility system in said city and to use the bridges, other structures, places and public grounds in said city for a period of five years with one, five year renewal period subject to renegotiation by the parties; and prescribing certain rights, duties, terms and conditions herein mentioned and providing for the payment to city a percentage of certain receipts of grantee from its operations therein; and providing for the acceptance of this ordinance by grantee; and containing a saving clause, and providing for publications and an effective date.

#### XIV. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

7. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to License Agreement ("License") by and between the City of Laredo, a municipal corporation ("Licensor"), and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Licensee"), dated August 13, 2011 and attached hereto; to modify licensed premises for the installation of a Generator, including a concrete pad and back-up power supply, etc. Rent shall increase by Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per month upon commencing of the effective date; all other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect.

<u>2025-O-150</u>

8. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY2024-2025 City of Laredo Detoxification Center budget by increasing and appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$185,220.00. The Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council was formed to ensure that money recovered through the statewide opioid settlement agreements is allocated fairly and spent to put an end to the opioid crisis in Texas Opioid Abatement Fund. These funds are available in the Detoxification Center Fund.

**2025-O-158** 

9. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to accept and appropriate revenues in the amount of \$1,735.561.00 and expenditures in the amount of \$1,822,339.00 annually for Treatment for Adults, with a 5% match, for the Detoxification Department for the term period from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2030. The total amount of the grant will not exceed \$9,111,695.00; this includes the system agency share of \$8,677,805.00 and grantee's required match amount of \$433,890.00 for the life of the grant. Funds will be accounted for in the Detoxification Department Fund.

2025-O-157

**10.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectively convey a 15.457 acre tract to the United States Government for the amount of \$488,000.00. Parcel being a 15.457 acre tract (673,298)

sq. ft.) parcel of land, more or less, being out of a called 933.542 acres, calculated as 930.219 acres, in Porcion 96 Starr County, Texas conveyed to the City of Laredo, Volume 1473, Page 775. Said parcel of land more particularly described by metes and bounds and depicted in attached Exhibit "A" and made part herein.

11. An ordinance amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, "Buildings & Building Regulations," by amending Article 11, "Registration of General Contractors and Subcontractors," Section 7-20 Administration; Section 7-28, Increase for annual registration fee; a severability clause; a publication clause; and an effective date.

2025-O-156

12. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 6, "Animal and Fowl," Article I "In General" of the Code of Ordinances Section 6-119 "Registration, vaccination and permit fees" to update Section 6-119 "Registration, vaccination and permit fees" to amend the schedule of fees; and providing for an effective date.

2025-O-148

13. Final Reading of Ordinance amending the City of Laredo Cemetery main fee ordinance, which is located in the Code of Ordinances Chapter 8; Article 23, entitled "Same - Fees Charged" adding two new sections, namely 8-23 (b)(5) and (b)(6) to establish costs and fees for newly available services at the Cemetery which are related to columbaria and/or niche services for storing urns.

2025-O-159

14. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, Article 1, Section 7-2 entitled "Same-Amendments" and Chapter 24, Appendix D, Permit Fees, to increase the residential building permit fee and the residential plan review fee; and establish new commercial plan checking fees in accordance with house bill H.B. 852; providing for a new workflow instance plan review fee, providing for a resubmittal plan review fee, providing for an expedited plan review fee, providing a cumulative and repealer clause; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; providing for a penalty; and declaring an effective date.

2025-O-149

An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Special Use Permit for a Nationalization of Vehicles Enterprises on Lot 1, Block 1, Fragoso - Olivas Plat and Lot 12B, Block 2, Tesoro Plaza, located at 500 Tesoro Lane and 5215 Tesoro Plaza Drive.

2025-O-151

ZC-008-2025 District VII

**16.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1 and 2,

Block 1071, Eastern Division, located at 1901 Ligarde Street, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

ZC-055-2025 District II

17. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for Heavy Machinery Sales and Rental (Outdoor Display) on Lots 2,3,4,5, Block 939, Western Division, located at 3703, 3715, and 3717 San Dario Avenue.

2025-O-154

ZC-057-2025 District VIII

18. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the City of Laredo Land Development Code Section 24.63, entitled "Permitted Land Uses", to clarify that the Storage of Flammable and Explosive Products are allowed in M-2 zoning district and in M-1 zoning districts with a special use permit, providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative, providing for severability clause, and providing for publication and effective date.

2025-O-155

19. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Planned Unit Development (Overlay) for single family townhouses on Lot 1, Block 2, Villas San Agustin, Unit 1, located at 7911 Atlanta Drive, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-3 P.U.D. (Community Business District - Planned Unit Development). (As amended)

2025-O-162

ZC-014-2025 District VII

20. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a conditional use permit for a Bar on Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, San Isidro McPherson, Phase IV, located at 9802 McPherson Road, Unit 125 and outdoor patio (ONLY - 1,910 square feet).

2025-O-163

ZC-040-2025 District VI

21. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a special use permit for a Tobacco Shop on Lot 5, Block 2, Santa Rita Commercial Subdivision, located at 5618 US Highway 83 South, Unit 1 (1,000 square feet).

ZC-056-2025 District II

#### XV. CONSENT AGENDA

All of the following items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by a Council Member.

#### AIRPORT: GILBERTO SANCHEZ, DIRECTOR

22. Consideration to approve a contract with Kova, Corp, utilizing General Services Administration (GSA) Purchase Contract #GS-35F-011BA in an annual amount of Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Dollars and Eighty Four Cents (\$22,392.84) for a total contract amount of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$111,964.20) over a five year Term Contract for the purpose of extending warranty coverage for the KOVA Emergency Alert Notification System (KEANS). Funding is available in the Laredo International Airport Fund.

**25-1436** 

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: TINA RODRIGUEZ, DIRECTOR**

23. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into contract and award 2024 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) set-aside funds in the amount of \$150,000.00.

**25-1482** 

1. \$150,000.00 to Habitat for Humanity of Laredo, for the construction of two single- family homes.

Funding is available in the Home Investment Partnership Fund.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: MIRIAM CASTILLO, DIRECTOR**

24. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas amending Resolution 2024-R-200, which authorized the City Manager to approve, enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), and to execute all relevant documents between the City of Laredo, Texas and Laredo College to provide a Workforce Development and Skills Certificate Program in the areas of hospitality, HVAC, and pharmacy technician; by amending such section to include phlebotomy as part of "Exhibit A" and scope of services; and providing an effective date.

2025-R-218

2025-R-203

25. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate, amend, and execute the existing Chapter 380 Economic Development Agreement with Killam Development, Ltd., as originally approved in City Council Resolution 2025-R-149, to add the description of newly identified properties, remove a designated property, and provide for the waiver of development and vacant building fees as an additional

incentive in support of the project; and establishing an effective date.

#### FIRE: GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

26. Consideration to approve the purchase of one Mini Pumper/Quick Attack, from US Fire Pump Company, LLC, Albany, LA, in the amount of \$360,000.00, utilizing the H-GAC Cooperative Contract #FS12-23. Funding is available in the 2024 Certificate of Obligation Bond.

25-1452

**25-1456** 

### PUBLIC HEALTH: DR. RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, DIRECTOR

- 27. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to approve a telepsychiatry consultation services agreement with US Televero Health PA located at 6101 W. Courtyard Drive, Suite 2-225, Austin, Texas 78730 for the City of Laredo Public Health Department Primary Care Services Program in the total amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 for the term October 01, 2025 through September 31, 2026. Funding is available in the Public Health Department Fund General Fund.
- 28. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to ratify and enter into a continuation contract from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHS) for the Texas Home Visiting (THV) Project Grant in the total amount not to exceed \$1,700,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for a two-year term period from September 01, 2025 through August 31, 2027. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund Texas Home Visiting (THV) Project Grant.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES: LINDA TENIENTE, DIRECTOR**

- 29. Consideration to reject the two bids received for FY25-042
  Physician Services and authorize to rebid for Physician Services as the bids received did not meet the Request for Qualification minimum criteria.
- **30.** A Resolution of the City of Laredo, Texas, to adopt a Compressed Workweek policy for eligible City employees, establishing guidelines for implementation, and authorizing the City Manager and Human Resources Department to oversee compliance and review.
- 31. A Resolution of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing a Voluntary
  Retirement Incentive Program (VRIP) Policy to facilitate strategic
  workforce transitions, optimize organizational efficiency, and
  authorizing the City Manager to implement, administer, and monitor
  any future programs for the benefit of the City and its employees

- **32**. Consideration to award contract FY25-067 to VitalMed Urgent Care, Laredo, TX to provide afterhours physician/medical services to City employees, employee's dependents and City of Laredo Retirees enrolled in the City Employee Health Plan Basic Medical Services in the estimated amount of \$80,000.00 per year for a total contract value of \$400,000.00. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two years beginning the start of the next upcoming fiscal year (October 1, 2025). This contract may be extended for three additional one year period each upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Human Resources, Employee Wellness Division fund.
- 33. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas amending Chapter 2, Article III, Division 3 (Leave Policy), of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, specifically Section 2-58. Holidays (a.) providing a total of three (3) personal holidays for fiscal year 2025-2026 (b.) to include earned wellness incentive days; and providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective date of October 1, 2025 (as amended).

### POLICE: MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

- 34. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one marked police unit **25-1434** for the Auto Theft Task Force. This unit will be equipped with emergency lights, equipment, and graphics from Sames Motor Company, Laredo, TX, in the amount not to exceed \$93,655.00. Purchase will be funded by the SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant utilizing the TIPS USA contract number 240901. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.
- 35. Consideration to authorize the purchase of a Sprinter 3500 van **25-1487** from the Armored Group, LLC, in the amount of \$275,000.00 using GSA contract pricing via contract #GS-07F-9375S. This specialty vehicle will be used for enforcement operations by the Laredo Police Department Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT). Funding is available in the Police Trust Fund.

#### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### XVI. STAFF REPORTS

- 36. Discussion with possible action to accept and approve **25-1468** reports/reviews presented by Internal Audit.
- Presentation on the FY25-26 proposed budget from Animal Care 37. **25-1578** Services.

### XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**25-1577** 

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any posted agenda item when authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and/or 551.087 (Economic Development). Following closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

38.	Discussion with possible action to (1) review and approve the
	evaluation mechanism to be used for the City Manager's annual
	evaluation; and (2) discuss and, as appropriate, confirm goals,
	priorities, and performance measures for the City Manager for his
	next evaluation cycle of February 2026.

39. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071(1)(A), to consult with City Attorney concerning Karina Elizondo & Enedina Martinez v. City of Laredo (5:25-cv-00050), pending litigation, and any other matter incident thereto.

# XVIII. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD

40. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute grant number

TX-2025-107 in the amount of \$1,153,412.00 from the Federal

Transit Administration (FTA) for Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of
Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. Funding is available in the

Transit System Capital Grants.

Breakdown of the grant amount is as follows:

- FY2023 FTA share \$255,948.00 Local Match \$63,987.00 80/20 for software and equipment purchases.
- FY2024 FTA share \$258,831.00 Local Match \$45,676.00 85/15 for Replacement of vans purchases.
- FY2025 FTA share \$264,485.00 Local Match \$264,485.00 50/50 for Operating Assistance.
- XIX. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION
- XX. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL
- XXI. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

### Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño

41.	Discussion with possible action on bridge usage policies and status of international bridge expansion projects, and any matters related thereto.	25-C-140
42.	Discussion with possible action on safety measures and risks	25-C-141

## Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa J. Perez

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47. Discussion with possible action on the inquiry response from Midwest Sterilization regarding their plans to reduce ethylene oxide emissions and warehouse location sites for their sterilized products. and any other matters incident thereto.

Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino Sponsors:

48. Discussion with possible action on restructuring the city towards a 25-C-144 cashless policy across all departments and services, with discussion on centralization opportunities within the organization, and any other matters incident thereto.

Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino **Sponsors:** 

**49.** Discussion with possible action on the status and timeline for the United Elevated Storage Tank project, and any other matters incident thereto.

25-C-146

**Sponsors:** Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

### Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

50. Discussion with possible action to remove Scott Street and Jefferson Street from the existing truck route listings in Laredo, and to initiate a pilot program to promote Anna Street as an alternative route for truck drivers, and any other matters incident thereto.

25-C-143

#### XXII. ADJOURN

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.