

City of Laredo

Meeting Minutes - Preliminary

A-2025-R-14

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City Council

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**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

Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño called for a moment of silence for any particular intention.

IV. ROLL CALL

Also in attendance:

City Manager Joseph W. Neeb
Assistant City Manager Steve E. Landin
Assistant City Manager Jose A. Valdez, Jr.
City Secretary Mario Maldonado, Jr.
City Attorney Zone Nguyen

Present: District I Gilbert Gonzalez
District II Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.
Mayor Dr. Dr. Victor D. Trevino
District III Melissa R. Cigarroa
District IV Ricardo "Rick" Garza
District V Ruben Gutierrez Jr.
District VI David Tyler King
Mayor Pro Tempore & District VII Vanessa Perez
District VIII Alyssa Cigarroa

V. MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes for August 14, 2025, August 18, 2025.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Gilbert Gonzalez

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, and Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

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!

[REC-22](#)

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](#)

VIII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Motion to approve appointments 1-3.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, and Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

Motion carries.

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

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[APPT - 67](#)

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.

Staff recommends approval.

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Gilbert Gonzalez

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

X. PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

Motion to open Public Hearings.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

1. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance creating Article VI, entitled [25-1457](#) "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.

Staff recommends approval of this public hearing and introductory ordinance.

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.**Second:** Melissa R. Cigarroa**For:** Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 0**Np:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino**Motion carries.**

2. Public hearing and introductory ordinance of the City of Laredo, 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) [25-1557](#)

Staff recommends approval of the proposed FY 2025-26 budget.

Motion to close and introduce and bring back on the following City Council meeting.**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.**Second:** Melissa R. Cigarroa**For:** Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 0**Np:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino**Motion carries.****(Recess)****(Press Availability)****XI. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES****Council to introduce Introductory Ordinances 3-4.**

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 (FRA) Consolidated Rail [2025-O-174](#)

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.

Approval of this motion.

4. An 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). [2025-O-175](#)

Staff recommends that City Council approve this item.

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](#)

Passage of the Ordinance

Motion to table and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

XIII. THIRD AND FINAL READINGS

6. Third and Final Reading of Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, [2025-O-161](#), 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.

Staff recommends approval of Third and Final Reading of Ordinance.

Motion to approve third and final readings.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Gilbert Gonzalez

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

XIV. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to approve Final Reading of Ordinances 7-21, with the exception of #10, 21.

Cm. Gonzalez recused on #16.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

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. [2025-O-150](#)
- Staff recommends approval.
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](#)
- Staff recommends approval.
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](#)
- Staff recommends approval.
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 [2025-O-160](#)

and bounds and depicted in attached Exhibit "A" and made part herein.

Staff recommends the approval of this Ordinance.

Motion to move

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

11. An ordinance amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter [2025-O-156](#) 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.

Introduce this ordinance.

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](#)

Staff recommends that Council approves the Ordinance.

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](#)

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance

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](#)

Introduce this Ordinance.

- 15.** 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). [2025-O-153](#)

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](#)

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance.

- 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 [2025-O-164](#) 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

Motion to approve.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Against: Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

XV. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda 22-35, with the exception of 29.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

AIRPORT: GILBERTO SANCHEZ, DIRECTOR

22. Consideration to approve a contract with Kova, Corp, utilizing General [25-1436](#) 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.

Staff recommends the approval of this contract.

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.

Staff recommends this motion be passed.

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-203](#)

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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. [2025-R-218](#)

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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](#)

Staff recommends approval of this item.

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 [25-1456](#)

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.

Staff recommends that Council approve the Motion.

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. [2025-R-206](#)

Staff recommends that Council approve the Resolution.

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. [25-1472](#)

Approval of this item.

Motion to table and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

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. [2025-R-205](#)

Approval of this item.

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 through the Human Resources Department. [2025-R-207](#)

Approval of this item.

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. [25-1478](#)

It is recommended that this contract be approved.

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). [2025-O-176](#)

Staff recommends that City Council approve this item

POLICE: MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

34. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one marked police unit 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. [25-1434](#)

It is recommended that this purchase be approved.

35. Consideration to authorize the purchase of a Sprinter 3500 van 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. [25-1487](#)

Recommends the approval of this purchase.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

XVI. STAFF REPORTS

36. Discussion with possible action to accept and approve reports/reviews presented by Internal Audit. [25-1468](#)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Gilbert Gonzalez

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

37. Presentation on the FY25-26 proposed budget from Animal Care Services. [25-1578](#)

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session.

Moved: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Second: Alyssa Cigarroa

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

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. [25-1577](#)

Motion to staff to continue as directed.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

39. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071(1)(A), to [25-1661](#)

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.

Motion for staff to continue as directed.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Vanessa Perez

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

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

Motion to recess as the Laredo City Council and convene as the Laredo Mass Transit Board.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

- 40.** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute grant number [2025-RT-37](#) 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.

Staff recommends the approval of this resolution.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

XIX. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION

Motion to adjourn as the Laredo Mass Transit Board and reconvene as the Laredo City Council.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

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](#)

Motion to update on the 4-5 corridor regarding the studies on the economic impact, and bring it back in two meeting from now.

Moved: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Second: Vanessa Perez

For: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, and Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

Motion carries.

- 42.** Discussion with possible action on safety measures and risks associated with large water and sewer piping that can be accessed by the public and any matters related thereto. [25-C-141](#)

Motion to instruct management to conduct a survey of the system to see if there is any access points where there can be mitigation applied in sensitive areas around the river.

Moved: Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Second: Vanessa Perez

For: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., and Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

Motion carries.

- 43.** Discussion with possible action to request and support federal funding for I-69 and any matters related thereto. [25-C-147](#)

Motion to pass a Resolution to support and advocate the I-69 alliance for future interstate highway formula program and the next surface transportation bill.

Moved: Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

Request by Council Member Dr. David Tyler King

- 44.** Discussion with possible action authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Boys and Girls Club, to possibly increase funding, [25-C-137](#)

increase after school programming, and any other matter incident thereto.

Motion to have management bring back within two Council meetings.

Moved: David Tyler King

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

45. Discussion with possible action to cancel the City's current version of the vacant building ordinance (ORDINANCE No. 2021-0-152), adopted in 2021, and initiate the development of a new ordinance with public input from the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID), the Downtown Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #1, the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), and other relevant stakeholders. [25-C-138](#)

Adoption of any new Vacant Building Ordinance shall be contingent upon the simultaneous creation and approval of a corresponding incentive policy to support revitalization efforts, and any other matters incident thereto.

Motion to rescind Ordinance and start from scratch with the new stakeholders, and for management to bring back a healthy vacant building Ordinance.

Moved: David Tyler King

Second: Gilbert Gonzalez

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, and Cm. Dr. David Tyler King

Against: 0

Abstain: Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Np: Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

46. Discussion with possible action to pursue a request for proposal (RFP) for artwork to be done on the City's water tower at McPherson & International Blvd., and also refer to the Fine Arts and Culture Commission for guidance and approval, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-C-139](#)

Motion to table and bring back on the following City Council meeting.

Moved: David Tyler King

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa J. Perez

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. [25-C-142](#)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Alyssa Cigarroa

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

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

Motion for staff to bring back a plan.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Alyssa Cigarroa

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

49. Discussion with possible action on the status and timeline for the Unitec Elevated Storage Tank project, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-C-146](#)

Motion to continue with the project and bring back and get it moving. Also to add water infrastructure, as amended.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: David Tyler King

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

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](#)

Motion to have the Engineering Department do a study and come back with recommendation.

Moved: Alyssa Cigarroa

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

XXII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 10:41 p.m.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.