

City of Laredo

Meeting Minutes - Approved

AS AMENDED A-2024-R-13

Monday, August 19, 2024

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City Council

**As Amended
City of Laredo
Regular City Council Meeting
A-2024-R-13
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1110 HOUSTON STREET
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
Monday, August 19, 2024
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

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

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

V. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Motion to approve appointments 1-3.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: David Tyler King

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

1. Appointment by City Manager of Lauro Martinez, Juan Aleman, JJ Flores, [APPT. - 65](#) Erika Botello, and Juanita Fonataine to Keep Laredo Beautiful.
2. Appointment by Councilman Ricardo Rangel Jr. of Edwin Martinez to the [APPT. - 68](#) Suicide Prevention Committee.
3. Appointment by Councilman Alberto Torres, Jr. of Jose Salvador Tellez to [APPT. - 69](#) Ethic Commission for upcoming hearing.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

Motion to open public hearings 1-10.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

1. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by revoking a conditional use permit for an impound lot on Lots 3 and 4, Block 807, Eastern Division, located at 306 and 316 South Meadow Avenue, pursuant to the City of Laredo Land Development Code Section 24.94.10(a)(1), entitled Revocation. [24-1517](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the revocation of the conditional use permit for an impound lot.

ZC-042-2024

District II

2. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1-A, Block 936, Eastern Division, located at 1701 East O' Kane Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi - Family Residential District). [24-1519](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change and staff does not support the application.

ZC-050-2024
District IV

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

- Moved:** Alberto Torres Jr.
- Second:** Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.
- For:** Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez
- Against:** 0
- Abstain:** 0
- Np:** Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

- 3. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2006-O-310, which authorized a conditional use permit for a child daycare on Lot 9, Block 2, Towne East Subdivision, Phase 1, located at 3417 West Fiesta Loop, in order to remove Elsa Gloria Cantu as the party whom the permit is issued. [24-1520](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed conditional use permit amendment, and staff supports the application.

ZC-055-2024
District IV

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

- Moved:** Alberto Torres Jr.
- Second:** Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.
- For:** Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez
- Against:** 0
- Abstain:** 0
- Np:** Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

- 4. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance [24-1521](#)

2012-O-198, which authorized a special use permit for mini-storage/warehouse on Lot 3B, Block 2, H.R.C. Subdivision, Unit 2, located at 2110 Quail Creek Road, in order to remove Hurd Land and Development Company as the party whom the permit is issued.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed special use permit, and staff supports the application.

ZC-056-2024
District VII

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

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: David Tyler King

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

5. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 2.20 acres as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located south of FM 1472 and west of Ben-Nur Ranch Road, from AG (Agricultural District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District).

[24-1522](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change and staff supports the application.

ZC-058-2024
District VII

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

Moved: David Tyler King

Second: Alberto Torres Jr.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

6. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 1, Luisa Garcia Subdivision, Phase 1, located at 23911, 23915, and 23919 FM 1472, from AG (Agriculture District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District). [24-1523](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change and staff supports the application.

ZC-060-2024
District VII

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

- Moved:** Alberto Torres Jr.
Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.
For: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

7. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 58.709 acre tract of land (2,557,380 square feet) as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located south of Saint Luke Boulevard and west of Cuatro Vientos Road, from R1-A (Single Family Reduce Area District) to AG (Agriculture District). [24-1524](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change and staff supports the application.

ZC-061-2024
District I

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

- Moved:** Alberto Torres Jr.
Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa
For: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez
Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

8. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 234.4516 acres as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A and Lot 15, Block 3, Vista del Sur Subdivision, Phase III, located north of Pita Mangana Road and east of US Highway 83, and 4016 Calibri Drive, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District), R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District), and AG (Agricultural District) to R-1B (Single Family High Density Residential District). [24-1525](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed zone change and staff supports the application.

ZC-062-2024
District II

9. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the City of Laredo Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Health and Benefits Fund by appropriating a drawdown of \$1,000,000 from its opening balance and appropriating it for medical claims. [24-1566](#)

Staff recommends that City Council introduce this Ordinance.

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

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

10. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY 2024 Capital Improvement Fund by appropriating revenues and expenses in the amount of \$172,658.20 for the agreement between the City of Laredo and Armadillo Construction Company, Ltd. for Springfield Avenue Extension Phase 2 Project to extend Springfield Ave. along the east boundary of Shiloh Highland Subdivision Phase 1 (North of International Blvd.). [24-1569](#)

Approval of this motion.

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

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

(Recess)

(Press Availability)

VII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

Council to introduce introductory Ordinances 11-13.

11. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas amending Article VI [Investment Policy] of Chapter 2 [Administration] of the Code of Ordinances in order to update investment officers' titles, adjust / update the current broker/dealer list, and make minor language adjustments to the City's Investment Policy. [24-1530](#)

Staff recommends approval of this Introductory Ordinance.

12. An Ordinance Establishing An Employee Retiree Incentive Program For Employees Who Retire Between October 1, 2024 Through January 31, 2025 With The Exception Of Employees Subject To Any Collective Bargaining Agreement Providing For A Repealing Clause, Severability Clause, And An Effective Date Of October 1, 2024. [24-1574](#)

Staff recommends Council approve this item.

13. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, establishing application requirements for any organized religious society or sect that seeks to operate a cemetery, or use any land for internment of remains on property within the boundaries of the City of Laredo. [24-1668](#)

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

VIII. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

14. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas amending Chapter 28, Article I, Section 28-4 of the Code of Ordinances by replacing the existing section (entitled fee for temporary lease of a street for private use") in its entirety with new Section 28-4 (entitled "permits required for temporary street closure"); to allow temporary street closures for certain purposes; providing for the repeal of any conflicting provisions; providing for fees; providing for penalty and providing an effective date. [2024-O-159](#)

Staff recommends the passing of this ordinance.

Motion to introduce 14

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

15. An Ordinance amending section 24.65.0 (b) of the Land Development Code, prohibiting the parking and storing of any commercial vehicle while exceeds one ton in manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating or that has more than two axles within five-hundred (500) feet of any public or private elementary or secondary school, park, or public playground. [2024-O-112](#)

Recommend Approval

Motion to approve final reading of Ordinances 15-17.

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

16. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas ordering and proclaiming a special election for the submission of Bond Amendments to be held within the City on May 3 2025; and providing for severability, designating polling places, publication, and an effective date. **25-31**

City Management Staff and Legal Department attended all Bond Referendum Committee meetings to provide legal guidance and take minutes of meetings.

17. An ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Section 1 of Ordinance 2024-O-110 establishing that all commercial customers that arrive at the toll booth using the Automatic Vehicle Identification (A.V.I.) System must maintain a minimum balance of \$100.00 on their account as further described in Exhibit "A" and providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; and declaring an effective

date.

Establish that all commercial customers using the Automatic Vehicle Identification (A.V.I.) System maintain a minimum balance of \$100.00 on their account at all times.

IX. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items 18-41, with the exception of items 20, 33, and to table item 23.

Moved: David Tyler King

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

BRIDGE: YVETTE LIMON, DIRECTOR

18. Consideration to ratify the purchase of new batteries and service life extension program to replace the electronic components of the uninterruptible power supply (UPS) for the Laredo Bridge System in the amount of \$195,885.37 from Flair Data Systems, Inc., Plano, Texas through the Equalis Contract EQ-013120-01. Funding is available in the Laredo Bridge System Construction Fund. [24-1562](#)

Requesting the ratification of the purchase be approved in order to continue providing a service to the Laredo Bridge System customers.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: TINA MARTINEZ, DIRECTOR

19. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant from AEP Texas for the AEP Texas Targeted Low-Income Program in the estimated amount of \$45,000.00 and to execute all necessary documents. The program will provide for the replacement of complete central air conditioning and heating units for an estimated 14 Noise Abatement home properties. The estimated project cost is \$125,000.00, which includes a City match of \$80,000.00. Funding for the grant and City match are available in the Noise Abatement Fund. [2024-R-258](#)

The approval of this Resolution.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU: AILEEN RAMOS, DIRECTOR

20. Motion to authorize the City Manager to award a bid and enter into a contract with Representaciones Artisticas Apodaca to develop, organize, manage all logistics, promote, and solicit sponsorships for the "Festival del Antojo - Avocado Edition" event scheduled for September 14-15, 2024. The budget for the event shall not exceed \$196,000, and funding is [24-1600](#)

available in the CVB budget.

Staff recommendation is to proceed with the event.

DETOXIFICATION CENTER: DR. SAN JUANA VIVIANA MARTINEZ, DIRECTOR

21. Ratifying the execution of a service agreement between the City of Laredo Detoxification and Gloria Nataki-Koroma for psychiatric nurse practitioner services necessary within scope of practice for appropriate treatment of City of Laredo Detoxification Department patients. Total contract will be for 9 months, for a total not to exceed \$69,610.00. Funding is available in the American Rescue Plan Act Fund. [24-1571](#)

Staff recommends that Council approves the motion. Dr. Gloria Nataki-Koroma has been the psychiatric nurse practitioner for the center developing protocols, providing psychiatric services, follow-ups, including prescribing psychotropic medications.

ENVIRONMENTAL: JOHN PORTER, DIRECTOR

22. Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and sign a joint-funding agreement with U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for the Texas Data Collection Program, during the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027 in the amount of \$177,000.00 (\$59,000.00 per year). Under the program, USGS will maintain four stream monitoring stations in Zacate & Manadas Creek and will be responsible for the upkeep and calibration of the stations. These monitoring stations provide real-time rainfall, flooding, flow, and video data to the City for better response during flooding events. This is a renewal of this agreement. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Department. [24-1561](#)

Passage of the Motion

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

NA

FISCAL IMPACT

FLEET MANAGEMENT: RONALD MILLER, DIRECTOR

23. Consideration to renew annual service contract FY21-076 with Cabello Recovery & Auction Services, Laredo, Texas for the auction of cars, light duty trucks, heavy-duty trucks, and surplus property for the Fleet Department. This contract establishes auctioneer services for the sale of city surplus vehicles and equipment. [24-1389](#)

Cabello's auctioneer (commission) fee will be the following percentage of the gross sales:

- 5.60% if the City opts to hold the auction on city property;
- 13.67% if the City opts to hold auction offsite at the vendor's location.

The City will have the option to hold its auction(s) onsite city property or offsite. The intent of this contract is to conduct turnkey public auctions, in accordance to Laws of the State of Texas (TX Department of License and Regulation), for disposal of surplus items on an as needed basis. The

term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There is a proposed price increase for this last extension period. The City will not incur any direct costs for this contract.

It is recommended that this contract be renewed.

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

Moved: David Tyler King

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. David Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Torres, and Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

PUBLIC HEALTH: DR. RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, DIRECTOR

- 24. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract amendment from the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Grant, for the total additional amount of \$434,789.00, with no match, for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term period from October 01, 2023 through September 30, 2024. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department fund - WIC Grant. [2024-R-264](#)

Staff recommends that Council approves the Resolution.

- 25. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for the Supporting Vaccine Confidence Grant, in the estimated amount of \$250,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term period from September 30, 2024 through September 29, 2025, with up to two one-year renewals through September 29, 2027 for a total grant award of up to \$750,000.00, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents resulting from the award of this grant. Any funding as a result of this application will be appropriated in the Laredo Public Health Fund - Supporting Vaccine Confidence Grant. [2024-R-265](#)

Staff recommends that Council approves the Resolution.

- 26. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, ratifying the execution of a contract amendment from the Women’s Health and Family Planning Association of Texas (WHFPT), d.b.a Every Body Texas, for the WHFPT Title X Project Grant in the additional amount of \$4,834.00, and the Quality Improvement and Access Fund (Part A) Grant in the additional amount of \$20,102.31, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health [2024-R-267](#)

Department for the term period from April 01, 2024 through March 31, 2025. Funds will be accounted in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - WHFPT Title X Grant.

Staff recommends that Council approves the Resolution.

27. Authorization to reject a proposal for an MOU with the Rio Grande International Study Center (RGISC) for independent air monitoring at International Bridges Two and Three due to concerns regarding duplication of efforts with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). [24-1234](#)

The City Manager recommends to not move forward with the proposal at this time.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Vanessa Perez

PARKS & RECREATION: JUAN J. GOMEZ, JR., DIRECTOR

28. Consideration to award a contract to Fun Abounds, Inc., Sugar Land, Texas for the purchase and installation of a playground equipment at the M.E. Benavides Park located at 220 Chacota St., Laredo, Texas, in the amount of \$129,573.00. This purchase is utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program #679-22. [24-1506](#)

Funding is available in the 2021 Certificate of Obligation Bond.

Staff recommends the approval of this purchase contract.

29. Consideration to authorize the purchase of a 4044R Compact Utility Tractor and a 485A Backhoe from John Deere Company, Cary, North Carolina in the total amount of \$59,273.51 for the Parks & Recreation Department. These are replacement units for current units that have already reached their useful life. The purchase of this equipment shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program #706-23. Funding is available in the 2015 Certificate of Obligations Bond. [24-1550](#)

It is recommended that this purchase contract be approved.

POLICE: MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

30. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant in the amount of \$872,271.00 to fund the Laredo Police Department HIDTA Task Force, the Laredo DEA HIDTA Task Force, and the Rio Grande Valley Financial HIDTA Task Force. These initiatives are funded by the Executive Office of the President, Office of the National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) at no cost to the City. Funding will be used to pay personnel salaries, fringe benefits, overtime, travel and operating expenses from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. Funding for the Rio Grande Valley Financial Task Force will be used for payment of fringe benefits, overtime, and operating expenses from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. Funding will be available in the Financial Task Force Fund. [2024-R-225](#)

Staff recommends that this Resolution be passed

- 31. Consideration to authorize the purchase contract with DANA Safety Supply, Inc, Harlingen, Texas, for the acquisition of emergency vehicle packages, Zebra mobile printers, and reflective graphics for two police units for a total amount of \$48,537.80. This purchase shall be made utilizing the Buy Board Contract 698-23. This purchase will be funded by FY2024 Operation Lone Star (OLS) Grant Program. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund. [24-1556](#)

It is recommended that this purchase contract be approved.

- 32. Consideration to authorize the purchase contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona in the amount of \$51,111.02 for the purchase of interview room equipment and services. This purchase shall be made using the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 648-21, and will be funded by the FY24 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund. [24-1577](#)

It is recommended that this purchase by authorized.

- 33. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify the amendment of the City of Laredo FY2024 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions by amending the classification of one vacant Police Cadet FTE position to create one Lieutenant FTE position to the existing manpower in the Laredo Police Department. Funding is available in the Police Department’s General Fund. [24-1579](#)

Recommends the approval.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Alberto Torres Jr.

For: Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, 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, Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, and Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Motion carries.

- 34. Consideration to authorize the purchase contract with Brinc, Seattle, Washington in the amount of \$432,837.00 for the purchase of drone hardware, software, and services. This purchase shall be made using Texas BuyBoard Contract No. 718-23, and will be funded by the FY24 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant. Funding is available is the Auto Theft Task Force Fund. [24-1580](#)

It is recommended that this purchase is authorized.

- 35. Consideration to authorize the purchase contract with the sole source provider, LEAaid, Spring Hope, NC, in the amount of \$245,356.69 for the purchase of a mobile surveillance vehicle and a mobile investigation unit. [24-1581](#)

This purchase will be funded by the FY24 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.

It is recommended that this purchase be approved.

TAX: DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

36. Motion to approve tax roll adjustments for the month of July 2024. The amounts adjusted represent an increase of \$54,009.86 for prior year taxes and an increase of \$20,781.14 for current year taxes. The aggregate adjustment represents an increase of \$74,791. These adjustments are determine by value changes reported by the Webb County Appraisal District, which include rollbacks and reflected in General Fund. [24-1573](#)

Approve motion.

UTILITIES: ARTURO GARCIA, P.E., DIRECTOR

37. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to accept the granting and conveyance of a 20-foot wide utility and access easement and a 30-foot wide temporary construction easement for a gravity sewer pipeline from United Independent School District (UISD) being a tract of land of 26,981 square feet of land more or less, situated in Porcion 30, Abstract 469, Cordova Moreno original grantee and Porcion 31, Abstract 3116, Jose Trevino, original grantee, within the City Limits of Laredo and Webb County out and part of the UISD Student Activity Complex/Education Support Center Plat, as recorded in Volume 21, Page 43-44 Webb County Official Records same being out Volume 3233, Page 632-638 Webb County Official Public Records as conveyed to United Independent School District. [2024-R-271](#)

Approval of resolution.

38. Consideration to renew six-month supply contract number FY23-031 with Aguaworks Pipe & Supply, Brownsville, Texas in the amount of \$350,000.00 for the purchase of PVC pipe. The term of this contract shall be for a period of six months beginning as of the date of its execution. This contract may be extended for three more additional six-month periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties and is contingent upon future funding appropriations. There was no price increase during the last extension period. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund. [24-1504](#)

It is recommended that this contract be renewed.

39. Consideration to renew annual supply contract number FY22-062 with Core and Main from St. Louis, Missouri in an amount of up to \$602,899.70 for the purchase of large diameter fittings 14-inch or greater mechanical joint (MJ) butterfly valves, MJ solid sleeves, MJ fittings, and mega-lugs for the Utilities Department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract can [24-1515](#)

be renewed one additional one-year extension period, upon mutual agreement of the parties. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis by the Utilities Department-Water Operations for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund.

Approval of motion.

- 40. Consideration to award an annual service contract for FY24-086 to provide electric motor repair services from the following bidders: [24-1543](#)

- 1. RAMSA Electric of Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$400,000.00 (Primary Vendor);

- 2. Delta House Electric & Motor, of Freer, Texas in an amount of up to \$375,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

Repairs are for motors with horsepower ratings ranging from 1/8 HP to 400 HP that are used in water and wastewater operations. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for three, additional one-year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. All services will be purchased on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Waterworks and Sewer System Funds.

Approval of motion.

- 41. Consideration to award a one-year supply contract with HGAC vendor Core & Main, from San Antonio, Texas not to exceed an annual amount of \$6,858,516.20 for the purchase of Automated Meter Reading (AMR) water meters, registers, and related appurtenances for the Utilities Department. This annual contract shall utilize the HGAC Contract WM09-20. All meters meet NSF Standard 61 Certification and NSF 61 Annex F and G (lead requirements). All meters, registers, and related appurtenances will be ordered on an as-needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one year beginning on October 1, 2024. Funding will be available in the Waterworks and Sewer Systems Construction Funds. [24-1560](#)

Approval of motion.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

X. STAFF REPORTS

- 42. Status report with possible action by the Utilities Department on the water, including but not limited to quality, infrastructure, level status, improvements, and any other matters incident thereto. **24-1632**
- 43. Discussion with possible action on ongoing audits and/or irregularities identified by the Internal Auditor including the potential assignment of other and/or additional auditing duties; and any other matters incident **24-1634**

thereto.

- 44. Discussion with possible action on the recommendation by the City Manger for the position of Planning Director, and any other matters incident thereto. [24-1629](#)

- 45. Status report on the successful close-out of the City’s third Small Business Grant Program by Lift Fund, Inc. in partnership with the City of Laredo Economic Development Department. [24-1066](#)

N/A

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

Moved: David Tyler King

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

- 46. Presentation with possible action on status of all the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded projects and any other matters incident thereto. **24-1327**

- 47. Status update on the CARES 3.0 Workforce Skills Development Program between the City of Laredo and Laredo College. [24-1372](#)

N/A

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

Moved: David Tyler King

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Vanessa Perez

48. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property, to discuss possible acquisition of real property located on 1600 Clark Blvd, a 1.7709-acre property, and any matter incident thereto. **24-1591**

NA

49. Request for Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.087 related to economic development deliberation and negotiations regarding an incentive request to Project DSV pursuant to Chapter 380 of the Texas Government Code, and any matter incident thereto. **24-1601**

N/A

50. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property, to discuss possible acquisition of real property located in Chacon Creek for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chacon Creek Flood Control Project, and any matter incident thereto. **24-1605**

NA

51. Request for Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(1)(A) to discuss pending or contemplated litigation between the City of Laredo and the U.S. government concerning a tract of land in Starr County, Texas. **24-1670**

N/A

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

52. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2024 Ford F-250 Crew Cab in the amount of \$72,672.00 from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas through the TIPS USA 210907 Automobiles contract. This vehicle will be an addition to the current Transit maintenance vehicle fleet and will be used to assist buses that breakdown during a route. Funding is available in the Transit Capital Grant - TX-2024-001. **2024-RT-26**

Staff recommends the approval of this purchase.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, 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.

XIII. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE

LAREDO CITY COUNCIL
XIV. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**53) A. Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño**

1. Discussion with possible action on extending formal invitations to the presidential candidates for a tour of Laredo, as a functional model for challenges faced by border communities on the southern border, and any matters related thereto. As the #1 Port of Entry in the United States, Laredo has achieved the status as one of the safest cities in the United States through domestic and bi-national collaboration, and without the need of a border wall. [24-C-176](#)

2. Discussion with possible action on the review of outbound operations center improvements on Lincoln Juarez Bridge, and any matters related thereto. [24-C-177](#)

3. Discussion with possible action on promoting voter registration and participation in the upcoming elections, and any matters related thereto. [24-C-178](#)

Motion to have the City create a campaign which includes TSA's and other forms of outreach to help people to get registered to vote .

Moved: Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, Cm. Torres, 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.

53) B. Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

2. Discussion with possible action to further implement solutions for the decongestion and traffic management at Riverbank and Logistic Drive, and also to finalize the road off Riverbank leading to the import lot at World Trade Bridge, and any other matters incident thereto. [24-C-169](#)

Moved: David Tyler King

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

2. Discussion with possible action to participate in the Smiles from Heaven Pin Up Campaign, which is focused on raising funds for children battling cancer, and any other matters incident thereto. [24-C-170](#)

3. Discussion with possible action to modify the development and certificate of occupancy approval process, in efforts to streamline approvals and efficiency, to include: implementation of rolling submittals [24-C-174](#)

vs current system, include a not applicable option for department approval in the acceptance process, re-evaluate the trust agreement requirements to better navigate the rationing of transformers by AEP, re-evaluate possible obstacles in the PUD approval process, and any other matters incident thereto.

53) C. Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

2. Discussion with possible action to allow placing 2 of 19 low cost air sensors on city property to calibrate data for "Sensing Air Quality for Environmental Justice in Los Dos Laredo's" project, Funding granted at \$75,000.00 from U.S. EPA/NADBank as part of the Border 2025 initiative, and any other matters incident thereto.

[24-C-183](#)

Moved: Alberto Torres Jr.

Second: Vanessa Perez

2. Discussion with possible action to direct management to invest in creating a plan for historic preservation, updating our historic preservation guidelines, and any other matters incident thereto.

[24-C-184](#)

53) D. Request by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez

1. Discussion with possible action to support the Pit Kings Laredo 2024 State BBQ Championship on November 15 & 16, 2024 at the Unitrade Stadium and any other matters incident thereto.

[24-C-171](#)

53) E. Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa

1. Discussion with possible action to direct management and the Convention and Visitors Bureau to create an implement able plan to identify historical events in the City and to highlight these locations to explicitly appeal to tourists, to include way-finding signs, possible infrastructure, and other markers as needed.

[24-C-181](#)

53) F. Request by Council Member Alberto Torres, Jr.

1. Presentation with possible action from Laredo Regional Food Bank on the Zero Hunger Campaign; and any matters incident thereto.

[24-C-180](#)

53) G. Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Ruben Gutierrez, Jr.

1. Presentation by Laredo Police Department on the 175th Anniversary of Laredo; and any matters incident thereto.

[24-C-175](#)

2. Status update on the TAMIU tennis courts, what is the completion date, and what have been the delays; and any matters incident thereto.

[24-C-179](#)

53) H. Request by Council Member Dr. David Tyler King

1. Discussion with possible action to amend the interlocal agreement (ILA) with the Webb County-City of Laredo Regional Mobility Authority (RMA) to use vehicle registration fees to cover the \$1 million donation to the City of Laredo towards the completion of Springfield Phase 4, and any other

[24-C-172](#)

matters incident thereto.

Motion to approve.

Moved: David Tyler King

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

2. For the purpose of discussion with no possible action, a presentation by Alberto Gamez of the Laredo As A Business (LAAB) coalition to discuss ways to partner to reduce CO2 in Laredo. Presentation will be limited to 5 minutes with a max discussion time of 10 minutes. [24-C-173](#)

3. Discussion with possible action to have the City celebrate National Primary Care Week the first week of October with a Proclamation and to coordinate with other local entities to encourage and help all Laredoans find a medical home, and any other matters incident thereto. [24-C-182](#)

Motion to approve.

Moved: David Tyler King

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

XV. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 10:39 p.m.