

City of Laredo

Meeting Minutes - Preliminary

A-2026-R-07

Monday, May 4, 2026

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City Council

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**City of Laredo
Regular City Council Meeting
A-2025-R-07**

The City Council will convene on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall Council Chambers located at 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas and some members may participate via video conference.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

TEXAS PLEDGE

The Texas pledge was led by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño

MOMENT OF SILENCE

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

ROLL CALL

Also in attendance:

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

- Present:**
- Mayor Pro Tempore & 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 Tyler King
 - District VII Vanessa Perez
 - District VIII Alyssa Cigarroa

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2026.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

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

Motion carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

RECOGNITION

1. The City of Laredo Mayor, Dr. Victor D. Treviño, and Council proudly recognize the Karma Athletics Envy - Level 1.1 Youth - Prep 2, who recently took 1st place at UCA All-Stars Nationals in Disney and earned Silver Champions at the Regional Summit in Frisco, TX. [REC26-32](#)
2. The City of Laredo Mayor, Dr. Victor D. Treviño, and City Council proudly recognize two Laredoans, Jesse Castillo (Laredo Firefighter) and Homero Contreras (GEO Correctional Officer), who competed in the IRON MAN Texas competition in The Woodlands. This rigorous and challenging event consisted of a 2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile run. Congratulations on completing this incredible challenge and for proudly representing the City of Laredo. [REC26-33](#)
3. The City of Laredo Mayor, Dr. Victor D. Treviño, and City Council proudly recognize J.B. Alexander High School students Mauricio Gomez, Carlo Regalado, Analy Rodriguez, and Sebastian de la Vega, founders of the "Make a Difference Laredo" organization, established as part of a school initiative. Through their leadership, they have organized community drives to collect coats and blankets for Bethany House, supported the Pregnancy Center, partnered with Constable Homero "Smoke" Villarreal to gather Easter baskets, and provided school supplies to those in need. [REC26-34](#)
4. Recognition of Shelby Andrea Barbosa for sharing her creative treehouse project idea at just 10 years old during a District 7 Town Hall Meeting, inspiring the community with her imagination and enthusiasm for creating fun, engaging spaces for others in the City of Laredo. [REC26-35](#)
5. Recognizing Mr. Mario Flores and Mrs. Paola Flores, owners of Mario's Liquor, for their longstanding service to the City of Laredo. The Flores family established their business in 1972 and, through decades of dedication and hard work, have successfully grown Mario's Liquor into three locations throughout the city. Their continued commitment to entrepreneurship and local economic growth has made a lasting impact on the Laredo community. [REC26-36](#)
6. Recognition of World Ovarian Cancer Day, observed on May 8, to raise awareness about ovarian cancer, promote early detection, and support [REC26-37](#)

individuals and families affected by this disease.

7. Recognition of the collaborative partners who helped make The Big Event 2026, held on March 28, 2026, a success, including Texas A&M International University, Laredo College, South Texas Food Bank, the Student Government Association Leaders Organizing Volunteer Events (L.O.V.E.) Committee, the National Society of Leadership and Success, H-E-B, Laredo Center for Urban Agriculture and Sustainability, Lamar Bruni Vergara Environmental Science Center, Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages, the City of Laredo Environmental & Solid Waste Services Department, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the many dedicated volunteers whose time and effort supported citywide community engagement projects, promoted economic empowerment, and enhanced the overall quality of life and community pride throughout the City of Laredo. [REC26-38](#)

8. The City of Laredo Mayor and City Council proudly recognize the Webb County Heritage Foundation for its recent honors at the Texas Association of Museums Annual Conference. The Webb County Heritage Foundation received a Gold Award for the “Junior Curator Journal Brochure” and a Bronze Award for “The Year We Shared: 2025 Newsletter” in the Mitchell A. Wilder Publication Design Awards, recognizing excellence in museum communications across Texas. [REC26-39](#)

The City of Laredo extends special recognition to Eduardo Garcia, Museums Manager, and Andrea Ordoñez, Director of Operations, for their leadership, dedication, and contributions toward this outstanding achievement.

This accomplishment marks a significant milestone for the Foundation and elevates the City of Laredo’s presence on the statewide stage.

9. The City of Laredo Mayor, Dr. Victor D. Trevino, and Council recognize Assistant City Manager Ramon Chavez for being named Engineer of the Year by the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. [REC26-40](#)
10. The City of Laredo Mayor, Dr. Victor D. Treviño, and Council recognize Laredoans who represented the city at the Boston Marathon. [REC26-41](#)
11. The Mayor and City Council proudly recognize Mariachi Los Tigres del Sur for their outstanding performance at the Robstown Cotton Picker Mariachi Competition. [REC26-43](#)

The program earned top honors, including a 1st Division rating for the Martin JV group with awards for Best Violin, Best Trumpet, Best Armonia, and Best Vocal, as well as a 5th place finish in the JV division. The Martin Varsity group achieved Sweepstakes honors, and several students received individual vocal awards.

The City Council extends special recognition to Mr. Ruben Guadian for his leadership and dedication to the program’s success.

We commend Mariachi Los Tigres del Sur for their excellence and are proud of the recognition they have brought to our community.

COMMUNICATIONS

12. Presentation by Mayor Dr. Victor Trevino, providing general comments on city matters, upcoming initiatives, and other relevant updates for the Council and the public. [26-902](#)
13. Presentation by the Laredo Police Department of the Back the Blue 5K Run as part of National Police Week. [26-909](#)

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Motion to approve Appointments to Commissions, Boards, and Committees 14-45.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza

Motion carries.

14. Re-appointment by the City Manager, Joseph W. Neeb, of Gilberto L. Navarro to the Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission of the City of Laredo to serve a (2) year term effective May 4, 2026 to May 4, 2028. [APPT26 - 34](#)

Staff recommends approval of this item as presented.

15. Appointment by Council Member Ruben Gutierrez of Eliseo Ceja to the Civic Partnership and Engagement Advisory Committee. [APPT26 - 41](#)

PLANNING & ZONING - PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

Motion to open Public Hearings.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

For: Mayor Pro Tempore 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. Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

16. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, Kimberly Plaza Subdivision, located at 4800 McPherson Road, from B-3 (Community Business District) to B-4 (Highway Commercial District). [26-651](#)

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

ZC-036-2026
District IV

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

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

17. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1 and the west 1/3 varas of Lot 2, Block 1086, Eastern Division, located at 1901 Chihuahua Street, from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-1 (Limited Business District). [26-670](#)

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

ZC-065-2025
District III

Motion to deny.

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

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

Against: Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Cm. Dr. Tyler King

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

18. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY25-26 General Fund Parks Department budget by appropriating revenues and expenses in the amount of \$14,950.00 in order to appropriate funds awarded by Texas Municipal League (T.M.L) to be used for the replacement of the Circle Gym at North Central Park (John Valls Park) located at 10202 International Blvd. [2026-O-99](#)

The approval of this item.

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

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

For: Mayor Pro Tempore 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. Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

(Recess)

(Press Availability)

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to approve final reading of ordinances #19-33 with the exception of #32.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

For: Mayor Pro Tempore 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. Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.

19. Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute a grant awarded by the Laredo Area Community Foundation for the amount of \$5,000.00 to fund Keep Laredo Beautiful for the Keep Laredo Beautiful garden club and to amend the FY 2026 Keep Laredo Beautiful Fund by appropriating [2026-O-46](#)

revenues and expenses in the same amount.

20. An Ordinance amending Chapter 20, Article II Entitled "Presiding Municipal Court Judge" Of The Laredo Code Of Ordinances by amending Section 20-17 to provide for the commencement of the term; and providing an effective date. [2026-O-81](#)
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21. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo's FY 2026 Bridge annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$465,259.00 in the 2022 Revenue Bond. The interest earnings being appropriated are to pay for expenses on new projects and upgrades. [2026-O-82](#)
- Recommends the approval of this Final Reading.
22. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY 2025-2026 Capital Grants Fund Budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the total of \$5,799,996.00, consisting of \$3,799,996.00 in grant funding from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) under the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) 2023 Grant Program and a required 1:1 Non-Federal Match of \$3,799,996.00. Matching funds will be derived from \$2,000,000.00 Webb County Match in a three-year payment commitment. The City Local Match of \$1,800,000.00 from the 2019 Certificate of Obligation Issue has already been appropriated. Grant funds will improve existing trails and embankments along Zacate Creek, as well the development of newly extended trails, and improve recreational accessibility to surrounding neighborhoods. [2026-O-83](#)
- Staff recommends approval.
23. 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 restaurant serving alcohol on Lot 6, Block 1, San Isidro McPherson Subdivision, Phase IV, Cantera Court, located at 9810 McPherson Road. [2026-O-84](#)
- ZC-015-2026
District VI
24. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 16, D-5 Acres Subdivision, located at 7102 Los Nietos Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District). [2026-O-85](#)
- ZC-030-2026
District III
25. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 25.2 acres, located north of Juan Escutia Boulevard and east of Pausa Drive, [2026-O-86](#)

from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District).

ZC-033-2026
District VI

- 26.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 119D, Block 3, San Isidro Southwest-Antler Crossing Subdivision, Phase 5, located at 9802 Springfield Avenue, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District). [2026-O-87](#)

ZC-034-2026
District VI

- 27.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 19, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article III, Section 19-70, entitled "Investigation," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas; by increasing the property damage threshold from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); by removing certain language; providing for publication; and providing for an effective date. [2026-O-88](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

- 28.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 19 ("Motor Vehicles and Traffic"), Article III, Section 19-71, entitled ("Reports-Required"), of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas; by amending Subsection (a) to increase the property damage reporting threshold from fifty dollars (\$50.00) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); providing for severability; providing for publication; and establishing an effective date. [2026-O-89](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

- 29.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 19, Article VIII, Section 19-360 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas, entitled "Parking Meters," renaming the section to "Parking Meters and Pay Station Zones," and replacing the section in its entirety; providing for severability; providing for publication; and providing for an effective date. [2026-O-90](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

- 30.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 19 ("Motor Vehicles and Traffic"), Article III, Section 19-74 ("Removing Vehicle from Scene") of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas, by revising the section in its entirety; providing for updated regulations governing the removal of vehicles from the scene of an accident; providing for severability; providing for publication; and establishing an effective date. [2026-O-91](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

- 31.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo amending Chapter 19, Article X, [2026-O-92](#)

Section 19-379 (1), "Fees; Release," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas; increasing the administrative fee for booted or towed vehicles from twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to sixty dollars (\$60.00); providing for codification; providing a severability clause; providing a repealer clause; and providing an effective date.

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

- 32.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by amending Ordinance 2025-O-234, which authorized a special use permit for a Smoking Establishment (Cigar Lounge ONLY - No On-Premise Alcohol Consumption) on Lot 3B, Block 1, Laredo Arena Subdivision, Unit 4, located at 2411 Jacaman Road, suite 400 (approximately 1,469 square feet), in order to allow the consumption of alcohol based on a newly passed ordinance (Ordinance 2026-O-026). [2026-O-93](#)

ZC-032-2026

District V

Motion to approve.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

For: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Vanessa Perez

Against: Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

- 33.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately the south 87.3 feet of Lot 6 and east 20.56 feet of south 87.30 feet of Lot 7 and west 35 feet of the south 47.82 feet of Lot 7, Block 34, Eastern Division, as further described by metes and bounds in attached "Exhibit A", located at 1102 Cedar Avenue, from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-3 (Community Business District). [2026-O-94](#)

ZC-027-2026

District III

- 34.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 3 and the east 18 feet of Lot 2, Block 978, Eastern Division, as further described by metes and bounds in attached "Exhibit A", located at 1803 East Reynolds Street, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District). (As Amended). [2026-O-96](#)

ZC-031-2026

District IV

Motion to approve.

Moved: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent agenda items 35-56, with the exception of items 48, 49.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

For: Mayor Pro Tempore 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. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

AIRPORT: GILBERTO SANCHEZ, DIRECTOR

- 35.** Consideration to approve the purchase contract for an Avigilon Server Upgrade for the Laredo International Airport from Converjint Technologies, San Antonio, TX in the amount of \$231,749.77 through Omnia Contract #R220702. This is a onetime purchase is for the materials needed to upgrade the security and surveillance system at the Laredo International Airport. Funding is available in the Laredo International Airport -2023 Contractual Obligation Bond.

[26-781](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this motion.

CITY ATTORNEY: DOANH "ZONE" T. NGUYEN, CITY ATTORNEY

- 36.** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Licensing Agreement with U.S. Customs and Border Protection to allow officer, employees, agents, and contractors to enter City property to operate, maintain, repair and/or remove temporary and re-locatable surveillance and communication

[26-913](#)

system in or around the World Trade Bridge, along the River Vaga and at South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant, and any other matter incident thereto.

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: JOSEPH W. NEEB

37. Consideration to authorize the City Manager to grant limited right of entry to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for boundary survey activities on select City-owned parcels related to federal border infrastructure planning. [26-689](#)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: TINA RODRIGUEZ, ACTING DIRECTOR

38. A resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas in authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Risada Investments LLC for a proposed multi-family project located at 2720 Saltillo St., LOT 7 BLK 1612 Eastern Division, that consists of, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$380,000, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$1,923.14, and estimated total fee waivers of \$3,457.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. [2026-R-93](#)

Staff recommends that the City Council approve this resolution.

ENGINEERING: ELIUD DE LOS SANTOS P.E., CITY ENGINEER

39. Consideration to authorize the purchase contract with Trane U.S. Inc., Progreso Lakes, Texas, in the amount of \$1,724,645.00 for the purchase of HVAC Chillers for the Sames Auto Arena. This purchase shall be made using the Buy Board Contract No. 720-23. Funding is available in the Sports & Community Venue Fund. [26-459](#)

Approval of this motion.

FIRE: GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF

40. Consideration to approve the purchase of wireless headsets for 13 ambulances and 11 engines, in the amount of \$103,241.88 with an additional estimated \$1,500.00 for freight, for a total cost of \$104,741.88. The vendor is Rugged Solutions America, LLC dba Setcom Corporation, Austin, TX, and the purchase will be made utilizing Sourcewell Contract #020625-TESS. These headsets are essential communication tools that improve operational efficiency, safety, and coordination. Funding is available in the 2025 Public Property Financial Contractual Obligation (PPFCO) Fund and the 2023 Certificate of Obligation Bond. [26-339](#)

Staff recommends approval of this item.

41. Consideration to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between [26-739](#)

Workforce Solutions for South Texas and the City of Laredo Fire Department to establish a cooperative and mutually beneficial partnership for the Externship for Teachers Program. The Fire Department will serve as a worksite for selected teachers participating in the program for two (2) weeks in June. The agreement will remain in effect until January 31, 2027, unless canceled by mutual agreement of either party at any time with 30 days' written notice. There is no financial impact.

Staff recommends approval of this MOU.

42. A resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 to the U.S. Department of Transportation, the FY 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program to fund acquisition of vehicle monitoring devices with telematic capability for a behavior program to reduce EMS response unit crashes and improve patient outcomes. The SS4A grant has a twenty percent match requirement at the time of application. This notice of funding opportunity is on a reimbursement basis. Funding is available in the special fire grants fund. [2026-R-111](#)

N/A

FLEET MANAGEMENT: RONALD MILLER, DIRECTOR

43. Consideration to renew parts/service contract FY25-034 with the following vendors: [26-743](#)
- 1). Bone's Custom Cycles, Laredo, TX in an annual amount up to \$130,000.00 and \$260,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term;
 - 2). Laredo Mechanical Industrial Services, Laredo, TX in an annual amount up to \$75,000.00 and \$150,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term;
 - 3). Gutierrez Machine & Welding Shop, Laredo, TX in an amount up to \$75,000.00 and \$150,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term:

for providing small and large size trailer repair services for the Fleet Department. 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 was no price increase during the last extension period. This contract can be renewed for two additional one-year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Fleet Management fund.

It is recommended that these contracts be renewed.

44. Consideration to renew contract FY24-053 with Cabello Recovery and Auction Services, Laredo, TX in the annual amount of \$200,000.00 for towing services for non-police city owned vehicles. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two years beginning the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. [26-764](#)

This is the last extension period for this contract. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

It is recommended that this contract be renewed.

PUBLIC HEALTH: DR. RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, DIRECTOR

- 45.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant Program for total award amount of \$341,737.00, with an in-kind match of \$34,174.00 for the City of Laredo Public Health Department, for the term period from July 01, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Funding is available in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - PHEP Grant. [2026-R-108](#)

Staff recommends that Council approves the Resolution.

- 46.** 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 Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHS) for the Family Planning Program (FPP) Project Grant for a decrease in funds in the amount of \$154,433.00, for a new total award of \$154,432.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term period from September 01, 2025 through August 31, 2026. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - Family Planning Program (FPP) Project Grant. [2026-R-109](#)

Staff recommends that Council approve the Resolution.

- 47.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract from the Department of State Health Services for the Immunizations Local Grant Program in the amount of \$230,491.00 with a program income of \$125,000.00 for a total of \$355,491.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term period from September 01, 2026 through August 31, 2027. Funds will be allocated to the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - Immunizations Local Grant. [2026-R-112](#)

Staff recommends Council approve Resolution.

PLANNING & ZONING: VANESSA GUERRA, DIRECTOR

- 48.** Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a professional services annual agreement with AOKA for plan review, inspection, and Building Official services for an initial term of one (1) year, with the option to extend for an additional four (4) years; the agreement shall not exceed \$250,000.00 per fiscal year. Funding is available in General Fund-Planning Department-Building Inspections Division. [26-898](#)

Staff recommends that City Council approve this contract.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

For: Mayor Pro Tempore 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. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

POLICE: MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

49. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to ratify the submission of a grant application and to accept said grant from K9s4COPs to receive a dual-purpose detection police service canine to be trained and used by the Laredo Police Department for law enforcement purposes. The police service canine is strictly a donation and will be at no cost to the City of Laredo. [2026-R-106](#)

Recommends the approval of this Resolution.

Motion to approve.

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

SOLID WASTE: BISHOP P. WAGENER , DIRECTOR

50. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) unit of heavy equipment for the Solid Waste Department from RDO Equipment Co. from Laredo, Tx. in the amount not to exceed \$1,715,554.85. The heavy equipment unit is a 2026 TANA by Humdinger Equipment H555 landfill compactor. The purchase of this equipment shall be made utilizing the HGAC Buy Contract Pricing Contract Number PW 10-25 Humdinger Equipment / RDO Equipment (Dealer). Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund and Solid Waste 2023 Certificate of Obligation issue. [26-681](#)

It is recommended that this equipment purchase be approve.

51. Consideration to award contract RFP 2026-007 with sole bidder TAMCO Services, Laredo, TX in an amount not to exceed \$185,000.00 annually and for a total contract value of \$740,000.00 for the disposal of freon for refrigerators and window A/C units for the Solid Waste Department. This [26-720](#)

service is needed in order to comply with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations and guidelines to properly dispose of freon by certified technicians. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two (2) years and may be extended for an additional two (2) year period, upon mutual agreement of both parties and contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Department Fund.

It is recommended that this contract be awarded.

TAX: DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

52. Motion to approve tax roll adjustments for the month of March 2026. The amounts adjusted represent a decrease of \$61,308.69 for prior year taxes and a decrease of \$396,091.86 for current year taxes. The aggregate adjustment represents a decrease of \$457,400.55. These adjustments are determine by value changes reported by the Webb County Appraisal District, which include rollbacks and reflected in General Fund. [26-719](#)

Approve motion.

UTILITIES: DR. TAREQ AL-ZABET, DIRECTOR

53. Consideration to award service contract FY25-073 to HST Utility Inc, Saint Petersburg, Florida in an amount of \$467,250.00 for Phases I to IV to replace existing large water meters with Neptune Mach 10 ultrasonic water meters at various locations throughout the city. The Utilities Department is awarding Phase I for \$125,800.00 immediately and then reserves the right to award Phase II (\$180,100.00), Phase III (\$98,300.00), and Phase IV (\$63,050.00) at later dates and if it determines fit. Each phase will include the replacement of a specified number of meters. This contract shall be for an initial period of six (6) months from the commencement date. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund - 2024 Water Revenue Bond. [26-747](#)

It is recommended that this contract be awarded.

54. Authorizing the City Manager to award professional consulting services contract RFQ2026-006 to Carollo Engineers, Inc., Dallas, TX, for the assessment and optimization study of the City of Laredo's surface water treatment plants in the amount of \$981,690.00 [26-785](#)

Approve this motion.

55. Authorizing the City Manager to award professional engineering services contract FY25-098 RFQ to Tank Industry Consultants, Indianapolis, IN, for the design of a new Elevated Storage Tank (EST) in the amount of \$266,316.00. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund - 2022 Water Revenue Bond [26-786](#)

Approve this motion.

56. Consideration to renew service contract FY24-064 with Midas Contractors, LLC, of Laredo, Texas in an annual amount of \$100,000.00 and \$100,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term, for lawn and [26-817](#)

landscaping restoration caused by excavation work during water line break repairs. This contract is based on the unit costs of measured areas in square feet and linear measurements in feet, and includes the cost of a licensed irrigator, plus a contingency fund to cover miscellaneous landscaping components including, but not limited to replacing individual trees, mulch, various plantings, and other landscaping appurtenances. 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 is the second of three one-year extension periods. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Waterworks Fund.

It is recommended that this contract be renewed.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

STAFF REPORTS

57. Staff report with possible action regarding RFQ 2026-003 for Wildlife Management Professionals Services with Brewster Environmental Quality Services LLC for developing and implementing wildlife population control plans for wild hogs and javelinas within the city limits and surrounding areas. [26-820](#)
- N/A
58. Presentation with possible action of the FY2024-2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) prepared by the City Laredo's Financial Services Department and audited by the Independent Audit Firm of Canales, Garza, and Baum, P.L.L.C. [26-844](#)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

59. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice regarding regulatory compliance matters, potential enforcement actions, possible litigation exposure, and related internal review processes involving the Environmental Solid Waste Services Department, the Utilities Department, and any other necessary departments. [26-912](#)

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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: Vanessa Perez

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

- 60.** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount [2026-RT-17](#) of \$9,022,377.00 to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Fiscal Year 2026 Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula grant program. The FTA Share is \$4,977,863.00 and Local Match in the amount of \$4,044,514.00. Funding will be used to cover part of the operating expenses (50/50) and capital preventive maintenance expenses (80/20) for El Metro Operations. No Financial Impact at the moment.

Staff recommends approval of this resolution in order to continue providing operating assistance to El Metro Operations.

Motion to approve items 60-61.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Vanessa Perez

For: Mayor Pro Tempore 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. Tyler King, and Cm. Vanessa Perez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

- 61.** Authorizing the City Manager to donate two (2) 2011 Gillig 40 ft. diesel [2026-RT-18](#) buses from the City of Laredo - Laredo Transit Management Inc. (LTMI) to Southwest Area Regional Transit District (SWART) in Eagle Pass, TX. The donation will be "as is," and the City of Laredo shall assume no liability for its use following transfer. Both buses have been fully depreciated and hold no monetary value.

Staff recommends approval of this resolution. This donation will support and enhance the urban transit services in Eagle Pass, Texas.

ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL

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

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

For: Mayor Pro Tempore 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. Tyler King, and Cm. Vanessa Perez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño

62. Discussion with possible action to negotiate and consider a limited right-of-entry framework under which City-contracted subject-matter experts may accompany federal officials to perform coordinated analyses of the Rio Grande, ensuring a comprehensive assessment of potential harm associated with proposed water buoy installations to international bridges, water intake infrastructure, and related public safety interests, and any matters related thereto. [26-C-74](#)

Motion to direct management to begin negotiations to establish a limited right of entry agreement that allows City designated experts to participate in coordinating a federal assessment of the Rio Grande, and to insure access to critical data, and to incorporate this agreed upon protections, and to preserve all of the City's legal rights and require findings to be reported back to council.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

For: Mayor Pro Tempore 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. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

63. Discussion with possible action on the development of an Emergency Action Plan to address the City of Laredo's limited water storage capacity, including reclamation and recapture plan to prevent water loss and fully utilize available resources, and any matters related thereto. [26-C-76](#)

Motion to direct management to include the Emergency Management Coordination, in the next 30 days to develop and implement and emergency action plan for water storage across the City of Laredo, identifying and activating strategic storage location throughout the city with the primary focus in prioritizing lake Casa Blanca as the emergency water source capable providing

30-45 days of supply, and furthermore that this plan includes measures to diverting water purging, expand storage capacity, and accelarate the use of effluent water.

Moved: Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Second: Vanessa Perez

For: Mayor Pro Tempore 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. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

Request by Council Member Ricardo "Richie" Rangel, Jr.

- 64.** Discussion with possible action to review and reevaluate designated smoking areas and related ordinances at Unitrade Stadium and Sames Auto Arena, including consideration of any necessary updates or amendments, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-71](#)
- 65.** Discussion with possible action on a status report on the downtown plaza theater and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-72](#)

Request by Council Member Tyler King

- 66.** Discussion with possible action regarding the status of the economic impact study related to a potential Project Finance Zone (PFZ), a designation under Texas law that allows a municipality to establish a three-mile zone centered on a convention center or arena, within which incremental state hotel occupancy tax revenue and, where authorized, certain sales tax revenues generated within the zone may be rebated to the City for a period of up to 30 years to support related improvements, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-64](#)
- 67.** Discussion with possible action regarding a request for quarterly public presentations to the City Council from Finance as it relates to the status of the City's investment income, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-65](#)
- 68.** Discussion with possible action regarding the status of negotiations for a Wildlife Management Professionals services contract with sole bidder Brewster Environmental Quality Services LLC, Laredo, TX, for developing and implementing wildlife population control plans in reducing the population of wild hogs (*Susscrofa*) and javelinas (*Pecari tajacu*) within the city limits and surrounding areas, which have increasingly become a threat to public safety, property, and the local ecosystem body, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-66](#)

Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

69. Discussion with possible action regarding amplified sound and noise regulations in residential areas, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-70](#)

Motion for management to incorporate with the Police Department, and the legal department, to bring back some recommendations to consider, in two Council meetings from now.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Tyler King

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza

Motion carries.

Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

70. Discussion with possible action to approve the unanimous recommendation of the Ad Hoc Riverfront Advisory Committee, to direct City Manager, with its outside legal counsel to contract an independent hydraulic/hydrologic/geomorphic study of the impact of the federal government's proposed walls and buoys along the Rio Grande river corridor during flood events in the City of Laredo. [26-C-73](#)

Motion to approve.

Moved: Alyssa Cigarroa

Second: Melissa R. Cigarroa

For: Mayor Pro Tempore 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. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 10:51 p.m.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, and Cm. Vanessa Perez

Motion carries.