

City of Laredo

Meeting Minutes - Preliminary

A-2026-R-06

Monday, April 20, 2026

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

City Council

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They are considered unofficial until approved at the next City Council meeting.

**Recognition and Communication
5:00 P.M.**

The Mayor will be presenting the following:

1. The City of Laredo Mayor and City Council proudly recognizes Nixon Girls Soccer Team that made school history by winning the program's first-ever District championship and Bi-District Championship, and the team also became the first in Laredo ISD history to advance to the Area Round (3rd round of the playoffs).

Alejandra Davila
 Alexa Ruiz
 Briana Gonzalez
 Abigail Holguin
 Marlen Lopez
 Brianna Soto
 Ashley Salinas
 Adela Contreras
 Yulissa Santiago-
 Yomaris Chapa
 Liliana Leon
 Stefany Caballero
 Julieta Onofre
 Kimberly Contreras
 Yazmin Ruiz
 Danna Arredondo
 April Lorenzo
 Kiara Recio

2. The City of Laredo Mayor and City Council proudly recognizes Kimberly Gonzalez, a three-time regional power lifting champion that won 2nd place at this year's state power lifting meet in the 198 lbs raw division.

**City of Laredo
 Regular City Council Meeting
 A-2026-R-06
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 1110 HOUSTON STREET
 LAREDO, TEXAS 78040
 April 20th 2026
 5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño called the meeting to order at 5:30 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.

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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

RECOGNITION

1. The City of Laredo Mayor and City Council proudly recognize 2026 Scripps Regional Spelling Bee Champion Hannah Chavez, a 7th grade student from Elias Herrera Middle School, who will represent her school and the Laredo community on the national stage in Washington, D.C. Additionally, the Mayor and City Council congratulate finalists Caleb Garcia, a 2nd grade student from San Isidro Elementary School; Maya Jimenez, a 4th grade student from Henry Cuellar Elementary School; and Xixin Pan, a 4th grade student from Nye Elementary School, who placed among the top competitors in a field of 63 participants, in honor of their exceptional academic achievement and accomplishments. [REC26-29](#)
2. Recognizing the Next Level Dance Studio All Stars competed in the Pride Championships in Edinburg, TX in January 2026 and the United Cheer National Competition in Galveston, TX in March 2026, earning 1st place and securing Grand Champion titles. The teams brought home two medals and championship jackets in recognition of their outstanding achievements. [REC26-30](#)

COMMUNICATIONS

3. Presentation by Mayor Dr. Victor Trevino, providing general comments on city matters, upcoming initiatives, and other relevant updates for the Council and the public. [26-796](#)
4. Update on Riverfront and Border related matters. [26-803](#)

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Motion to approve items 5-8

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Vanessa Perez

For: 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: Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza

Motion carries.

5. Appointment recommended to be approved by City Council of one board representative to the Laredo Center for Urban Agriculture and Sustainability (LCUAS) Board, in accordance with the bylaws. Alejandra Aceves is being appointed by the current board under Private Sector Food System. This member will serve term ending March 31, 2029.
Staff recommends that City Council approve the item. [APPT26 - 38](#)
6. Appointment by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa of David Arredondo to [APPT26 - 31](#) the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 1-Downtown.

7. Appointment by Council Member Gilbert Gonzalez of Wendy Sosa to the [APPT26 - 33](#) Civic Partnership and Engagement Advisory Committee.
8. Appointment by Council Member Dr. Tyler King of Claudia Saenz the [APPT26 - 35](#) Laredo Commission for Women.
9. Appointment of member(s) by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño to the TIRZ #1 [APPT26 - 36](#) committee to be announced during the City Council meeting.

Motion to table items 9-10.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Tyler King

For: 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: Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza

Motion carries.

10. Ad Hoc State Legislative Advisory Committee to be announced at Council [APPT26 - 37](#) Meeting.
11. Appointment recommended to be approved by City Council of one board [APPT26 - 39](#) representatives to the Laredo Center for Urban Agriculture and Sustainability (LCUAS) Board, in accordance with the bylaws. Servando Leal is being appointed by the current board under Urban Livestock Advocate. This member will serve term ending March 31, 2029.

Staff recommends that City Council approve the item.

Motion to approve 11-12.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Tyler King

For: 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: Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza

Motion carries.

12. Appointment recommended to be approved by City Council of one board [APPT26 - 40](#) representatives to the Laredo Center for Urban Agriculture and Sustainability (LCUAS) Board, in accordance with the bylaws. Ryan Cantu is being appointed by the current board under Apiculturist. This member

will serve term ending March 31, 2029.

Staff recommends that City Council approve the item.

PLANNING & ZONING - PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE

Motion to open public hearings 13-28.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Vanessa Perez

For: 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: Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, and Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Motion carries.

- 13.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance 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). [26-649](#)

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

ZC-032-2026
District V

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

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Vanessa Perez

For: Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, 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: Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

- 14.** Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance amending the Zoning [26-651](#)

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).

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: Vanessa Perez

Second: Ruben Gutierrez 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. Vanessa Perez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

15. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance 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).

[26-655](#)

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

ZC-027-2026

District III

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

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Ruben Gutierrez 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. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Dr. Tyler King

Motion carries.

16. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance 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. [26-657](#)

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

ZC-015-2026

District IV

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

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. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

17. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance 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). [26-658](#)

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

ZC-030-2026

District III

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

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Ruben Gutierrez 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. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

18. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance 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, from AG (Agricultural District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District). [26-659](#)

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

ZC-033-2026

District VI

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

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. 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.

19. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance 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). [26-660](#)

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

ZC-034-2026

District VI

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

Moved: Tyler King

Second: Ruben Gutierrez 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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: 0

Motion carries.

20. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance 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-3 (Mixed Residential District). [2026-O-95](#)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended denial of the proposed R-3 zone change. However, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed R-2 zone change. Staff does not support the proposed R-3 zone change.

ZC-031-2026
District IV

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

Moved: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

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, and Cm. Vanessa Perez

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

21. 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 table and bring back on the following City Council meeting.**Moved:** Vanessa Perez**Second:** Ruben Gutierrez 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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 0**Np:** 0**Motion carries.****PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE**

22. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo's FY 2026 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. [26-531](#)

Recommends the 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:** 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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 0**Np:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.**Motion carries.**

23. Public Hearing & Introductory Ordinance 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 [26-643](#)

embankments along Zacate Creek, as well the development of newly extended trails, and improve recreational accessibility to surrounding neighborhoods.

Staff recommends approval.

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

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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Motion carries.

24. 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. [26-725](#)

Staff recommends the 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: 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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Motion carries.

25. 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 [26-727](#)

establishing an effective date.

Staff recommends the approval of this Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance.

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

Moved: Vanessa Perez

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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Motion carries.

26. 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. [26-728](#)

Recommends the 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: 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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Motion carries.

27. 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. [26-729](#)

Staff recommends the 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: 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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Motion carries.

28. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo amending Chapter 19, Article X, 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. [26-730](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance.

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

Moved: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Motion carries.

THIRD AND FINAL READINGS

29. Authorizing the City Manager to grant a non-exclusive franchise to Debrico LLC 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. [2026-O-75](#)

Staff recommends the third reading of this ordinance.

Motion to approve.**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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 0**Np:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.**Motion carries.****FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES****Motion to approve final reading of Ordinances 30-39, with the exception of 31.****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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa**Against:** 0**Abstain:** 0**Np:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.**Motion carries.**

- 30.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY2026 General Fund Library Department by appropriating \$9,000 in revenues and expenses for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) Family Place Library Training Grant. Grant will be allocated in the General Fund. [2026-O-53](#)

Staff recommends that City Council introduce this ordinance.

- 31.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending appendix a, definitions, of the Land development Code by establishing cigar lounges as the only smoking establishment that is allowed to serve alcohol. [2026-O-79](#)

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

Motion to approve.**Moved:** Ruben Gutierrez Jr.**Second:** Tyler King**For:** Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr., Cm. Dr. Tyler King, and Cm. Vanessa Perez**Against:** 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Motion carries.

- 32.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending Chapter 15, "Health and Sanitation," Article I, "In General," Section 15-11 of the Code of Ordinances to add the fees for the mammography screening; providing for publication and effective date. Fees are as follows: 2D Screening mammogram \$160.00 (new), 3D Screening Stand-alone \$225.00 (new), 3D Screening - Add-On \$65.00 (new). [2026-O-70](#)
- Staff recommends that Council approves the Ordinance.
- 33.** An Ordinance amending the City of Laredo Municipal Housing Fund FY 2025-2026 Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$65,800.00, establishing the rental rates and tenant policies for the Southern Hotel Apartments located at 1210 Matamoros St., and amending the Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position listing by adding one (1) Building Maintenance Mechanic. [2026-O-76](#)
- To approve ordinance
- 34.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY26 Police General Fund budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$69,044.00. The revenues are from forfeiture cases involving abandoned and unclaimed money from the Laredo Police Department Property and Evidence Section. Funding will be used to purchase police equipment, law enforcement software, and building repairs. [2026-O-66](#)
- Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.
- 35.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to amend the budget for the FY 2026 Financial Task Force and the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) HIDTA Task Force by reducing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$165,000 in the 2025 award due to deobligation from the agency. Both grants are funded by the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). Funding was authorized for personnel salaries, fringe benefits, overtime, travel, and operating expenses from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. Funding is available in the Financial Task Force Fund. [2026-O-67](#)
- Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.
- 36.** Authorizing the ratification of the City Manager to activate the Laredo Fire Department's Fire Engine 3016 by reclassifying nine (9) Full-Time equivalent firefighter positions to the position of three (3) Captains, three (3) Fire Drivers, three (3) Fire Assistant Drivers, and fifteen (15) cadets to firefighters. The engine will be located at Fire Station #14, 5309 Cielito Lindo Blvd., for the future Buena Vista Fire Station #16. The mobilization of this engine will provide quick responses and protection to South Laredo. The reclassification Funding is available in the General Fund - [2026-O-68](#)

 Fire Department.

Staff recommends that the Final Reading pass as presented.

- 37.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between the Laredo Transit Management, Inc., (Lessor) and the City of Laredo Police Department (Lessee) for the lease of 340.72 sq. ft. of building space located on the first-floor west wing of the Laredo Transit Center, 1301 Farragut Street, for a total monthly sum of \$400.00 for a term of three (3) years commencing on January 1, 2024. Lessor covenants and agrees to allow the Lessee to occupy the premises beginning January 1, 2024 without paying rent until October 1, 2024. Funding is available in the Police General Fund. [2026-O-71](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

- 38.** 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 project amount of \$797,890.00, consisting of \$664,890.00 in grant funding from the Southwest Border Regional Commission (SBRC) under the Economic Infrastructure Development (EID) 2025 Grant Program and a required 20% local match of \$133,000.00 funded by the 2022 Certificate of Obligation Bond. Grant funds will support facility improvements associated with the development and implementation of economic development programs and projects. [2026-O-77](#)

Staff recommends the approval of the proposed item.

- 39.** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo authorizing the City Manager to amend the Community Development Department Housing Rehabilitation Fund FY25-26 annual budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$3,150,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program. Grant match in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 is available through Community Development Fund - 2025 CDBG Grant. [2026-O-78](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this public hearing and introductory ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda 40-59.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Motion carries.

BRIDGE: ELSA HINOJOSA, DIRECTOR

40. A Resolution of the City Council for the City of Laredo, Texas approving a [2026-R-102](#) license agreement between the City of Laredo - Bridge System and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for the purpose of installing/mounting of drawbridge cameras at specified location at World Trade Bridge, the cameras are intended to monitor and deter any illicit foot traffic of individuals entering without inspection while using the World Trade Bridge, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all relevant documents, and any other matters incident thereto; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. This license agreement is being granted without monetary cost or monetary compensation to the City of Laredo and the Laredo Bridge System. U.S Customs and Border Protection (CBP) acknowledges the responsibility for all costs and maintenance of the use of the Site for the Permitted Use.

Staff recommends that City Council approve this Resolution.

41. Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Toll Collection System Maintenance Service Contract between the City of Laredo and TransCore, L.P. (sole source vendor), for the hardware and software maintenance of the Laredo Bridge System Electronic Toll Collection equipment. This maintenance service contract is for a term of (5) five months, subject to future budget appropriations, effective May 1, 2026 in the amount of \$430,041.91 unless terminated by either party. This (5) five-month contract was made to align future contracts to be in line with the City of Laredo fiscal year. This is the fourth and final extension of four. Funding is available in the Laredo Bridge System Fund. [26-666](#)

Staff recommends that City Council approve this contract.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE: JOSEPH W. NEEB

42. 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](#)

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

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

For: 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: Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr., and Cm. Ricardo "Rick" Garza

Motion carries.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: TINA RODRIGUEZ, ACTING DIRECTOR

- 43.** Consideration for approval of the purchase of office furniture from Kimball International d.b.a Kimball Office Inc., Jasper, IN utilizing contract OMNIA Contract Region 4 ESC - TX R240108, Nightingale utilizing TIPS contract # 230301, and Allseating utilizing Omnia partner Vizient contract # CE3371. Installation will be done by G&S Office Supply which is the authorized reseller for the furniture manufacturers in the amount not to exceed \$312,346.08 for Economic Development Department. Cost is to fully furnish the new office space at El Portal. Funding is available and budgeted in the 2024 Certificate of Obligation Bond. [26-694](#)

Staff recommends approval of this item.

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

- 44.** Consideration for approval of the selection of the top ranked consultant for the RFQ FY26-ENG-16 Pedestrian Bridge Structure from Father McNaboe Park to Barbara Fasken Recreational Center; and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract. A total of (5) firms responded to the request for qualifications on Thursday, February 12, 2026, and the top (3) firms presented on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. The committee recommends the selection of top ranked consultant RAVA Construction, LLC, Houston, Texas. There is no financial impact at this time. [26-446](#)

1. RAVA Construction, LLC, Houston, Texas
2. Quantcorp Construction, LLC, Laredo, Texas
3. Sima Contractors, LLC, Laredo, Texas
4. Zertuche Construction Texas, LLC, Laredo, Texas
5. LJA Engineering, Inc, Houston, Texas

Approval of this motion.

FINANCE: FRANCISCO J. MATA, DIRECTOR

- 45.** Consideration to renewal and amend contract FY24-050 with Cavender's Boot City, Tyler, Texas for safety footwear in an annual amount of \$123,750.00 and a contract value of \$247,500.00 for the remaining of the two years; this includes a 10% increase. This safety footwear contract complies with the OSHA approved specifications provided by Risk Management Division. Awarded brands - Justin, Double H, Tony Lama, and Georgia. The term of this contract was for a period of one year with option to extend three additional years. This is the second of three extension periods. Funding is available in the respective City's department funds. [26-654](#)

It is recommended that this contract be renewed and approved.

FLEET MANAGEMENT: RONALD MILLER, DIRECTOR

- 46.** Consideration to award supply/service contract RFB 2026-052 for vehicle repair services for small and medium vehicles for the City's Fleet Department to the lowest responsive/responsible bidders: [26-710](#)

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- 1). Andy's Auto Air & Supplies, Laredo, TX in an annual amount up to \$135,000.00 and \$405,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term;
 - 2). Toro Automotive LLC., Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$135,000.00 and \$405,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term;
 - 3). Glz Auto Services, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount up to \$75,000.00 and \$225,000.00 for the remainder of the contract term;

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. All services will be secured on an as needed basis. This contract can be renewed three additional one-year extension periods, upon mutual agreement of the parties. All repair services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Fleet Management Fund.

It is recommended that these contracts be approved.

PUBLIC HEALTH: DR. RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, DIRECTOR

- 47.** 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 Texas Home Visiting (THV) Project Grant in the additional amount of \$40,000.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$683,443.00, 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 - Texas Home Visiting (THV) Project Grant - Quality Improvement 2026. [2026-R-100](#)

Staff recommends that Council approve the Resolution.

- 48.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit a Vendor Information Form, negotiate, and potentially enter into a contract with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to perform inspection services for Mobile Food Vendors (MFV); and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents relating to this contract. There is no financial impact at this time. [2026-R-103](#)

Staff recommends that Council approve the Resolution.

- 49.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for the Implementing Zero Suicide in Health Systems Program Grant, in the total estimated amount of up to \$2,000,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department, for a total of a five (5) year term, to be effective on September 30, 2026 through September 29, 2031, 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 Department Fund - [2026-R-104](#)

Implementing Zero Suicide in Health Systems Program Grant.

Staff recommends that Council approve the Resolution.

- 50.** Consideration to authorize the City Manager to award contract RFQ 2026-040 for Afterhours Physician/Medical Services with Laredo Medical Examiners/Nuestra Salud Health Clinic PC, Laredo, TX to provide Afterhours Physician /Medical Services to City of Laredo employees, City Retirees, and covered dependents enrolled in the City's Medical Health Plan in the total amount of \$80,000.00 per year. The total contract value (2 years and 5 months) shall not exceed \$230,000.00. The initial term of this Agreement shall commence on April 21, 2026, and shall continue through September 30, 2026, to complete the City's Fiscal Year 2025-2026. This Agreement may be renewed for up to two (2) additional one (1) year terms, beginning October 1, 2026, upon mutual written agreement of both parties and subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Funding is available in the Employee Wellness Department. [26-741](#)

Staff recommends that Council approve the Motion.

POLICE: MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

- 51.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$72,041.00 to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the funding of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY2025. The grant performance period is October 01, 2024 through September 30, 2028. The Bureau of Justice Assistance mandates that this grant allocation be divided equally between the City of Laredo and Webb County; \$36,020.50 will be allocated for the LPD Network Specialist and \$36,020.50 for Webb County Sheriff's Office equipment and supplies that enhances department operations. No local match is required. Funding is available in the Special Police Fund. [2026-R-77](#)

Recommends that Council approves this resolution.

- 52.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$1,999,618.00 to the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) to fund the Laredo Auto Theft Task Force for the period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. This grant pays for salaries, supplies, and equipment for the LPD Auto Theft Task Force. The city's local match is \$794,997.00 for a total grant amount of \$2,794,614.00. Funding is available in the Auto Theft Fund. [2026-R-95](#)

Recommends the approval of this Resolution.

- 53.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the estimated amount of \$2,406,945.00 to the Texas Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority (MVCPA) for the FY27 SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant for the period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. The purpose of this grant program is to provide additional funding for the Laredo Auto Theft Task [2026-R-96](#)

Force/Laredo Police Department for the detection and prevention of catalytic converter theft. This grant will pay for the salaries of a Public Information Specialist, a full-time Assistant District Attorney, technology, training, and overtime. The city's cash match will be \$503,270.00 for a total grant amount of \$2,910,216.00. Funding will be available in the Auto Theft Task Force Fund.

Recommends the approval of this Resolution.

- 54.** Consideration to authorize the purchase of marked police units with emergency lights, equipment, and graphics from Caldwell Country Chevrolet, Caldwell, Texas in the amount not to exceed \$1,287,441.28. The purchase of these vehicles shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Pricing Program Contract No. 724-23. Funding is available for this purchase in the Public Property Finance Contractual Obligation (PPFCO) 2025. [26-634](#)

Recommends that this purchase be approved.

UTILITIES: DR. TAREQ AL-ZABET, DIRECTOR

- 55.** Consideration to award a service contract to the sole source vendor Azteca Systems LLC., from Sandy, Utah in an annual amount of \$109,149.74 for software maintenance of the Cityworks Asset Management software premium enterprise license (ELA) for the purpose of utilities infrastructure asset management. Funding available in the Waterworks, Sewer System, and Environmental Services Funds. [26-684](#)

Staff recommends approval of this motion.

- 56.** Authorizing the City Manager to approve Change Order #1, #2, and #3 in the amount of \$1,389,116.31 to Webber (formerly PLW Waterworks, LLC) of Woodlands, Texas for the Manadas Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Project. With approval of Change Order #1, #2, and #3, the updated contract will be \$52,658,116.31. [26-685](#)

Funding is available Sewer System Fund- 2022 Sewer Revenue Bond.

Approve this motion.

- 57.** Consideration to ratify the issuance of Purchase Order 434049 to Rain for Rent in the amount of \$295,027.38. This amount is for the additional work for an emergency contract for a 36-inch wastewater bypass line to prevent raw sewage from discharging into the Rio Grande River and to maintain sewer flow to the South Laredo Wastewater Treatment Plant. The updated purchase order will be \$638,027.38. [26-717](#)

Funding for this contract is available through the Sewer System Fund - 2022 Sewer Revenue Bond.

Approve this motion.

- 58.** Consideration to select and negotiate RFQ 2026-049 professional consulting services contract with the top scoring vendor E-Source Companies LLC, Boulder, CO for utility billing modernization for the [26-718](#)

Advanced Metering Infrastructure/Automated Meter Reading System and Customer Information System (CIS) Solution. The AMI and AMR metering strategy, review suitability and compatibility, recommended customer information system and implementation oversight will produce a clear migration roadmap and present the best solution for the Utilities Department to advance its metering modernization and digital water transformation. The term of this contract shall not exceed a period of twenty-four months beginning as of the date of its execution. There is no financial impact at this time.

It is recommended that the contract be awarded.

- 59. Authorizing the City Manager for the award of RFQ 2026-047 Engineering, Planning, Design, Procurement, Construction and Project Management contract for a new Drinking Water and Wastewater Laboratory to Sepulveda Associates Architects, Inc. This will be a capital expense and is related to improving and extending the City of Laredo combined Waterworks System and Sewer System. The term of this contract shall be for a period of twenty four months. The location of the laboratory will be evaluated by the awardee and will be built on city owned property as required. Funding is available in the Waterworks and Sewer System Funds - 2024 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds.

[26-722](#)

It is recommended that this bid be awarded.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session.

Moved: Alyssa Cigarroa

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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Motion carries.

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: Tyler King

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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Motion carries.

- 60.** Authorizing the City Manager to accept and execute the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) FY2025 Section 5307 TX-2026-025-00 Operating Assistance and Preventative Maintenance grant in the amount of \$8,675,521.00. This grant will cover operating and preventive maintenance expenses for fixed route and paratransit. The federal share is \$4,786,494.00 and local match for \$3,889,027.00. Funding for the local match will be funded by the Sales Tax Fund. [2026-RT-15](#)

Staff recommend the approval of this resolution in order to continue funding the daily fixed route and paratransit operations.

Motion to approve 60-61.

Moved: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Motion carries.

- 61.** Authorizing the Laredo Mass Transit Board to approve the seventh (7th) version of the Texas Department of Transportation sponsored Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and establishing Safety Performance Targets for the Laredo Transit Management Incorporation (LTMI). [2026-RT-16](#)

Staff recommends the approval of this resolution in order to establish safety regulations in Transit and to comply with the FTA requirements.

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, 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:** Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.
- Motion carries.**

GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Request by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño

62. Discussion with possible action on renaming Cesar Chavez Walkway and any matters related thereto. [26-C-58](#)

Motion to change the name to " Laredo Farmers Alliance Walkway"

- 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. Dr. Tyler King, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa
- Against:** 0
- Abstain:** 0
- Np:** Cm. Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

Motion carries.

63. Discussion with possible action to review current strategies, policies, and initiatives related to addressing individuals experiencing homelessness, including the City's proposed solutions and public awareness campaigns, and any matters related thereto. [26-C-59](#)

Motion to pursue legislation to support a mental health facility her in Laredo to model to the one in Uvalde behavioral health campus. Also, to proceed with a similar bill like Louisiana, as amended.

- 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.

64. Discussion and update on next steps to move forward implementation of secondary water source and any matters related thereto. [26-C-61](#)

Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Gilbert Gonzalez

65. Discussion with possible action to recognize and honor the women, route specialists, refuse collectors, heavy equipment operators of the City of Laredo Solid Waste Department for their dedication, hard work, and commitment to maintaining the cleanliness and public health of our community. Lara Lara, Karla Doria, Alexandra Lara and Martha Lara. This recognition aims to highlight the contributions of women in a traditionally male-dominated field, acknowledge their daily efforts in providing essential services, and commend their role in keeping the City of Laredo clean, safe, and beautiful. [26-C-56](#)

Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa

66. Discussion with possible action to create an advocacy position regarding the City of Laredo's interests in the Amistad Dam and Amistad Reservoir as they pertain to overall City Water Security planning with the goal of integration into the City's legislative agenda and shared with relevant Federal agencies, officials, and stakeholders, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-31](#)

Motion to develop an advocacy position with our federal lobbyist group, and to make sure we have a seat at the stakeholders table. Also, to advocate on a federal level.

Moved: Melissa R. Cigarroa

Second: Ricardo "Rick" Garza

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

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

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

Motion carries.

67. Discussion with possible action to approve a resolution by City Council to the EPA public comments portal in support of maintaining the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) standard for ethylene oxide, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-55](#)

Motion to create a Resolution and to submit a comment to the portal to reflect the language as discussed.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Gilbert Gonzalez

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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Cm. Ricardo "Richie" Rangel Jr.

Motion carries.

Request by Council Member Tyler King

68. Discussion with possible action regarding the City pursuing Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) practices in future budget cycles, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-57](#)

Motion to go out for an RFQ to analyze and get feedback on other ways to implement Zero Based Budgeting, as amended.

Moved: Tyler King

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel 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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

Request by Council Member Vanessa J. Perez

69. Discussion with possible action to establish a CIP project for the development of a master plan for the Muller property, including eight acres designated for a police sector station with a training room, public walking trails, a food truck area with restrooms, and a regional public park space utilizing pending parkland fees from Green Ranch and future residential development, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-38](#)

Motion to establish a CIP project for the development of a master plan for the Muller property.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Ruben Gutierrez Jr.

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

Against: Cm. Melissa R. Cigarroa

Abstain: Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

70. Discussion with possible action to create a project management policy, with standardized reporting, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-C-204](#)

Motion to include regular staff reports on projects.

Moved: Vanessa Perez

Second: Ricardo "Richie" Rangel 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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Np: Mayor Dr. Victor D. Trevino

Motion carries.

71. Discussion with possible action regarding water pressure and recent water breaks on Mines Rd, to include a status report, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-32](#)

Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa

72. Discussion with possible action to direct City Management to evaluate, develop, and implement a plaza activation program to include food vendors, live entertainment, cultural programming, and other activities in downtown plazas, and any other matters incident thereto. [26-C-51](#)

Motion to explore and bring back.

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, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

Against: 0

Abstain: Cm. Vanessa Perez

Np: 0

Motion carries.

73. Discussion with possible action to establish a residential parking permitting program for downtown residents, including eligibility criteria, permit issuance, designated residential parking areas, enforcement measures, and any other matters incident thereto [26-C-52](#)

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.

- g74.** Discussion and possible action to review and amend the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances related to the regulation of recycling businesses and facilities, including but not limited to licensing, land use, operational standards, environmental and fire safety requirements, and enforcement provisions, and to address any other matters incident thereto.

[26-C-60](#)

Motion to examine environmental safeguards & fire safety requirements especially given the potential risks associated with material storage.

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

Motion carries.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

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, Cm. Vanessa Perez, and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Np: 0
Motion carries.