

# **City of Laredo**

## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**A-2025-R-07**

**Monday, May 5, 2025**

**5:30 PM**

**City Council Chambers**

**City Council**

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**City of Laredo  
Regular City Council Meeting  
A-2025-R-07  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1110 HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
May 5, 2025  
5:30 P.M.**

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

Approval of Minutes of:

April 7, 2025  
April 22, 2025

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1. Presentation by Mayor Dr. Victor Trevino, providing general comments on city matters, upcoming initiatives, and other relevant updates for the Council and the public. [25-837](#)

**VII. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

- 1. Appointment by Councilman Ricardo Rangel Jr. of Esther Firova to the Civil Partnership And Engagement Advisory Committee. [APPT - 49](#)
- 2. Appointment by Mayor Dr. Victor D. Treviño of Jorge Santana to the Fine Arts and Culture Commission. [APPT - 50](#)

**VIII. PUBLIC HEARING & INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCE**

- 1. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the City of Laredo's FY 2025 annual budget by **25-739**

appropriating revenues and expenses in the amount of \$2,294,495.00 in the Sewer System Fund 2020 Sewer Revenue Bond. The interest earnings being appropriated are for the arbitrage liability payment due to the U.S. Treasury.

2. Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, ordaining the City's participation in the Texas Enterprise Zone program pursuant to the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, Chapter 2303, Texas Government Code, providing tax incentives, designating a liaison for communication with interested parties, and nominating Killam Development, LTD. Project Ignite to the Office of the Governor Economic Development & Tourism (EDT) through the Economic Development Bank (as an Enterprise Project).

[25-787](#)

(Recess)  
(Press Availability)

#### **IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

3. An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the FY 2024-2025 of the Convention & Visitors Bureau Department Fund budget by increasing revenues and expenditures by an additional amount of \$70,000.00 in order to appropriate \$5,000.00 in seed money provided by the National Development Association - Region VI (NCDA-VI) and an estimate \$65,000.00 in revenue from conference attendees and sponsors. These funds will be utilized to cover any expenses incurred associated with the conference and pre-conference trainings.
4. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY2025 Capital Improvement Fund to accept and appropriate revenues in the amount of \$8,500,000.00 for the State Infrastructure Bank Loan Agreement for the West Laredo Multimodal Trade Corridor - Phase II and Phase III. Funding will be allocated in the Capital Improvement Fund. Providing that this ordinance shall be cumulative; providing a severability clause; providing for publication; and declaring an effective date.
5. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a parcel development ground lease agreement between the City of Laredo and Gravity Jets, LLC, Fort Lauderdale, FL, on a 5,004.15 square foot +/- tract of land, legally described as a 5,004.15 square feet tract out of the South part of Block No. 1, Laredo International Airport Subdivision and as depicted in the attached Exhibit, for the purposes of constructing and developing a concrete fuel containment pad of a size required by applicable regulatory agencies. Lease includes one option to extend for an additional nine years. The monthly rent shall be \$250.00, and shall be adjusted commencing on the first

[2025-O-86](#)

[2025-O-71](#)

[2025-O-85](#)

anniversary of the occupancy term effective date. Rent shall be adjusted on each successive anniversary thereafter by the percentage change in the consumer price index (CPI); providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

6. 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 1, Block 1, Alexander Commercial Subdivision, Phase XIV, located at 1119 Fenwick Drive, Suite 201 (1552 square feet) [2025-O-68](#)

ZC-023-2025  
District V

7. 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 1, Block 1, Alexander Commercial Subdivision, Phase XIV, located at 1119 Fenwick Drive, Suite 104 (2743 square feet). [2025-O-69](#)

ZC-024-2025  
District V

8. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 98.89 acres, as further described by meets and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located east of Cuatro Vientos Road and Cielito Lindo Boulevard, from AG to R-1A. [2025-O-70](#)

ZC-029-2025  
District I

9. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a conditional use permit for a mobile home dealer/sales only on approximately 5.1 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located north of Facultad Boulevard and west of US Highway 83. [2025-O-87](#)

ZC-025-2025  
District II

10. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximately 2.6 acres, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located north of Wright Ranch Boulevard and east of Cuatro Vientos Road, from R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area District) to B-3 (Community Business District). [2025-O-88](#)

ZC-026-2025  
District I

11. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, Pena Plat and approximately 0.40 acre tract, as further described by metes and bounds in attached Exhibit A, located at 8207 and 8209 San Lorenzo Drive, from R-2 (Multi-Family Residential District) to B-3 (Community Business District).

[2025-O-89](#)

ZC-028-2025  
District VII

## **X. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **AIRPORT: GILBERTO SANCHEZ, DIRECTOR**

12. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with U.S. Customs And Border Protection (CBP) for the reimbursement of costs, not to exceed the amount of \$55,750.50, related to communications and information technology equipment and services at Laredo International Airport 5210 Bob Bullock Loop. **2025-R-130**

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

13. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Donation Agreement and any related documents to accept five parcels from Aquero Ltd, subject to the review of title commitments. Said parcels being:  
(1) Lot 22, block 6, Aquero phase I, unbuildable (0.8197 acres).  
(2) Lot 7, block 9, Aquero phase II, unihabitable (0.0264 acres).  
(3) Lot 44, block 9, Aquero phase IV, unbuildable (0.0666 acres).  
(4) Lot 45, block 9, Aquero phase IV, unbuildable (0.0611 acres).  
(5) Lot 99, block 9, Aquero phase VI, unbuildable (0.5178 acres),  
in the City of Laredo, as per plat recorded in Webb County Plat records. Each parcel has a total value of \$10.00. The properties will be used for Municipal purposes. The parcels will be maintained by the City of Laredo. **2025-R-96**
14. Motion to accept U.S. Postal Service notice of lease renewal option for property located at 1300 Matamoros for a five-year term beginning June 1, 2025 - May 31, 2030, with an annual rental rate set at \$108,000, one-hundred eight thousand dollars and no cents. **25-707**

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

15. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application in the **2025-R-126**

amount of \$1,250,000.00 to the Laredo & Webb County Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (LWCAMPO) for the 2025 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program to fund the design, engineering, testing, and construction of Independence Hills Park - Summers Trails. The project will provide, promote and support mobility enhancements, connectivity, accessibility and community safety goals. This notice of funding opportunity is on a reimbursement basis. Grant match of 20% in the amount of \$250,000.00 is available in 2015 Certificate of Obligation- District I Priority Funds and Environmental Services Fund- 2019 Certificate of Obligation Bond.

**ENGINEERING: RAMON E. CHAVEZ P.E., CITY ENGINEER**

16. A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), which includes traffic signal improvements at the McPherson Road Corridor. The project has been awarded federal funds in the amount of \$411,057.88 and the City of Laredo shall cover any cost overruns including direct state costs in the estimated amount of \$12,500.00 Funds are available in General Fund-Traffic Division. [2025-R-70](#)
17. Consideration to award a supply contract with Buy Board vendor, Iteris, Santa Ana, California., in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the purchase of traffic signal detection cameras and to further authorize future related expenditures for an additional amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 for the purchase of traffic control detection cameras for the Traffic Safety Department. This annual contract shall utilize the Buy Board Contract 695-23. The term of this contract shall be for a period of two years beginning as of the date of its execution. Funding for this contract is available in the 2021A Certificate of Obligation Bond & Traffic Division General Fund. [25-687](#)
18. Consideration to award a construction contract to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder ALC Construction CO., Inc., Laredo, Texas in the amount not to exceed \$69,000.00 for FY24-ENG-91 Northwest WIC Clinic - Parking Lot Improvements Re-bid Project for the total base bid including a \$10,000.00 contingency allowance. Construction contract time is 30 working days. Funding is available in the Public Health Department Fund - Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program Grant. **25-726**
1. ALC Construction Co., Inc, Laredo, Texas  
Total Base Bid: \$69,000.00
  2. ABBA Construction LLC, Laredo, Texas  
Total Base Bid: \$108,500.00
  3. ACE CO, Laredo, Texas

Total Base Bid: \$95,387.50

4. Gilmar Construction, LTD, Laredo, Texas

Total Base Bid: \$115,150.00

5. Royal Contractors, Inc, Laredo, Texas

Total Base Bid: \$82,850.00

6. Sima Contractors, LLC, Laredo, Texas

Total Base Bid: \$94,500.00

Refer to attached letter of recommendation.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL: ARACELI VAZQUEZ, INTERIM DIRECTOR**

- 19.** Consideration to renew contract FY23-033 with Tovar Landscaping, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount of \$32,250.00 and for the contract value of \$129,000.00 for the maintenance of Manadas Creek by the Academy Sports Store and North backwoods pond. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The term of this contract was for a period of one year and had the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, upon mutual agreement of both parties. This is the second of three extension periods. Renewal terms shall commence on June 1, 2025. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Fund. **25-722**
- 20.** Consideration to renew contract FY23-034 with Tovar Landscaping, Laredo, Texas in an annual amount of \$42,200.00 and for the contract value of \$168,800.00 for the maintenance of Manadas Creek by North Central. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The term of this contract was for a period of one year and has the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, upon mutual agreement of both parties. This is the second of three extension periods. Renewal term shall commence on June 1, 2025. Funding is available in the Environmental Services Fund. **25-723**

#### **FIRE: GUILLERMO HEARD, FIRE CHIEF**

- 21.** Consideration to ratify the approval of an emergency purchase order with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC., San Antonio, TX, in the amount of \$61,381.58 for unforeseen mechanical repairs to frontline Aerial Truck #4004, unit #314 due to fire damage. We are utilizing the Buyboard Cooperative Contract #746-24. Funding is available in the General Fund - Fire Department. **25-479**

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

- 22.** 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 Texas Department of State Health and Human Services (DSHS), Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Federal (TB/PC-Federal) Grant in the amount of \$68,688.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the **2025-R-110**

- term period from September 01, 2025 through August 31, 2026. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - TB/PC Federal Grant.
- 23.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, **2025-R-111**  
authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract from Every Body Texas d.b.a Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas (WHFPT), through the Quality Access and Improvement (QIA) Part B Fund, Title X Family Planning in the additional amount of \$17,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term period from April 01, 2024 through March 31, 2025. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - Title X Family Planning Grant.
- 24.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, **2025-R-122**  
authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) for the Cancer Screening and Early Detection Grant, in the estimated total amount of \$1,500,000.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term period from September 01, 2025 through August 31, 2026, with up to two (2) one year extensions, for a total estimated amount of \$4,500,000.00; and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents resulting from the award of this grant. Any funding as a result of this application will be appropriated in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - Cancer Screening and Early Detection Grant.
- 25.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, **2025-R-123**  
authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract with the Department of State Health Services HEP C - Colonias Advancing and Restoring Esperanza (CARE) Program in the amount of \$188,794.00, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term period from June 01, 2025 through November 30, 2025. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - HEP C - CARE Program.
- 26.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, **2025-R-124**  
authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a continuation contract from the South Texas Development Council for the HIV Ryan White Program Grant, in the amount of \$428,849.00 with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department for the term period from April 01, 2025 through March 31, 2026. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - Ryan White Program Grant.
- 27.** A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Laredo, Texas, **2025-R-125**  
authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a



continuation contract from the South Texas Development Council for HIV State Services Grant in the estimated amount of \$167,041.00 for the term period from April 01, 2025 through August 31, 2025; the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant in the estimated amount of \$61,663.00 for the term period from April 01, 2025 through August 31, 2025, with no match for the City of Laredo Public Health Department. Funds will be accounted for in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - HIV State Services Grant and HOPWA Grant.

28. Authorizing the City Manager to approve the write-off of non-collectible patient accounts designated as charity care charges, in the estimated amount of \$1,990,110.80, for services provided between October 1, 2023, and September 30, 2024, in accordance with the Charity Care Policy under the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Texas Ambulance Services Supplemental Payment Program (TASSPP). As a participant in this program, the City is eligible to receive an estimated reimbursement of \$550,000.00 for charity care costs, with the final amount subject to the reduction percentage applied by the state. The effective date of this write-off is retroactive to September 30, 2024. Funds will be recorded under the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - Ambulance Fund. **25-646**
29. Consideration for approval of a continuation contract with MP Cloud Technologies in the amount not to exceed \$53,897.20, subscription service fee of \$3,500.00 per month for the months of October 2024 through February 2025 and \$5,199.60 per month for the months of March 2025 through September 2025, to provide a management platform for billing and claims processing for the City of Laredo Public Health Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Billing Division, for the term period from October 01, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Funding is available in the Laredo Public Health Department Fund - EMS Billing Division. [25-745](#)

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

30. Authorization to enter into a contract agreement with Sports Facilities Companies for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,380,000.00. The contract period is for three years with an option to renew for an additional two years. Funding is available in the Sports Venue Fund. [25-835](#)

**UTILITIES: Eluid De Los Santos, Interim Director**

31. Authorizing the City Manager to award Service Contract FY25-047 to the lowest responsive bidder, Ace Pipe Cleaning, Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri, in the amount of \$2,795,592.00 for the provision of all necessary machinery, equipment, labor, supervision, and related appurtenances required for the South Side 54-Inch Collector **25-708**

Rehabilitation - Phase I. The scope of work includes to assess the pipe condition and identify areas in need of rehabilitation. Funding is available in the Sewer System Fund- 2022 Sewer Revenue Bond.

32. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with RedZone Robotics in the amount of \$35,000.00 for a one-year subscription to the Integrity sewer asset management software utilizing TIPS Purchasing Cooperative contract number 250106. This procurement will result in cumulative expenditures of \$75,000.00 exceeding \$50,000.00 with RedZone Robotics during the current fiscal year. Funding is available in the Sewer System Fund. **25-712**
33. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with Nueces Power Equipment of Corpus Christi, Texas, for the acquisition of three Case 575N EP Tractor Loader Backhoes. The total purchase amount is \$279,960.04, to be procured through the CNH Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 011723. These units will replace three existing ones that have reached the end of their useful life. Funding for this purchase is available in the Sewer System Fund- 2024 Sewer Revenue Bond. **25-715**
34. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement with Rush Truck Center of New Braunfels, Texas, for the acquisition of two Peterbilt 548 Dump Trucks and Tag Trailer combinations. The total purchase amount is \$458,644.20, to be procured through the Buy Board Purchasing Cooperative contract number 723-23. These units will replace two existing ones that have reached the end of their useful life. Funding is available in the Sewer System Fund - 2024 Sewer Revenue Bond. **25-719**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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**XI. STAFF REPORTS**

35. Update on the Search for Property or Building for the City of Laredo Convention Center. **25-701**
36. Presentation with possible action of the FY2023-2024 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. [25-776](#)
37. Presentation with possible action requesting the approval of the Same Auto Arena repairs and renovations projects. [25-831](#)

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any posted agenda item when authorized by Texas Government

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Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and/or 551.087 (Economic Development). Following closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

38. Request for Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071 related to litigation initiated by Alfonso I. "Poncho" Casso, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-789](#)
39. Request for Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071 related to litigation initiated by Karina Elizondo, and any other matters incident thereto. [25-790](#)

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

**XIV. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL**

**XV. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**40.A) Request by Council Member Dr. David Tyler King**

1. Recognizing Girl Scouts Troop 07043 for their outstanding commitment and fostering leadership, confidence, and character through meaningful community engagement. Troop 07043 exemplifies the mission of Girl Scouting: "to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place." [25-C-64](#)

This recognition also extends to the seven dedicated troop leaders — Alessandra Chacon, Lucero Garza, Yulissa Leal, Andrea Sepulveda, Grace Snyder, Devorah Karren, and Ryan Reyes — whose guidance and mentorship have helped create a supportive and enriching environment for the girls to thrive. Their efforts continue to inspire future generations to lead with purpose and compassion.

2. Discussion with possible action regarding an update on the financials of the Sports Venue Tax Fund, and any matters incident thereto. [25-C-65](#)

**Sponsors:** Cm. Gilbert Gonzalez, Cm. Ruben Gutierrez and Jr.

3. Discussion with possible action regarding a status update for all projects in the Utility Department's capital improvement plan (CIP) and the outlook for the FY 2025-2026's Utility CIP budget. [25-C-66](#)

**40.B) Request by Mayor Pro Tempore Vanessa J. Perez**

1. Discussion with possible action to implement signage and barrier recommendations from LPD Port Police, as presented and [25-C-67](#)

approved by the Port of Entry Advisory Committee, to facilitate and improve traffic at the World Trade Bridge and along the I69 corridor West of IH35, to include coordination with TxDOT, allowing for the execution of any necessary agreements, and any other matters incident thereto.

**40.C) Request by Council Member Alyssa Cigarroa**

1. Discussion with possible action concerning the enforcement of ordinances or creation of new ordinances regulating bulk item pickup and any other matter incident thereto.

[25-C-58](#)

**40.D) Request by Council Member Ricardo "Richie" Rangel, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action on the insurance requirements for vendors utilizing city properties for all events and any other matters incident thereto.

[25-C-69](#)

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

**40.E) Request by Council Member Melissa R. Cigarroa**

1. Discussion with possible action to set up a committee within the City to focus on secondary water sources exploration to provide regular updates to Council and to provide a budget during the next budget cycle for necessary professional consultation and travel funds for the development of collaborative partnerships with regional partners in long term planning for Laredo's future water security and any other matters adjacent to.

[25-C-68](#)

**Sponsors:** Cm. Dr. David Tyler King and Cm. Alyssa Cigarroa

**XVI. ADJOURN**

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.