

**CITY OF LAREDO**  
**EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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**1110 HOUSTON STREET**  
**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**  
**MARCH 17, 2020**  
**7:30 P.M.**



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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**IV. ROLL CALL**

**V. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- (1)** Discussion with action on the passage of an Emergency Ordinance extending the City of Laredo Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency that was signed by the Mayor on March 16, 2020, and any other matter incident thereto.

- (2) Discussion with action on the passage of an Ordinance instituting emergency measures due to a public health emergency, in accordance with Section 2.11 of the City Charter, and any other matter incident thereto. **Requested By Council Member Vidal Rodriguez, Council Member Dr. Marte Martinez, Council Member George Altgelt, Council Member Roberto Balli.**

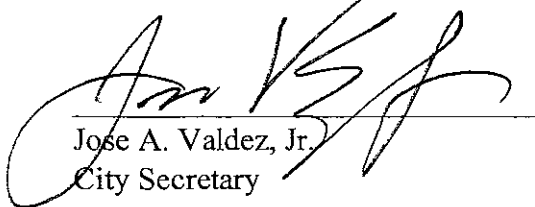
*The urgency of these items is that on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19. On March 14, the President of the United States held an additional press conference relating to COVID-19, and on March 15, 2020, the CDC issued additional guidance in relation to the same. On March 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Laredo issued a local emergency declaration. Due to the rapidly evolving nature of the disease and emerging federal and state guidance, it is necessary that the City Council of Laredo consider and take action on emergency ordinances.*

## VI. 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 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 551.086 (Economic Development). Following closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

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 Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

  
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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

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**This Meeting was conducted pursuant to § 551.045 of the Texas Government Code and the Order issued March 16, 2020 by Governor Greg Abbott for the Temporary Suspension of Open Meetings Laws due To Coronavirus.**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS  
EXTENDING A DISASTER DECLARATION DUE TO A  
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO:**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020 the Mayor signed a Local Emergency Declaration and requested the aid of the state Government pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that a local state of disaster may not be continued for a period in excess of seven days without the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, City Charter Section 2.11 allows for the City Council to adopt an emergency ordinance to meet a public emergency affecting, life, health, property or the public peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the condition necessitating declaration of a state of disaster continues to exist.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF LAREDO, TEXAS:**

1. That the state of disaster proclaimed for the City of Laredo by the Mayor on March 16, 2020 shall continue for thirty (30) days unless re-enacted in accordance with City Charter Section 2.11 or until terminated by order of the City Council, whichever is sooner.
2. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure with the unanimous vote of the City Council Representatives present and the consent of the Mayor and pursuant to City Charter section 2.11 and shall become effective on the 17th day of March, 2020.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON  
THIS 17th DAY OF MARCH 2020.**

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**PETE SAENZ**  
**MAYOR**

**ATTESTED:**

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**JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR.**  
**CITY SECRETARY**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**KRISTINA K. LAUREL HALE**  
**CITY ATTORNEY**