

**Housing Authority of the City of Laredo**  
Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting

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LHA Board Room

2000 San Francisco Ave.

Laredo, Texas 78040

Friday, August 14, 2020

4:00 P.M.

**NOTE: Due to the recent COVID-19 health concerns, this meeting will be held by telephonic/video conferencing and the public may join via conference call number or via website provided above.**

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**Agenda**

**August 14, 2020**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM
4. CITIZENS COMMENTS

This is the opportunity for visitors and guests to address the Board of Commissioners on any issue. The Board may not discuss any presented issue, nor may any action be taken on any issues at the time. There will be a 3-minute limitation per speaker. (Texas Attorney General Opinion-JC-0169)

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. Approval of Minutes for Board of Commissioners meeting on June 12, 2020.
7. PRESENTATION BY CENTRAL RESIDENT COUNCIL
8. STANDING REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS (No Action to be taken on these items)
  - A. Executive Director's Report
  - B. Unaudited Financials for the month of June 2020
  - C. Community Safety and Security (Peace Officer) Program Report

- D. Status and progress of ongoing construction projects. Highlights of Balcones Apartments, Ana Maria Lozano BiblioTech and COVID-19 Projects.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA: RESOLUTIONS**

All of the items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action of the items is necessary unless desired by a Commissioner.

- A. Consideration for approval to open a new bank account for the Laredo Housing Authority Rapid Rehousing Grant Program, as an internal control effort for such program.
- B. Consideration for approval to ratify the purchase of 20 laptops in response to COVID-19 in the amount of \$23,800.00 for the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs. Source available funding is the CARES Act, HUD allocated award to the agency.
- C. Consideration for approval to ratify a 1-year extension to RFQ #0190401-1 Professional Services for Annual Audit Services contract to Garza/Gonzalez & Associates in the amount of \$98,500 for FYE 03/31/2020.
- D. Consideration for approval to enter into a public use agreement with local hotels that are assisting with quarantining homeless vulnerable clients (Covid-19) and agency referrals by providing the temporary placement of a microwave and mini-refrigerator for the room, and laundry equipment to maintain isolation and reduce community infectious spread. The agency is one of multiple service providers that serve on a Covid-19 Emergency Response Committee which assists with addressing emergency housing needs of Covid19 positive community members.

**10. ACTION ITEM**

- A. Presentation and discussion with possible action related to the HUD-approved COVID-19 program waivers, associated time requirements for prompt use of funds, and establishing Board approval to proceed with use of any waivers.
- B. Discussion and possible action to set out a COVID-19 procurement procedure for emergency purposed pursuant to CFR 85.36(d)(4).

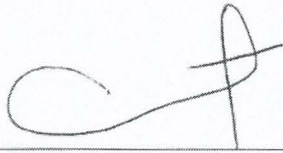
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Webb County for Payment in Lieu of Taxes and the issuance of payment for accrued annual amounts through FYE 2020, totaling an estimated \$371,933.10.
- D. Discussion and possible action to award framing, plumbing, electrical and other related bids at the Balcones Apartments renovation project, as recommended by staff.
- E. Discussion and possible action to award environmental abatement work at AMP 1 Colonia Guadalupe for the former executive office building, community center building and maintenance shop building, as recommended by staff.
- F. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of technological equipment in response to COVID-19 in the amount of \$83,440.00 for Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, and BiblioTech programs. Source available funding is the Capital Fund and CARES Act, HUD allocated award to the agency.
- G. Discussion and possible action to approve the Information Technology and External Access-to-Work-Files Policy to complement "work from home" needs, and approval to proceed with associated expenditures.
- H. Discussion and possible action related to the current COVID-19 health concerns and impacts to agency. This item may be discussed in executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 (consultation with attorneys) and 551.074 (personnel matters).

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE**

The Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Laredo reserve the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on the posted agenda, above, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, including Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorneys), 551.072 (deliberations about real property), 551.073 (deliberations about gifts and donations), 551.074 (personnel matters), 551.076 (deliberations about security devices), and 551.086 (economic development).

**12. ACTION ON ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**



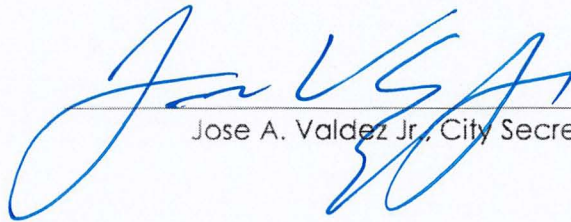
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Alma D. Mata, Executive Director

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**CERTIFICATON**

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily ADA/accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.



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Jose A. Valdez Jr., City Secretary

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