

**CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
M2016-S-09  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1110  
HOUSTON STREET  
LAREDO, TEXAS 78040  
August 1, 2016  
5:30 P.M.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

**I. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

1. 2016-O-078 Amending Chapter 32, (Tow Services), Sections 32-88, 32-91 to 32-93, 32-100, 32-104, 32-105 and 32-109 of the code of the City of Laredo, Texas by modifying permit requirements and duties of tow services on the rotation list; establishing an inspection fee; increasing the fees for towing services, storage facilities, rotation list applications and permits; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing a savings clause; providing for severability; providing for codification; providing for publication; and providing an effective date.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-078.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

**II. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Request by Council Member Roberto Balli**

- a. Discussion with possible action to commission a bronze sculpture of Laredo's founder, Don Tomas Sanchez, by Artist Armando Hinojosa. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Juan Narvaez and Council Member Roque Vela, Jr.)

Cm. Balli stated that a couple of years ago, Council and the Mayor decided that a change was needed regarding the appearance of the first four blocks of the City, notably International Bridge #2 and its surrounding blocks. While this is a slow process, Council hosted a series of public meetings in Downtown Laredo for suggestions. One particular suggestion requested a large iconic monument and a water feature at La Noria. Citizens recommended adding elements to the entrance of the City that would provide a "wow factor" that identifies the City. Council decided to create a sculpture of Laredo's founder. A local sculptor, Armando Hinojosa, is very knowledgeable of Laredo's landscape and history, and he has been involved in many sculptures enjoyed in Laredo and in front of the Texas State Capitol.

Armando Hinojosa reported that he has created over 24 monuments across Texas over 45 years, and he is honored to be considered to build a monument honoring Tomas Sanchez for Laredo. He has studied history and clothing of the time periods which he depicts in his sculptures. He displayed a preliminary sketch of his ideas for the Sanchez monument. The sculpture will be about 12 feet tall on a 10-foot base.

Cm. Balli noted that the State of Texas has committed to giving Laredo the properties as well as contributing \$300,000.00 for relandscaping. Cm. Narvaez and Cm. Balli have each dedicated \$500,000.00 from their discretionary funds. More money will be needed from the private sector and MPO.

Raul Casso, City Attorney, confirmed that this sculpture is an art piece and a sole source provider and a personal service. This sculpture is unique and individual to the sculptor, meaning it can not be reproduced by any sort of competition. Therefore, this purchase is exempt from the Procurement Act.

Motion to designate \$500,000.00 from Cm. Balli's discretionary fund account and \$500,000.00 from Cm. Narvaez's discretionary fund account and place the funds in an escrow account specifically designated for improvements to the Gateway Boulevard Project and to commission a bronze sculpture by Sculptor Armando Hinojosa for a price of \$450,000.00.

Moved: Cm. Balli

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Cm. Vela

Second: Cm. Narvaez

For: 6

Against: 0

Abstain: 0