

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CAMERON §
TOWN OF LAGUNA VISTA §

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: February 3, 2015
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Michael Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem
Wanda Reyes-Rice – Councilmember Place 2
Frank Davalos, Jr., - Councilmember Place 3
Leti Keplinger, Councilmember Place 4
Gary Meschi, Councilmember Place 5
Richard Hinojosa, Councilmember Place 6

Rolando Vela, City Manager
Anthony David, Police Chief
Julio Olguin, Police Sgt.
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: All Present.

ALSO PRESENT: Victor Worrell, Citizen
Rafael Salazar, Citizen
Jim Hunter, Brownsville, Texas
Richard Lane, Citizen
Norris Fletcher, Citizen

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order**
Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Council Member Carter.
- 3. Roll Call/Excused Absences** – All Present.
- 4. OPEN FORUM:** At this time, audience is allowed 5 minutes per person to address the Council on any topic. There is no discussion or formal action taken during this agenda item. The speaker must identify before speaking. A Speaker Request Form must be presented to the City Secretary prior to the meeting.

Arden Curts addressed the Council with regard to the speed humps installed on Lakewood Drive. He thanked Rolando Vela, Chief David and Sgt. Olguin for their help in getting the project done. He stated that the speed humps have decreased the speeding of vehicles by 50%. He has heard nothing but good comments about the humps.

Richard Lane addressed the Council and expressed thanks about the repair of the light pole that was leaning at the walking trail parking lot. He stated that he was afraid it was going to fall over on a vehicle.

5. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion, consideration and possible action on each of the following items:

A. FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 AUDIT PRESENTATION – Presentation from Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP on the 2013-14 audit. (City Manager)

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the 2013-14 fiscal year audit presentation from Pattillo, Brown and Hill, Council Member Meschi seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

B. MINUTES – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2014 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion.

Mayor Houston noted that the minutes were from January 13, 2015 not December 9, 2014. Council Members Davalos and Hinojosa withdrew the motion.

Council Member Davalos made a motion to table the minute approval for the January 13, 2015 meeting, until the March 2015 meeting, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

C. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-03 - Approval of Resolution Number 2015-03 to order the General Election for May 9, 2015. (City Secretary)

Council Member Rice made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2015-03 to order the General Election for May 9, 2015, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

D. NOTICE OF ELECTION - Approval of the Notice of Election for the May 9, 2015 General Election for the Town. (City Secretary)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the Notice of Election for the May 9, 2015 General Election for the Town, Council Member Meschi seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

E. JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT – Approval to conduct a joint election with the Point Isabel Independent School District on May 9, 2015. (City Secretary)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the agreement between the Point Isabel Independent School District and the Town of Laguna Vista for the

May 9, 2015 Election, Mayor Houston seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

F. MARCH 2015 MEETING – Consideration and action to reschedule the March 2015 Town Council Meeting. (City Manager)
Council Member Rice made a motion to approve to reschedule the regular March 2015 meeting for Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 6 pm, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

G. 2011 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION – Update on the 2011 Certificates of Obligation. (City Manager)
Rolando Vela informed the Council that there was no change from last month’s report on the balance of the Certificates of Obligation. There is a balance of \$60,380.43, with \$4,658.24 committed for the fire hydrants. He stated that the Laguna Madre Water District should start working on the fire hydrant repairs next week.

H. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

i. Laguna Vista Live: Music by the Bay, March 7
Rolando Vela stated that staff is working on the Music event for March 7, 2015. Event will be from 5 – 9 pm. Hector Guzman with the All-nighters will be playing. We are looking for vendors and school clubs that will have the children perform. We were hoping to have a banner across Highway 100, however AEP stated that they do not allow banners on their poles.

ii. Easter Egg Hunt by the Bay, April 4
Rolando Vela stated that the Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday, April 4, 2015 from 10 AM to 12 noon. We are hoping to make this one bigger than before. We always have a good turn out with kids from Laguna Vista, Laguna Heights and Port Isabel.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION – There will be an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section §551.071; consultation with Town Attorney to seek advice in legal matters.

🚩 Litigation relating to Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction
Council Member Rice made a motion to go into executive session, at 6:19 PM, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section §551.071; consultation with Town Attorney to seek advice in legal matters – Litigation relating to Extra Territorial Jurisdiction, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Town Council came out of executive session at 6:45 PM.

J. OPEN SESSION – Action, if any, on the items discussed in Executive Session.

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Davalos made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:46 PM, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary