

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

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: MARCH 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  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: All Present

ALSO PRESENT: Julio Olguin, Police Sgt.  
Janie Petty, Citizen  
Marc Davis, Citizen  
Marcos Munoz, Weslaco, Texas  
Arden Curts, Citizen  
Madeleine Sandefur, Citizen  
Jim Hunter, Rancho Viejo, Texas  
Joanna Ward, Citizen  
Norris Fletcher, Citizen  
Richard Lane, Citizen  
Virginia Guillot, Citizen  
Yolanda Birdwell, Citizen  
Walter Birdwell, Citizen  
Diane Teter, Citizen  
Rick Teter, Citizen  
Jessica Hedrick, Citizen  
Martha McClain, 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 Mayor Houston.

**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.

Madeleine Sandefur addressed the Council with regard to the Environmental Impacts of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) on the Rio Grande Valley. She stated that there are concerns of the toxic emissions from the LNG. The Brownsville LNG plants could take over the Bahia Grande area, which is the largest wetlands in the United States.

Joanna Ward addressed the Council about the LNG effects to the Rio Grande Valley. Something must be done now before we become a Corpus Christi or Beaumont, Texas. The natural habitat will be affected. The ocelots, birding areas will be in danger. I encourage you to attend a meeting in South Padre Island next month to get more information on this matter.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Council and will be enacted for approval by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

- a) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)
- b) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2015 Audit Committee Meeting. (City Secretary)
- c) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2015 Special Meeting. (City Secretary)
- d) **RACIAL PROFILING REPORT 2014** – Consideration and action to approve the 2014 Racial Profiling Report from the Police Department. (Chief David)

**Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows; (a) approval of the minutes from the January 13, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting, (b) approval of the minutes from the February 3 2015 Audit Committee Meeting, (c) approval of the minutes from the February 3, 2015 Town Council Special Meeting, (d) approval of the Racial Profiling Report for 2014, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.**

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

**A. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-07** – To approve Resolution Number 2015-07 urging State Representative Rene Oliveira and State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. to file legislation to address the ETJ problem with Brownsville. (City Manager)

**Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2015-07 urging State Representative Rene Oliveira and State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., to file legislation to address the ETJ problem with Brownsville, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously**

**B. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-04** – To approve Resolution Number 2015-04, authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture. (City Manager)

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2015-04 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.**

**C. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015--05** – To approve Resolution Number 2015-05, appointing the Project Labor Standards Officer and the Civil Rights Officer for the TxCDBG Grant Number 7214271. (City Manager)

**Council Member Rice made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2015-05, appointing the Project Labor Standards Office and the Civil Rights Officer for the TxCDBG Grant Number 7214271, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.**

**D. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-06** – To approve Resolution Number 2015-06, designating the Signatory Agents for the TxCDBG Grant Number 7214271. (City Manager)

**Mayor Houston made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2015-06 designating the Signatory Agents for the TxCDBG Grant Number 7214271, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.**

**E. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-08** – To approve Resolution Number 2015-08, designating April 2015 as Fair Housing Month. (City Secretary)

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2015-08, designating April 2015 as Fair Housing Month, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.**

**F. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-09** – To approve Resolution Number 2015-09, opposing Senate Bill 343 and any other Legislation which would erode the authority of a Home Rule Municipality; finding compliance with the Open Meetings Law; and providing an effective date hereof. (City Manager)

**Council Member Keplinger made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2015-09 opposing Senate Bill 343 and any other Legislation which would erode the authority of a Home Rule Municipality; finding compliance with the Open Meetings Law, and providing an effective date hereof, Council Member Meschi seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.**

**G. SAN ANTONIO SPORTS** – Discussion and possible consideration to contract with George Block from San Antonio Sports for a site plan development of the park land on Hwy 100. (Mayor Houston)

**No action was taken on the San Antonio Sports agenda item.**

**H. MARINA APPRAISAL** – Discussion and possible action to authorize the City Manager to secure a market analysis and/or appraisal of the Marina. (Council Members Hinojosa and Rice)

**Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to table the agenda item Marina Appraisal, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.**

**I. MARINA LEASE** – Discussion and possible action to review the Laguna Vista Recreational Association Marina Lease with the Town. (Council Members Meschi and Carter)

**Council Member Meschi made a motion to schedule a joint workshop with the Laguna Vista Recreational Association (LVRA) at a later date, time and another location to accommodate the public attendance, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.**

**After some discussion it was agreed with Council Member Meschi and Carter to withdraw the motion to schedule a workshop meeting, because of the listing of the agenda item. All agreed, motion was withdrawn.**

**It was the consensus of the Town Council to schedule a joint workshop with the LVRA, at a later time and date.**

**J. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

i. Laguna Vista Live: Music By The Bay

**Rolando Vela explained that the March 7, 2015 Music By the Bay event has been canceled due to the increment weather expected this week.**

ii. Easter By The Bay

**Rolando Vela stated that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2015, from 10 am to 12 noon.**

iii. Health Challenge – Final Weigh-in

**Rolando Vela stated that the Final Weigh-in for the Health Challenge will be Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 10 am to 1 pm. The announcement of the winners will be April 4, 2015, right before the Easter Egg Hunt.**

- K. **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 Keplinger made a motion to go into executive session at 6:33 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 matter – Litigation relating to Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.**

**Council came out of executive session at 7:00 pm.**

- L. **OPEN SESSION** – Action, if any, on the items discussed in Executive Session.  
**No action was taken as a result of executive session.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:03 pm, Council Member Meschi seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

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Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

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Alma Deckard, City Secretary