

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: May 12, 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  
Nadine Smith, Councilmember elect Place 6  
  
Rolando Vela, City Manager  
Ricardo Morado, City Attorney  
Tony David, Police Chief  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Richard Hinojosa

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Keplinger, Citizen  
Norris Fletcher, Citizen  
Jason Shanks, Citizen  
Ken Jones, L.R.G.V.D.C.  
Victor Worrell, Citizen  
P.D. Swink, Citizen  
Rusty Justice, Citizen  
Felicia Justice, Citizen  
Richard Lane, Citizen  
Joe Zuniga, Citizen  
Linda Zuniga, Citizen  
Jim Honster, Rancho Viejo  
Martha McClain, Citizen  
Chris De Diesbach, 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 P.D. Swink.

**3. Roll Call/Excused Absences** – Council Member Richard Hinojosa was absent.

**4. OPEN FORUM:**

GiGi Valdez addressed the Council stating that the issue with Georgianna Duarte being attacked by her dog are untrue. She is trying to get Channel 5 to come out a do an interview with her. Ms. Duarte is harassing me, as she harassing all of the neighbors. I want to encourage other residents to file harassment charges against Ms. Duarte.

Chris De Diesbach addressed the Council concerning the alligator in the bay. Her suggestions is to have the alligator transported from this area. She is concerned about her grandchildren kayaking in the bay with an alligator there.

Ms. De Diesbach suggested that someone explain to the residents what is happening with the marina issue. She encouraged people to support the public library that needs funding for the summer reading program.

Jason Shanks addressed the Council, stating that he is currently building a house on Beach Blvd and is concerned about all the trash accumulated at 242 Santa Isabel Blvd, the Peak Bay Apartment Complex. Something needs to be done, to clean up this mess.

Richard Lane addressed the Council with his concern of the water issue. He stated that there are reports showing there will be a water shortage in 50 years. The April 2015 Valley Business Report has an article about the water issues that we will be facing.

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

- a) **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015 - 13** – To approve Resolution Number 2015-13 to canvass the results of the Laguna Vista General Election of May 9, 2015.  
(City Secretary)

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2015-13 to canvass the result of the Laguna Vista General Election of May 9, 2015, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

- b) **OATH OF OFFICE** – Administration of Oath to incoming Elected Officials.

**Mayor Houston performed the Oath of Office for the newly elected Council Members Leti Keplinger, Gary Meschi and Nadine Smith.**

- c) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2015 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

**Council Member Meschi made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2015 Regular Meeting, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

- d) **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-12** – To approve Resolution Number 2015-12 expressing full support for the bills filed or to be filed in the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature by Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., State Representative Rene Oliveira and Eddie Lucio III to allow the voters of Cameron County to choose to create a Cameron County Healthcare District through a future local election. (Mayor Houston)

**Mayor Houston made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2015-12 expressing full support for the bills filed or to be filed in the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature by Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., State Representative Rene Oliveira and Eddie Lucio III to allow the voters of Cameron County to choose to create a Cameron County Healthcare District through a future local election, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

- e) **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-14** – To approve Resolution Number 2015-14 authorizing review of Texas Gas Service Company’s Cost of Service Adjustment Tariff; approving a joint review of TGS application along with other cities served by TGS. (City Manager)

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2015-14 authorizing review of Texas Gas Service Company’s Cost of Service Adjustment Tariff; approving a joint review of TGS application along with other cities served by TGS, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

- f) **2011 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION** – Update on the 2011 Certificates of Obligation. (City Manager)

**Rolando Vela informed the Council that there are no changes from last months’ report. The account has a balance of \$50,847.**

- g) **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

I. Street Improvement Project – Ebony Lane

**Rolando Vela stated that the bids received will have to be rejected at next month’s meeting. The Laguna Madre Water District is currently doing a sewer line improvement project that will take two months. The Ebony Lane improvements will not be able to start until the LMWD is done with their project. The project will have to be re-advertised for sealed bids.**

II. Memorial Day Ceremony

**Rolando Vela indicated that the Memorial Day Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 25, 2015 at 5 pm.**

III. July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Picnic

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2015 from 5 – 9 pm. There will be a parade, live music, food, vendor and kids activities.**

- h) **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.



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**Council Member Keplinger made a motion to go into executive session at 6:29 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, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**Council came out of executive session at 7:03 pm.**

- i) **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 Keplinger made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:08 pm, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

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Susie Houston, Mayor

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Alma Deckard, City Secretary