

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA BOARD OF ALDERMEN

DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2009

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stan Hulse, Mayor  
Rita Garcia, Mayor Protem  
Terri L. Galloway, Alderwoman  
Nancy Ostos, Alderwoman  
Rafael Salazar, Alderman  
Richard Hinojosa, Alderman

Janice Cassidy, Town Attorney  
Lonnie Cook, Police Lt.  
Pura Mireles, Library Director  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Aziza Charlotte Barker, Citizen  
Madeleine Sanderfur, Citizen  
Ken Irwin, Citizen  
Lee Zieger, Citizen  
Robert Walker, Citizen  
JoAnn Walker, Citizen  
Carl Phillips, Island Breeze  
Gavino Sotelo, Laguna Madre Water District GM  
Laurie G----- (sp), South Padre Island  
Charles Estes, Citizen  
Kelli Rawlins, Citizen  
Jim Sparr, Citizen  
David Garza, Citizen  
Joel Lopez, Laguna Madre Water District  
Cecilio Barrientez, Laguna Madre Water District  
Cesar Ochoa, Laguna Madre Water District  
Juan Aguilera, Laguna Madre Water District  
Homer Burnett, Laguna Madre Water District

4. OPEN FORUM:

Ken Irwin announced, on behalf of his wife Janet Irwin, that the Friends of the Library open house was a great success. They collected over \$1,300 in membership dues and have over 35 members.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a. LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT – Recognition of certain Laguna Madre Water District employees for their work in Laguna Vista projects.

Mayor presented Certificates of Appreciation to Laguna Madre Water District employees, Joel Lopez, Cecilio Barrientez, Cesar Ochoa, Juan Aguilera, and Homer Burnett, for their work on Laguna Vista projects, under the direction of Laguna Madre Water District General Manager Gavino Sotelo.

6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Board and will be enacted 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 minutes from the January 20, 2009, Special Board of Aldermen Meeting.
- b)** LIBRARY MONEY MARKET – Consideration and action to approve the current obligations for the Library Money Market Account for \$30.25.
- c)** LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT – Consideration and action to confirm the appointment of Anthony Holland to the unexpired term (April 2011) on the Library Board.
- d)** LAGUNA VISTA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – Consideration and action to confirm the appointment of three (3) members to the Laguna Vista CDC.

Mayor withdrew Item 6(d) Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation from the agenda.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2009-02 – Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2009-02 ordering the May 9, 2009 General Election for the Town of Laguna Vista, Texas.

Alderwoman Ostos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2009-02 ordering the May 9, 2009 General Election for the Town of Laguna Vista, Texas, motion was seconded by Alderman Hinojosa. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- B. NOTICE OF ELECTION – Consideration and potential action to approve the Notice of Election for the May 9, 2009, General Municipal Election.

Alderman Salazar made a motion to approve the Notice of Election for the May 9, 2009, General Municipal Election, motion was seconded by Alderman Hinojosa. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- C. TRACTOR – Consideration and potential action to approve the purchase of a tractor for mowing, and leveling/grading services.

Alderwoman Galloway made a motion to authorize the City Manager to look into and purchase a tractor with a financial cap of \$23,000, motion was seconded by Alderman Hinojosa. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- D. MESQUITE DRIVE DRAINAGE – Consideration and potential action to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the drainage improvements to the 900 Block of Mesquite Drive.

Alderman Hinojosa made a motion to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the drainage improvements to the 900 Block of Mesquite Drive; motion was seconded by Alderman Salazar. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- E. EL NORTE STREET LIGHTS – Consideration and potential action to approve the installation of street lights at the El Norte Subdivision and certain areas in the original Town site.

Alderwoman Garcia made a motion to table item 7E, El Norte Street Lights, consideration and potential action to approve the installation of street lights at the El Norte Subdivision and certain areas in the original Town site; until the next aldermen meeting, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ostos. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- F. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2009-03 – Consideration and potential action to approve

G. ALDERMEN MEETINGS – Consideration and potential action to approve scheduling some Board of Aldermen meetings at different locations in Town.

Alderwoman Garcia made a motion to approve scheduling regular Board of Aldermen meetings at city hall and Special Board of Aldermen Meetings will be at other locations in Town, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Ostos. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

H. LAGUNA VISTA “COOL CITY” – Consideration and potential action to authorize the Mayor to sign the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and to authorize staff to research the benefits of joining the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) – Local Governments for Sustainability Association.

Alderman Salazar made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and to authorize staff to research the benefits of joining the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) – Local Governments for Sustainability Association, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Galloway. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION – There will be an executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 (a)(1) to deliberate the appointments, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee;

and Section 551.071; consultation with Town Attorney to seek advice in legal matters in which the duty of Counsel pursuant to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. and pending or contemplated litigation.

§ CITY MANAGER SALARY – ROLANDO VELA  
§ CITY OF PORT ISABEL DE-ANNEXATION

Alderman Hinojosa made a motion to go into executive session at 6:52 pm, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074 (a)(1) to deliberate the appointments, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; concerning City Manager Salary for Rolando Vela; and Section 551.071; consultation with Town Attorney to seek advice in legal matters in which the duty of Counsel pursuant to the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts

- J. OPEN SESSION – Consideration and potential action as a result of Executive Session items.

Alderswoman Ostos made a motion to set the salary for City Manager Rolando Vela at \$75,000 per annum with the benefit package of health insurance, vehicle allowance of \$6000 per annum, 10 days sick leave, 10 days vacation, 5 days executive personal leave and reimbursement of receipts for expenses, motion was seconded by Alderswoman Galloway. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

Alderswoman Ostos made a motion to authorize the Town Attorney to take legal action, pending the results of the City of Port Isabel Commissioners meeting from tonight; the only result to satisfy no legal action will be for the City of Port Isabel to de-annex Laguna Vista's ETJ, motion was seconded by Alderswoman Galloway. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

8. City Manager's Report on the following items:

- a) Helipad Project

Mr. Vela informed the board that the Helipad Project is still in the works. They are waiting for Cameron County to complete documents.

- b) FEMA Grant Applications

Mr. Vela explained that he submitted the FEMA Mitigation Grant for the Tank Containment, the Library shutters, and the Mesquite Drainage improvement.

- c) Watersedge Apartment Complex

Mr. Vela stated that he is in communication with the property owner from the Watersedge Apartment Complex concerning the cleanup and repairs.

- d) Door Tags

Mr. Vela explained to the Board that he had some door hangers printed that will be used as a tool to educate citizens. These hangers will be a courtesy alert to citizen on certain violations to ordinances.

- e) Brownsville Annexation

Mr. Vela informed the board that Cameron County Judge Cascos is in full support of the small cities scheduling a trip to go to Austin on February 16 & 17, 2009. Mr. Vela is trying to

9. ADJOURNMENT

Aldерwoman Garcia made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:02 p.m., second by Aldерwoman Ostos. All voted "aye" to adjourn, motion carried.

Attest:

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Stan Hulse, Mayor

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Alma Deckard, City Secretary