

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

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

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2010

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Richard Hinojosa, Mayor Protem
Ken Irwin, Alderman
Steve Muschenheim, Alderman
William Schnier, Alderman

Janice Cassidy, Town Attorney
Rolando Vela, City Manager
Pura Mireles, Library Director
Robert McGinnis, Police Chief
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rita Garcia, Alderwoman

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Brown, Citizen
Richard Lane, Citizen
Bud Sherman, Citizen
Donna Sherman, Citizen
Jim Simpson, Florida
Marilyn Simpson, Florida
Harold Sherman, Citizen
Ronald Driscoll, Citizen
Steven Hyde, Lighthouse Assembly Church
Stan Backues, Citizen
Bill Beaty, Citizen
Gary Stegg, Citizen
Ed Haas, Citizen

Deb Hauschildt, Citizen
Judy White, Citizen

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. Pledge and Invocation was lead by Pastor Steven Hyde.
3. Roll Call – Alderwoman Rita Garcia was absent.
4. Open Forum:

Richard Lane addressed the board with concerns about unsecured trampolines in Town. He suggested that there should be some kind of ordinance to have trampolines tied or anchored down.
5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS
 - a) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – South Padre Island Neighbors (SPINS)
Mayor acknowledged the South Padre Island Neighbors (SPINS) Club for their contribution to the community. Some of them include, Once a month dinner for the volunteer firefighters, Friends of the Library, St. Stephens Food Pantry, Boys and Girls Club, Birding Club, Head start Program Christmas gifts, Laguna Madre Humane Society, and Packages to Afghanistan.
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 19, 2010

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- c)** C.D.C. CURRENT OBLIGATIONS – Consideration and action to approve the current obligations from the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation as of February 5, 2010, for \$1,424.00.

Alderman Schnier made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows: (a) approval of the Board of Aldermen meeting minutes for January 19, 2010, (b) approval of the current obligations for the Texas Community Development Program Project 728220 for \$69,329.50, (c) approval of the current obligations for the Community Development Corporation (CDC) for \$1,424.00, motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- 7. PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing for a petition from the South Padre Island Golf Club for voluntary annexation.

Mayor opened the public hearing for a petition from the South Padre Island Golf Club for a voluntary annexation of 587.068 Acre Tract, 75.015 Acre Tract and 6.065 Acre Tract.

Richard Lane asked if any of these acres included the gas lines out by Holly Beach. Evan Jones from the South Padre Island Golf stated that these acres did not include any of the gas lines.

Stan Buckues asked what the advantages and disadvantages were in doing the voluntary annexation. Is there fear that Brownsville or Los Fresnos will come in annex by force. Rolando Vela stated that this area is not within the Brownsville Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). The SPI Golf Club wants to develop everything they own within the Laguna Vista city limits.

Bill Beaty asked who benefits by this annexation?

Mayor explained that the advantage is that the town will get the property taxes and the SPIGC will receive the services the town has to offer.

Ed Haas asked who is responsible for maintaining the street in the golf course.

Mayor stated that the SPI Golf Club Homeowners Association is responsible for the maintenance of the streets.

Ronald Driscoll stated that there is no benefit for the SPI Golf Club if the residents pay the full

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Mayor closed the public hearing for the petition from the South Padre Island Golf Club for voluntary annexation.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. SPI GOLF CLUB ANNEXATION – Consideration and potential action concerning the petition from the South Padre Island Golf Club for voluntary annexation. Alderman Irwin made a motion to approve the petition from the South Padre Island Golf Club for voluntary annexation of 587.068 Acre Tract, 75.015 Acre Tract and 6.065 Acre Tract, motion was seconded by Alderman Hinojosa. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

B. YARD-OF-THE-MONTH – Consideration and potential action to appoint a Yard-Of-The-Month Committee for the selection of the “Yard of the Month” in Laguna Vista. Alderman Schnier made a motion to appoint Carole Benham, Melissa Ramos, Dave Robson and Christi Plattner to the Yard-Of-The-Month Committee, motion was seconded by Alderman Muschenheim. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

C. ROLOFF PARK BASEBALL FIELD – Consideration and potential action to approve improvements for the baseball field at Roloff Park. Alderman Schnier made a motion to approve up to a \$2000 expense for improvements for the baseball field at Roloff Park, motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

D. TML INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS POOL – Consideration and potential action to approve the Texas Municipal League Employee Benefits Pool Interlocal Agreement. Alderman Hinojosa made a motion to approve the Texas Municipal League Employee Benefits Pool Interlocal Agreement, motion was seconded by Alderman Schnier. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

E. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-02 – Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2010-02 ordering the May 8, 2010 General Election for the Town of Laguna Vista, Texas. Alderman Irwin made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2010-02 ordering the May 8, 2010 General Election for the Town of Laguna Vista, Texas,

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- G. BOA/CDC WORKSHOP – Consideration and potential action to schedule a joint workshop between the Town Board of Aldermen and the Community Development Corporation to discuss incentives for commercial development and goals and objectives.

Alderman Schnier made a motion to table the workshop between the Board of Aldermen and the Community Development Corporation (CDC) until a future date, 30-60 days and instruct the City Manager to coordinate a date, and come up with a scope and strategies for the agenda, motion was seconded by Alderman Muschenheim. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- H. HELIPAD FUNDING – Consideration and potential action to approve funding for the helipad for the Town of Laguna Vista.

Alderman Schnier made a motion to approve a \$30,000 expense for the helipad, funds from the 2008-09 surplus balance, motion was seconded by Alderman Hinojosa. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- I. EXECUTIVE SESSION – There will be an executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, pursuant to 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. authorizes a governmental body to consult with its attorney in an executive session to seek his or her advice on legal matters pending or contemplated litigation.

Alderman Irwin made a motion to go into executive session at 6:54 pm, pursuant to 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. authorizes a governmental body to consult with its attorney in an executive session to seek his or her advice on legal matters pending or contemplated litigation, motion was seconded by Alderman Hinojosa. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Board of Aldermen came out of executive session at 7:40 p.m.

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

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Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., Congressman Solomon Ortiz, Cameron County Judge Carlos Cascos, and Commissioner David Garza.

b) FEMA Grant

Rolando Vela stated that he is waiting on a response from FEMA concerning the status of the grant.

c) ORCA Disaster Recovery Grant

Rolando Vela stated that he is waiting for determination from ORCA concerning the Disaster Recovery Grant.

d) Comprehensive Plan

Rolando Vela stated that they were scheduled to have a meeting this week, however the meeting has been rescheduled.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hinojosa made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:42 p.m., second by Alderman Irwin. All voted “aye” to adjourn, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary