

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: February 9, 2016

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor  
Michael Carter, Councilmember Place 1  
Frank Davalos, Jr., Councilmember Place 3  
Gary Meschi, Councilmember Place 5  
Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6

Rolando Vela, City Manager  
Ricardo Morado, City Attorney  
Tony David, Police Chief  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wanda Reyes-Rice, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Leti Keplinger, Councilmember Place 4

ALSO PRESENT: Chris De Gobeo, Citizen  
Silke De Gobeo, Citizen  
Richard Lane, Citizen  
Jim Hunter, Rancho Viejo  
Janson Stanley, Pyro Shows  
Martha McClain, Citizen  
Henry Etheridge, Citizen  
Elizabeth Etheridge, Citizen  
Owen Schrenbeck, Citizen  
Carol Schrenbeck, 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**

**Mayor Houston made a motion to excuse Council Members Rice and Keplinger from tonight's meeting, Council Member Meschi seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.**

**4. OPEN FORUM:** None

**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 a 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 Audit Committee Meeting on January 12, 2016.

b) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2016 Regular meeting.

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows (a) approval of the minutes from the Audit Committee Meeting on January 12, 2016, (b) approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting on January 12, 2016, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.**

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

A. **PRESENTATION** – Presentation by Janson Stanley with Pyro Shows on a possible fireworks display show for the Town's Independence Day celebration. (City Manager)

Jason Stanley with Pyro Shows presented three fireworks packages to the Council. One for \$10,000, second for \$20,000 and the third one for \$30,000. The fireworks show runs from 10 to 30 minutes, depending on the package. They are currently booked with South Padre Island for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. However, the Council could decide to do the event on Saturday, July 2, 2016 and the barge needed for the display would be available. There will be an additional fee anywhere from \$1500 to 5000 for the barge. Mr. Stanley stated that there is economic impact for having the fireworks display. Some people do not want to wait for 2 hours in the island traffic and may choose to come to Laguna Vista. He stated that they do require a 50% deposit. Pyro Shows must have a commitment no later than early May 2016.

**B. C.D.C. PROJECT FUNDING** – Consideration and action to accept the recommendation of the Community Development Corporation Board to fund the following projects: (City Manager)

i. Library Carrels and Chairs: \$5,222.38

**Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Community Development Corporation Board to fund the Library Carrels and Chair for \$5,222.38, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

ii. Library Irrigation system and sodding: \$4,500

**No action was taken for the Library Irrigation system and sodding, City Manager will re-submit item at the March 2016 meeting.**

iii. Development Study (for Town-owned 23 acres): \$3,000

**Mayor Houston made a motion to table the CDC funding for the Development Study (for Town-owned 23 acres) for \$3,000, until the March 2016 meeting, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**C. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-01** – A resolution authorizing the Texas Coalition of Affordable Power, Inc., (TCAP) to negotiate an electric supply agreement for five years for deliveries of electricity and authorizing TCAP to act as an agent on behalf of the Town, and authorizing the Mayor to execute an electric supply agreement. (City Manager)

**Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2016-01 authorizing the Texas Coalition of Affordable Power, Inc., (TCAP) to negotiate an electric supply agreement for five years for deliveries of electricity and authorize TCAP to act as an agent on behalf of the Town, Council Member Meschi seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**D. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-02** – A resolution authorizing the Laguna Vista Police Chief to submit a grant application number 2990602 to the Texas Governor’s Office for the Local Border Security Program (LBSP-17) (Chief David)

**Mayor Houston made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2016-02 authorizing the Laguna Vista Police Chief to submit a grant application number 2990602 to the Texas Governor’s Office for the Local Border Security Program (LBSP-17), Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

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

**Rolando Vela reported that the 2011 Certificates of Obligation has a fund balance of \$47,155.61. There was no activity for the month of January 2016.**

**F. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

i. Great Texas Warrant Round Up

**Rolando Vela stated that the police officers will be working on warrants during the month of February 2016. We are participating in the Texas Warrant Roundup.**

ii. Upcoming Laguna Vista CARES campaign

**Rolando Vela stated that the LV CARES campaign is scheduled for March 12, 2016.**

iii. Upcoming Easter Egg Hunt By the Bay

**Rolando Vela reported that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 26, from 10 am – 12 noon.**

iv. Upcoming Laguna Vista Live: Music by the Bay event

**Rolando Vela informed the Council that the Music by the Bay event is tentatively scheduled for April 16, 2016 from 5 – 9:00 pm.**

**G. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – There will be an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, pursuant to Section §551.071; consultation with Town Attorney regarding:

 **Town Marina and LVRA**  
 **ETJ Litigation**

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to go into executive session at 7:04 pm, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, pursuant to Section §551.071; consultation with Town Attorney regarding: Town Marina and LVRA and ETJ Litigation, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**Town Council came out of executive session at 9:37 pm.**

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

**Council Member Smith made a motion to instruct the City Manager to obtain a survey of the marina property and for the Town Attorney to modify the lease agreement as discussed during executive session, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Carter made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:38 pm, Council Member Davalos 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