

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: May 10, 2016
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Michael Carter, Councilmember Place 1
Wanda Reyes-Rice, Mayor Pro-Tem
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: Leti Keplinger, Councilmember Place 4

ALSO PRESENT: Marianne Poithers, Citizen
Diane Teter, Citizen
Rick Teter, Citizen
Sonia Martin, Citizen
Bill Beaty, Citizen
Veronica Rodgers, Boys & Girls Club
Russell Owen, Citizen
Cheryl Owen, Citizen
Victor Worrell, Citizen
Cody Moore, Mooreland Surveyor
Jim Thornton, Citizen
Jeff Beard, Citizen
Bruce Drives, Port Isabel
Yolanda Birdwell, Citizen
Walter Birdwell, Citizen
Richard Lane, Citizen
Rusty Justice, Citizen
Madeleine Sandefur, Citizen
Terence Garrett, Citizen

Cecilia Garrett, Citizen
Maria Galasso, Citizen
Chris De Gobeo, Citizen
Silke De Gobeo, 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 Jim Thornton.**
- 3. Roll Call/Excused Absences – Council Member Keplinger was absent.**

Mayor Houston made a motion to excuse Council Member Keplinger from tonight's meeting on May 10, 2016, due to work related, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

4. OPEN FORUM:

Bill Beaty addressed the Council urging them to approve the filing opposing the LNG project.

Diane Teter addressed the Council urged the Council to vote for the opposition of LNG Texas and Annova LNG intervene. She stated statistics of the gases and fumes that will be released by the LNG plants. These will be harmful to the environment, as well as us living in this area.

Rick Teter addressed the Council stating that Texas LNG, Next LNG and Annova LNG are all filing to bring projects to this area. We need to oppose all of the LNGs from building in our community and surrounding area.

Marianne Poithers addressed the Council asking them to protect Laguna Vista and vote to intervene of all LNG buildings.

Cheryl Owen addressed the Council with regard to 83 Bethpage house. The owners are from Canada and are here part of the year. However, there is a fitness business in their garage. Even while they are gone, people come and go into the garage at all hours. They are running a business, and it needs to be stopped. She has contacted the SPI Golf Club and the City Manager and nothing is being done about this problem.

Yolanda Birdwell addressed the Council expressing thanks for the Zumba classes at Roloff Park. Her and her husband created Respect Your Beach, a 501C Corporation. LNG will create some jobs, but our community is not worth the damage they will do. LNG may be good, but not for this area. When we do not have clean air or clean water, we cannot eat money.

Walter Birdwell addressed the Council asking them to intervene on any development of LNG or any future development.

5. **PROCLAMATION** – A proclamation recognizing May 2016 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month. (Mayor Houston)

Mayor Houston presented a Proclamation to the Riders for Christ, declaring May 2016 as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month.

6. **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 April 12, 2016 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

b) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2016 Special Meeting. (City Secretary)

Mayor Houston made a motion to table the consent agenda items of the minutes for the Council meetings on April 12, 2016 and April 26, 2016, until the June 2016 regular meeting, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

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

a) **FIREWORKS DISPLAY** – Presentation and potential action on potential sponsors on having fireworks display show for the Town’s 4th of July celebration. (Council Members Reyes-Rice, Smith and Keplinger)

Council Member Rice made a motion to pass on the fireworks show for the July 4th event for this year, and consider it for next year, Mayor Houston seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

b) **MOTION TO INTERVENE** – Consideration and action to authorize Staff to file with FERC a motion to intervene in the pending proceeding relating to

Texas LNG Brownsville, LLC, Docket No. 16-116. (Council Members Davalos and Smith)

Council Member Rice exited room during the discussion and action of the Motion to Intervene agenda item.

Council Member Davalos made a motion to authorize Staff to file with FERC a motion to intervene in the pending proceeding relating to Texas LNG Brownsville, LLC, Docket No. 16-116, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Council Member Rice returned into the board room after the Motion to Intervene was completed.

c) **2017-2018 TxCDBG PROJECT** – Potential selection of a project for 2017-2018 TxCDBG funding. (City Manager)

No action was taken on the 2017-2018 TxCDBG Project.

d) **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-05** – Second Reading – Consideration and Approval of Ordinance Number 2016-05 adopting the ICC 2012 Building Codes for the Town of Laguna Vista. (City Secretary)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2016-05 adopting the ICC 2012 Building Codes for the Town of Laguna Vista, Council Member Meschi seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

e) **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-06** - Consideration and action to approve Resolution Number 2016-06, in support of Cameron County’s efforts to enter into discussions to form the Hidalgo County and Cameron County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the Rio Grande Valley. (Mayor Houston)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2016-06 in support of Cameron County’s efforts to enter into discussions to form the Hidalgo County and Cameron County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in the Rio Grande Valley, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

f) **REPLATTING** – Consideration and action to approve the replatting of lots 16 and 17, Block 415, Laguna Vista Townsite. (Mayor Houston)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the replatting of lots 16 and 17, Block 415, Laguna Vista Townsite, as per recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

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

Rolando Vela informed the Council that there was no activity in the Certificates of Obligation fund. The fund balance is \$47,183.16.

h) **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

i. **Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, May 30th**

Rolando Vela stated that the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony will be Monday, May 30, 2016. The parade will begin at the library at 5:00 pm, and end at Veterans Park, with the ceremony following.

ii. **Independence Day Celebration, July 2nd**

Rolando Vela announced that the July 4th celebration will be held Saturday, July 2, 2016 from 5 – 9:00 pm.

iii. **Summer Feeding Program**

Rolando Vela stated that the Summer Feeding Program will begin June 6, 2016. There will be only one location, at the Library, for breakfast and lunch. These are free meals for kids from 1 – 18 years of age.

- i) **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**

✚ **Potential litigation regarding short term rental ordinance**

✚ **ETJ Litigation**

Council Member Rice made a motion to go into executive session at 7:25 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, Potential litigation regarding short term rental ordinance and ETJ Litigation, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Town Council came out of executive session at 7:35 pm.

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

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:36 pm, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary