

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

MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: August 9, 2016  
TIME: 5:30 p.m.  
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor  
Michael Carter, Councilmember Place 1  
Wanda Reyes-Rice, Councilmember Place 2  
Frank Davalos, Jr., Councilmember Place 3  
Leti Keplinger, Mayor ProTem  
Gary Meschi, Councilmember Place 5  
Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6  
  
Rolando Vela, City Manager  
Ricardo Morado, City Attorney  
Julio Olguin, Fire Chief  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Veronica Rodgers, Boys & Girls Club  
Chris De Gobeo, Citizen  
Silke De Gobeo, Citizen  
Richard Lane, Citizen  
Owen Schierenbeck, Citizen

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order**  
Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Houston.
- 3. Roll Call/Excused Absences** – All present.
- 4. 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET** - Discussion of the 2016-17 Fiscal Year Budget.  
(City Manager)

**Rolando Vela explained that the proposed budget is a bare bone budget strictly for operating expenses. Another list has been submitted for capital outlay items, such as a paging system for the fire department, two patrol units and**

**carport for the police department, ticket writers for municipal court and tractor and truck for public works. None of these items are part of the general operating fund. Council will need to determine whether to pay for these items from general fund or reserve funds.**

**He is recommending either a \$2-3 per hour increase for public works, library and office clerk employees, or a 5-7% salary increase. There was a short discussion with regards to the salary increases.**

**Council Member Smith asked why there was such a large amount of overtime budgeted for the police officers. Rolando Vela explained that the \$12,000 listed is the amount that will be reimbursed from the Border Star Grant.**

**Council Member Rice arrived at 5:50 pm.**

**Council Member Keplinger arrived at 5:54 pm.**

- 5. 2016-17 TAX RATE** – Discussion of the 2016-17 ad valorem property tax rate. (City Manager)

**Rolando Vela explained the different options for setting the tax rate.**

**It was the consensus of the Council that another workshop is needed to review the budget and set the tax rate. Next workshop**

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to adjourn workshop at 5:58 pm, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

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Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

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Alma Deckard, City Secretary