

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

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

DATE: MAY 11, 2010
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Rudy Garcia, Citizen
Judith Moreau, Citizen
Richard Lane, Citizen
Carole Benham, Citizen
Harold Sherman, Citizen
P.D. Swink, Citizen
Karen Mackesey, Citizen
Bud Sherman, Citizen
Donna Sherman, Citizen
John Karcanes, Citizen
Leti Keplinger, Alderman Elect
Jeff Keplinger, Citizen
Bill Balogh, Citizen
Herb Houston, Citizen
Barbara Seal, Citizen
Maureen Schnier, Citizen
Magdalena Garcia, Port Isabel
Lupita Villarreal, Citizen
Sabino Villarreal, Citizen
Helen Delgadillo, PI Municipal Judge
Kelly Heller-Vela, Stripes Engineer

3. Roll Call – All present

4. OPEN FORUM:

Alderwoman Garcia addressed the board expressing thanks and gratitude to her family and friends for helping her through a difficult campaign. The challenge facing this leadership now, is to once again bridge this community together. Let us leave the past behind and work towards a better future for our community. I am sincere when I say that I want what's best for the citizens and the Town of Laguna Vista.

Rudy Garcia, a member of the Charter Committee, addressed the Board with regard to a certain email sent from another Charter Committee member, to former Mayor Stan Hulse. The email refers to the Laguna Heights and El Norte area in a derogatory manner. Rudy Garcia requested that the Board of Aldermen address this situation.

Richard Lane addressed the Board concerning the continued problem with the water safety. He also addressed the Board concerning the trampolines around town. He is concerned that if they are not tied down, any strong wind could blow them into other people's yards and cause damage.

Arden Curts addressed the Board concerning enforcement of several ordinances. He stated that parking in the street on Broadway and Lakewood is a problem. It would be very difficult for any emergency vehicle to get down the street with vehicles parked on both sides of the street. He also stated that the period to place brush and bulk out is between the 10 and 15th of each month, however people place these items out at all times during the month. Also, he stated that there are many vacant lots and yards with very tall grass. We have an ordinance against tall grass. His question to the Board is; who is suppose to enforce these ordinances, because it is not getting done.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS

A. KYLE GRAYSON – A proclamation recognizing Kyle Grayson for earning the Eagle Scout.
Mayor stated that Mayor Pro-Tem Hinojosa attended the ceremony for Kyle Grayson on April 25, 2010 and presented him with the proclamation.

B. POLICE OFFICER WEEK – A proclamation recognizing May 9 – 15th, 2010 as Police Officer Week.
Mavor read the proclamation declaring May 9 – 15 as Police Officer Week and in

- a)** MINUTES - Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the Special Board of Aldermen Meeting on April 13, 2010 at 5:30 pm.
- b)** MINUTES – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting on April 13, 2010.
- c)** MINUTES – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the Special Board of Aldermen Meeting on April 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm.
- d)** T.C.D.P PROJECT 728220 CURRENT OBLIGATIONS – Consideration and action to approve the current obligations for the Texas Community Development Program Project 728220 for \$10,579.95.
- e)** C.D.C. CURRENT OBLIGATIONS – Consideration and action to approve the current obligations for the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation for \$ 1,350.00.

Alderwoman Garcia made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows: (a) approval of the minutes from the Special Board of Aldermen Meeting on April 13, 2010 at 5:30 pm.; (b) approval of the minutes from the Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting on April 13, 2010; (c) approval of the minutes from the Special Board of Aldermen Meeting on April 13, 2010 at 7:00 pm.; (d) approval of the current obligations from the Texas Community Development Program Project 728220 for \$10,579.95; (e) approval of the current obligations from the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation (CDC) for \$1,350.00, motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-03 – Consideration and potential action to repeal Resolution Number 2010-03 based on the changes on Resolution Number 2010-12 for the Laguna Madre Water District to the District's Boundaries.

Alderman Irwin made a motion to repeal Resolution Number 2010-03 approved on March 9, 2010; based on the changes on Resolution Number 2010-12 for the Laguna Madre Water District to the District's Boundaries, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Garcia. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

approximate 0.723 acre tract of land by the Laguna Madre Water District's Boundaries, motion was seconded by Alderman Schnier. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- C.** ANNEXATION PETITION – Consideration and potential action on the petition of Fausto Yturria, Jr.; Cassandra Yturria Wolf and William Bradley Wolf; Kimbro Family Investments, LTD; and Yturria-Smith Investments Trust for the annexation of 1.262 acre tract of land and that certain 0.631 acre tract of land out of a certain 432.000 acre tract of land out of "Yturria 9,512.87 acre tract" and out of the "Yturria 315.88 acre tract" in Saint Isabel Grant in the Town of Laguna Vista, Cameron County, Texas; said 432.00 acre tract being as described in the special warrant deed records in volume 9611, page 92 of the official records of Cameron County, Texas (said 1.262 acre tract and 0.631 tract).

Mayor pulled agenda item 7C – Annexation Petition from the agenda. This item was already approved by the Board in March 2010 and did not have any revisions; with regard to Resolution Number 2010-12.

- D.** RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-11 – Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2010-11 canvassing the results of the May 8, 2010 General Election. Alderman Irwin made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2010-11 canvassing the results of the May 8, 2010 General Election, motion was seconded by Alderman Muschenheim. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- E.** OATH OF OFFICE – Oath of Office of Elected Officials.

Alderwoman-elect Rita Garcia was sworn in by Helen Delgadillo.
Alderwoman- elect Leti Keplinger was sworn in by Helen Delgadillo.
Alderman-elect Bill Schnier was sworn in by Mayor Houston.

8. ADJOURNMENT
Alderman Muschenheim made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:34 p.m., second by Alderman Irwin. All voted "aye" to adjourn, motion carried.