

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

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

DATE: JUNE 8, 2010
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Ken Irwin, Mayor Pro-Tem
Rita Garcia, Alderwoman
Steve Muschenheim, Alderman
William Schnier, Alderman
Leti Keplinger, Alderwoman

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Stan Backues, Citizen
John Karcanes, Citizen
Mary Hartman, Citizen
Jeremy Vanable, Volunteer Fire Dept.
Terri Galloway, Interim Fire Chief
Jeremy Shaffer, Volunteer Fire Dept.
Justin Moore, Volunteer Fire Dept.
Fabian Gonzalez, Volunteer Fire Dept.
Lance Strand, Volunteer Fire Dept.
Ben Denward, Volunteer Fire Dept.
Janie Petty, Volunteer Fire Dept.
Carol Venable, Volunteer Fire Dept.
Bud Sherman, Citizen
Donna Sherman, Citizen

Michele Robson, Citizen
David Carpenter, Citizen
Orlando Cruz, Cruz-Hogan Engineers

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Pledge and Invocation was lead by Father Jerry Barnett from Our Lady of the Sea Catholic Church.
3. Roll Call – All Present
4. OPEN FORUM:
Stan Buckues informed the Board that McCoy Lumber Company is willing to donate supplies for park improvements. He suggested a gazebo with a pavilion and asked that he be considered as a member for the Parks Board.
5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/PROCLAMATIONS
A. RECOGNITIONS – Recognition of Assistant Chief Jeremy Venable and Lieutenant Jeremy Shaffer of the Laguna Vista Volunteer Fire Department.
Mayor presented Jeremy Venable and Jeremy Shaffer with certificates of appreciation for their service with the volunteer fire department. They will both be leaving in the next month.
6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:
 - a) MINUTES - Consideration and action to approve minutes from the May 11, 2010

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7. PUBLIC HEARING – A public hearing to solicit public input on expanding the application submitted to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant.
Mayor opened the public hearing for the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant.
Rolando Vela explained that the original grant was for \$287,000, with an increase of \$72,000. The additional \$72,000 come from the National Recovery Fund. The original project is for Tangelo and Mesquite Drive drainage improvements.
Orlando Cruz recommended completing the projects already underway.
Mary Hartman stated that it made sense to complete a project that's already started and using the \$72,000 to complete the current project.
Mayor closed the public hearing for the Texas Department of Rural Affairs for a Texas Community Development Block Grant.

8. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. CHRIST HARBOR CHURCH – Consideration and potential action to refer the application of Christ's Harbor Church for a building permit to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
Alderman Irwin made a motion to refer the application from the Christ Harbor Church for a building permit to the Planning and Zoning Commission, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Keplinger. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

 - B. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-13 – Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2010-13 urging the United States Postal Service to open a contract postal unit (CPU) in Laguna Vista.
Alderman Muschenheim made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2010-13 urging the United States Postal Service to open a contract postal unit (CPU) in Laguna Vista, motion was seconded by Alderman Schnier. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

 - C. MAYOR PRO-TEM – Consideration and potential action to appoint the Mayor Pro-Tem for a one year term, pursuant to the Local Government Code 22.037(b).
Alderwoman Garcia made a motion to appoint Alderman Ken Irwin as Mayor Pro-Tem for a one year term, pursuant to the Local Government Code 22.037(b).

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- E.** C.D.C. APPOINTMENT – Consideration and potential action to approve the appointment of the vacancy to the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation (CDC) to fill the unexpired term (Nov 2009-Nov 2011).

Alderman Schnier made a motion to appoint Roxanne Guenzel to fill the unexpired term (Nov 2009-2011) to the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation (CDC), motion was seconded by Alderman Muschenheim. Alderwoman Garcia opposed motion. Alderwoman Keplinger abstained from voting. All other voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- F.** WASTE COLLECTION RFPs – Consideration and potential action to authorize the City Manager to seek bids or RFPs for waste collection; current contract due to expire December 31, 2010.

Alderman Irwin made a motion to authorize the City Manager to seek bids or RFPs for waste collection, motion was seconded by Alderman Schnier. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- G.** BANK DEPOSITORY RFPs – Consideration and potential action to authorize the City Manager to seek RFPs for bank depository services; current contract due to expire December 31, 2010.

- H.** E.M.S. SERVICES RFPs – Consideration and potential action to authorize the City Manager to seek bids or RFPs for EMS services; current contract due to expire September 30, 2010.

- I.** AUDIT SERVICES RFPs – Consideration and potential action to authorize the City Manager to seek RFPs for audit purposes for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

Alderwoman Garcia made a motion to authorize the City Manager to seek bids or RFPs for the Bank Depository Services, EMS Services, and Audit Services, motion was seconded by Alderman Schnier. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- J.** STRATEGIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN RFP – Consideration and potential action to authorize the City Manager to seek RFPs for a strategic economic development plan.

Alderwoman Garcia made a motion to authorize the City Manager to seek RFPs for a strategic economic development plan, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Keplinger. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

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c. National Night Out

Rolando Vela stated that the Police Dept. is currently working on sponsorships for the National Night Out event on August 3, 2010.

d. Fourth of July Picnic & Parade

Rolando Vela informed the Board that he is getting different projects together for the July 4th event. There will be a burger cook-off contest, among others.

e. Update on FEMA Grant Applications

Rolando Vela stated that the FEMA Grant for the library shutters, the generator hookup and fuel tank containment has been approved. The library shutters will run \$30-35,000.

f. Outstanding Warrants

Rolando Vela stated that Linebarger Attorney Collection Agency has sent out the first batch of delinquent letters for municipal court. We have approximately \$700,000 in outstanding warrants.

g. Helipad

Rolando Vela explained that the helipad is 60 x 60 and should be getting the lights and wind sock installed shortly.

h. Stripes Convenience Store

Rolando Vela stated that he should be receiving the store plat sometime this coming week.

10. 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 and to seek his or her advice on legal matters pending or contemplated litigation.

● Litigation – Jim Pigg

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

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Board came out of executive session at 7:36 pm.

11. OPEN SESSION – Consideration and potential action as a result of Executive Session items
Mayor stated that there would be no action as a result of executive session.
12. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Garcia made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:37 p.m., second by Alderman Irwin. All voted “aye” to adjourn, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary