

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

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: March 8, 2017
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Michael Carter, Councilmember Place 1
Wanda Reyes, Councilmember Place 2
Frank Davalos, Jr., Councilmember Place 3
Leti Keplinger, Mayor ProTem
Gary Meschi, Councilmember Place 5

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6

ALSO PRESENT: Jack Shanks, Citizen
Janie Petty, Citizen
Victor Worrell, Citizen
Jerry Harbin, Citizen
Larry DeFrance, Citizen
Henry Etheridge, Citizen
Elizabeth Etheridge, Citizen
David Lohse, 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 Council Member Reyes.**
- 3. Roll Call/Excused Absences – Council Member Smith was absent.**

Council Member Davalos made a motion to excuse Council Member Smith from the meeting on March 8, 2017, Council Member Keplinger 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 February 2, 2017 Special Council Meeting. (City Secretary)
- b) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting. (City Secretary)
- c) **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-08** – To approve Resolution Number 2017-08 adopting the Civil Rights Policy for the Town. (City Manager)
- d) **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-09** – To approve Resolution Number 2017-09 designating the authorized signatories for the TCDP Contract Number 7216279. (City Manager)
- e) **SEALED BID FOR VEHICLES** - To award the sealed bids for 4 town vehicles, to the highest bidders. (City Secretary)
- f) **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-10** – To approve Resolution Number 2017-10 authorizing the Police Chief to submit a grant application number 2990603 to the Texas Governor’s Office for the Border Security Program LBSP18. (Chief David)

Council Member Meschi made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows; (a) approval of the minutes for the February 2, 2017 Special Council Meeting, (b) approval of the minutes for the February 14, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, (c) approval of Resolution Number 2017-08 adopting the Civil Rights Policy for the Town, (d) approval of Resolution Number 2017-09 designating the authorized signatories for the TCDP contract Number 7216279, (e) approval to award the sealed bids for 4 town vehicles to the highest bidders, (f) approval of Resolution Number 2017-10 authorizing the Police chief to submit a grant application 2990603 to the Texas Governor’s Office for the Border Security Program LBSP18, Council Member Reyes 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. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-04** – Second Reading – To approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2017-04 providing for animal control in the Town of Laguna Vista and repealing Ordinance Number 2012-16. (City Manager)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2017-04 providing for animal control in the Town of Laguna Vista and repealing Ordinance Number 2012-16, Council Member Reyes seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- B. C.D.C. PRESIDENT** – To appoint the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation President for a one-year term, pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation Bylaws. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to appoint Steve Muschenheim as president for the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation for a one-year term, pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Laguna Vista CDC Bylaws, Council Member Reyes seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- C. C.D.C. VICE-PRESIDENT** – To appoint the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation Vice-President for a one-year term, pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation Bylaws. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to appoint Richard Hinojosa as vice-president for the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation for a one-year term, pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Laguna Vista CDC Bylaws, Council Member Reyes seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- D. ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – Potential action to appoint residents to the following advisory boards: (Mayor Houston)
 - i. CDC Board (1)

Mayor Houston made a motion to appoint Jack Shanks to the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation for a two-year term, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- ii. Library Board (4)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to appoint Lala Hinojosa to the Library Board for a two-year term, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Council Member Reyes made a motion to appoint Barbara Paterson to the Library Board for a two-year term, Council Member Meschi seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Council Member Meschi made a motion to appoint Lynn Bassford to the Library Board for a two-year term, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- iii. Ethics Board (1)

No action was taken for the Ethics Board appointment.

- E. **L.V.R.A. WORKSHOP** – To schedule the date for the workshop with the Laguna Vista Recreational Association (LVRA) Board to discuss proposed marina lease. (Mayor Houston)

Council Member Meschi made a motion to set the joint workshop between the Town Council and the Laguna Vista Recreational Association (LVRA) for Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm, Council Member Reyes seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- F. **CHARTER AMENDMENT COMMITTEE** – To discuss the creation of an ad hoc committee for possible charter amendments. (Mayor Houston)

Mayor Houston made a motion to direct the staff to advertise for applicants for a seven (7) member ad hoc committee for possible charter amendments, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

G. **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

- i. 2017 Great Texas Warrant Round Up

Rolando Vela informed the Council that we are currently working on the warrant roundup. Postcards were mailed out and the police department has been working the local warrants. The Town has a \$1.4 million dollar balance for outstanding warrants.

- ii. Laguna Vista CARES About its Pets

Rolando Vela stated that the Town is doing a Laguna Vista CARES campaign about pets. The kickoff will be Saturday, March 11, 2017 and continue during the month. We are hoping to educate people about being responsible for their pets. There was an article in the Valley Morning Star about our campaign, and Channel 5 may be here at one of our events.

- H. **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 legal issues pertaining to ongoing negotiations with LVRA.

Council Member Keplinger made a motion to go into executive session at 6:36 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 legal issues pertaining to ongoing negotiations with LVRA, Council Member Meschi seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Town Council came out of executive session at 7:15 pm.

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

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

J. ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE – To request that the attorney/client privilege be waived with the Council and L.V.R.A. during the workshop to ensure transparent and open communication. (Council Members Davalos and Smith)

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

Council Member Carter made a statement, in respect to the transparency, “I believe we will be able to work this situation out and know where they (LVRA) are coming from and where we (Town Council) are coming from. Once the workshop is done I think we will all be on the same page and work together.”

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Keplinger made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:18 pm, Council Member Reyes seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary



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