

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: April 11, 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  
Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6  
  
Rolando Vela, City Manager  
Ricardo Morado, City Attorney  
Tony David, Police Chief  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: All Present

ALSO PRESENT: Victor Worrell, Citizen  
Gunter Gunchis (sp), Citizen  
Rusty Justice, Citizen  
Felicia Justice, Citizen  
Richard Lane, Citizen  
Stephanie Wilson, Citizen  
Jason Wilson, Citizen  
Martha McClain, Citizen  
Johvonne Howard, Citizen  
Juan Lopez, Port Isabel

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 – All Present.**

**4. OPEN FORUM:** None

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

**A. MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2017 Special Meeting. (City Secretary)

**Council Member Reyes made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2017 Special Meeting, Council Member Meschi seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**B. PROCLAMATION** – To approve a Proclamation designating April 2017 as Fair Housing Month in Laguna Vista. (City Manager)

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the Proclamation designating April 2017 as Fair Housing Month in Laguna Vista, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**C. PROCLAMATION** – To approve a Proclamation designating the month of April 2017 as National Autism Awareness Month. (Mayor Houston)

**Mayor Houston made a motion to approve a Proclamation designating the month of April 2017 as National Autism Awareness Month, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**D. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-11** – To approve Resolution Number 2017-11 opposing SB 2113 and any attempt to consolidate school districts in Cameron County. (Mayor Houston)

**Mayor Houston made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2017-11 opposing SB 2113 and any attempt to consolidate school districts in Cameron County, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**E. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

**i. 2017 Great Texas Warrant Round Up**

Rolando Vela informed the Council that approximately \$20,000 was collected in the local warrant roundup. The police department continues to work on outstanding warrants.

**ii. Laguna Vista CARES “About its Pets”**

Rolando Vela stated that the microchip clinic was held in Roloff Park, by a local Veterinarian. This is a continuance effort to educate pet owners. We also have a new animal ordinance in place.

**iii. Easter Egg Hunt**

Rolando Vela stated that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 10 am.

**iv. Earth Day**

Rolando Vela stated that Madeleine Sandefur and her volunteers will be holding an Earth Day event in Roloff Park on April 22, 2017. Event will be from 10 am to 1 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**v. Court of Appeals Hearing**

Rolando Vela informed the Council that Judge Leal has ruled in favor of Laguna Vista and Brownsville has filed an appeal. The Court of Appeals Hearing is set for May 17, 2017 at 9 am, in Edinburg, Texas.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Keplinger made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:18 pm, Council Member Reyes 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



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