

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: May 9, 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 Pro Tem
Gary Meschi, Councilmember Place 5
Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6
Johvonne Howard, Councilmember Elect Place 2
Rolando Gonzalez, Councilmember Elect Place 4

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Lane, Citizen
Carole A. Benham, Citizen
Helen Delgadillo, Citizen
Maile Worrell, Citizen
Victor Worrell, Citizen
Irma Cantu, Citizen
Anna Gonzalez, Port Isabel
Wally Gonzalez, Port Isabel
Williamson, Citizen
Ellen Snyder, Citizen
Gary Snyder, Citizen
David Lohse, Citizen
Bennie Ochoa, Cameron County JP
G. Gonzalez,
Magdalena Gonzalez, Citizen
Herb Houston, Citizen

Hank Etheridge, Citizen
Elizabeth Etheridge, Citizen
Jim Thornton, Riders for Christ Member
Martha McClain, Citizen
Jimmy Vela, Port Isabel
Sandalio Mercado, San Benito

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 Jim Thornton.

3. Roll Call/Excused Absences – All Present

4. PROCLAMATION – A proclamation designating May 2017 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

Mayor Houston read and presented the proclamation to three motorcycle clubs.

5. OPEN FORUM:

Richard Lane addressed the council expressing concern about the street improvements done on FM 510. He stated that he spoke with representatives from TxDOT and did not get his questions answered. He stated that there are harmful chemicals in the material used for the street repairs.

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

A. MINUTES – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

B. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-12 – To approve Resolution Number 2017-12 to canvass the results of the Laguna Vista General and Special Election of May 6, 2017. (City Secretary)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2017-12 to canvass the results of the Laguna Vista General and Special Election of May 6, 2017, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Mayor Houston mentioned that Rolando Gonzalez, our new Council Member is celebrating his birthday today.

C. OATH OF OFFICE – Administration of Oath to incoming Elected Officials. (City Secretary)

Justice of the Peace Bennie Ochoa swore in Mayor Susie Houston.

Justice of the Peace Bennie Ochoa also swore in Council Members Michael Carter, Johvonne Howard, and Rolando Gonzalez.

Municipal Judge Helen Delgadillo swore in Council Member Frank Davalos.

D. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

i. May 17, 2017 Court of Appeals Hearing

Rolando Vela stated that there will be a hearing concerning the judgement by Judge Leal. The hearing will be at 10 AM, on May 17, 2017, in Edinburg, Texas. This hearing is opened to the public.

ii. Memorial Day

Rolando Vela stated that the Parade and Ceremony for Memorial day is set for Monday, May 29, 2017 at 5 PM. Colonel Hill from Marine Military Academy will be the speaker.

iii. Library Summer Program

Rolando Vela stated that the Library will begin its’ Summer Program in June. We have a partnership with the Point Isabel I.S.D., that serves breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday. There are projects for the kids to do every day.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Keplinger made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:27 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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