

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: January 10, 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
Julio Olguin, Fire Chief
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: All Present

ALSO PRESENT: Arden Curts, Citizen
Bill Beatty, Citizen
Rusty Justice, Citizen
Felicia Justice, Citizen
Janie Petty, Citizen
Taylor Houston, Citizen
Silke de Gobeo, Citizen
Martha McClain, Citizen
Corrine Jeters, 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 Meschi.

3. Roll Call/Excused Absences – All members present.

- 4. OPEN FORUM:** At this time, audience is allowed 5 minutes per person to address the Council on any topic. There is no discussion or formal action taken during this agenda item. The speaker must identify before speaking. A Speaker Request Form must be presented to the City Secretary prior to the meeting.

Bill Beatty addressed the Council concerning the animal problem in town. He stated that he is not in favor of animal cruelty. The animal problem in Laguna Vista is a people problem. He stated that when he walks he carries several sprays with him to spray dogs. His wife is afraid to walk the dogs for fear of being attacked. The town needs to consider a full time animal control officer.

Arden Curts addressed the Council about the animal control problem in town. His wife was attacked and bitten by a loose dog several weeks ago. The police department has followed up and done a great job. We have more dogs than we need in Laguna Vista. I suggest adopting an ordinance that requires licensing of all dogs. An animal control officer should be in place.

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

- A. 2015-16 AUDIT PRESENTATION** – Presentation of the 2015-16 fiscal year audit by Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP. (City Manager)

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the 2015-16 audit report as presented from Pattillo, Brown & Hill, Council Member Reyes seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- B. MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the Council minutes from the December 13, 2016 regular meeting, with the correction to a typo on page 2, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- C. DELIVERY SYSTEM REFORM INCENTIVE PAYMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT** – To adopt the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Services Agreement for the Fiscal Year 2016-17. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve the agreement for the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Services, for \$68,000, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- D. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-01** – First Reading – To consider the first reading of Ordinance Number 2017-01 adopting an anti-litter ordinance. (City Manager)

Council member Smith mentioned that the roll off containers used during construction do not have a cover, and should probably be mentioned in the ordinance.

E. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-02 – To approve Resolution Number 2017-02 urging State Representative Rene Oliveira and State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., to take no action that could weaken and limit the application of House Bill 4059, which was signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott in 2015. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2017-02 urging State Representative Rene Oliveira and State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., to take no action against House Bill 4059, Council Member Reyes seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

F. ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS – Potential action to appoint residents to the Community Development Corporation (CDC) Board. (City Manager)

Council Member Keplinger made a motion to appoint Randy Furbey to the CDC board, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Council Member Smith made a motion to appoint Victor Worrell to the CDC board, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Council Member Davalos made a motion to appoint Norris Fletcher to the CDC board, contingent that he resign from one or both of the advisory board that he currently holds, Council Member Meschi seconded. Council Member Reyes opposed the motion. All other voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

G. LAGUNA MADRE YOUTH CENTER – Consideration and action to fund the Laguna Madre Youth Center (formerly the Boys and Girls Club of Laguna Madre). (Mayor Houston)

Taylor Houston made a presentation to the Council explaining that the Boys and Girls Club is no longer a member of the National Organization, they have dissolved the Club. The new name is Laguna Madre Youth Center, which has been set up as 501C. They are looking for donations from the surrounding entities. Currently they are serving only 74 kids and have a waiting list of about 75 kids. There are only 4 part-time employees and 74 kids is the limit for the employees.

Council Member Reyes suggested that board members should be bankers, and business people that have connections in the community.

Ricardo Morado reminded the Council that the Town cannot make donations to an organization, it must be under a service contract.

Council Member Carter asked how much we have provided to the Boys and Girls Club. Rolando Vela stated that the Town issued a check for \$5,000 in August for last fiscal year and \$5,000 in October for 2016-17 fiscal year.

Ricardo Morado stated that if the Town has given them \$5,000 under contract and they have dissolved the Boys and Girls Club, they are in breach of the contract.

No action was taken on the Laguna Madre Youth Center agenda item.

H. 2011 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION – Update on the 2011 Certificates of Obligation. (City Manager)

Rolando Vela informed the Council that the Certificates of Obligation account has a balance of \$15,140. There was no activity in the account during the month.

I. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

i. Solar Light Project

Rolando Vela stated that the solar light panels have been installed and we are waiting for AEP final inspection.

ii. Orange Lane Street Improvements

Rolando Vela stated that the Engineer is currently working on the plans and getting ready to go out for construction bids.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Keplinger made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:00 pm, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary



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