

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

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

DATE: JANUARY 20, 2009

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stan Hulse, Mayor  
Rita Garcia, Mayor Protem  
Terri L. Galloway, Alderwoman  
Rafael Salazar, Alderman  
Richard Hinojosa, Alderman

Janice Cassidy, Town Attorney  
Pura Mireles, Library Director  
Robert McGinnis, Police Chief  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Ostos, Alderwoman

ALSO PRESENT: Greg Cruz, Port Isabel P.D.  
Sandra Cruz, Port Isabel  
Edward Meza, Port Isabel City Manager  
Mary Hartman, Citizen  
Geri Lightfoot, Visitor  
Richard Lane, Citizen  
Janie Petty, Citizen  
Janet Irwin, Citizen  
Ken Irwin, Citizen  
Gary Coffield, Citizen  
Linda Coffield, Citizen  
Bud Sherman, Citizen  
Trey Houston, Citizen  
James Barker, Citizen

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.  
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderman Salazar.

3. Roll Call – Alderwoman Ostos was absent.

4. OPEN FORUM:

Edward Meza expressed thanks to the Laguna Vista Police Department for assisting the Port Isabel Police Department with an incident on January 1, 2009.

Greg Cruz informed the Board that the Laguna Vista Police Department assisted the Port Isabel Police Department, when a subject with a gun was approached by the police. The Laguna Vista Police used the Taser gun on the subject to control him. This action saved the subject's life because the Port Isabel Police would probably have to use a regular gun to stop the subject. Mr. Cruz expressed appreciation to the Laguna Vista department for their help with the situation.

Mary Hartman addressed the Board with regard to the El Paseo Arts Foundation proclamation. She explained that the foundation is very active in the Laguna Madre area and hopes to recruit more members in the near future.

Janet Irwin announced that the Friends of the Library will hold an open house at the Library on Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 2 – 4 PM. She encouraged the board and public to attend and become members of the Friends of the Library to generate funds.

Mayor announced that there will be a Tri-City Meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, with the Town of South Padre Island, City of Port Isabel, and Town of Laguna Vista.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- a. PROCLAMATION – Paseo Arts Foundation for the Laguna Madre Area Arts & Humanities Month

- c. VOLUNTEER FIREMEN – Certificate of appreciation to James Barker, Jeremy Shaffer, Terri Galloway, Trey Houston, and Janie Petty.

Mayor presented certificates of appreciation to members of the Laguna Vista Volunteer Fire Department; James Barker, Jeremy Shaffer, Terri Galloway, Trey Houston, and Janie Petty, for an outstanding job during a first responder call that saved a woman's life.

- d. CITY MANAGER COMMITTEE – Certificate of appreciation to Janet Irwin, Gary Meschi, and Sherry Camacho

Mayor presented a certificate of appreciation to Janet Irwin for her research and work on the City Manager Committee. Certificates will be mailed to Gary Meschi and Sherry Camacho.

- 6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be 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 minutes from the December 9, 2008 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.
- b) LIBRARY MONEY MARKET – Consideration and action to approve the current obligations from the Library Money Market Account as of December 31, 2008 for \$29.30.
- c) CDC APPOINTMENTS – Consideration and action to confirm the re-appointments of George Paterson and Rafael Salazar to a two year term (Jan 2009-2011) to the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation (CDC).

Alderwoman Galloway made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as follows: a) approval of the minutes for the December 9, 2008 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting, b) approval of the \$29.30 current obligations from the Library Money Market Account, c) confirmation of the re-appointment of George Paterson and Rafael Salazar to a two year term (2009-2010) to the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation (CDC), motion was seconded by Alderwoman Garcia. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

- 7. NEW BUSINESS:

- B.** RESOLUTION NUMBER 2009-01 – Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution 2009-01 expressing concern and objection to the City of Brownsville extending strip annexations and annexations on small tracts of land. Alderwoman Galloway made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2009-01 expressing concern and objection to the City of Brownsville extending strip annexations and annexations on small tracts of land, motion was seconded by Alderman Hinojosa. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

**Alderman Salazar made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:40 p.m., second by Alderman Hinojosa. All voted “aye” to adjourn, motion carried.**

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Stan Hulse, Mayor

Attest:

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Alma Deckard, City Secretary