

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: September 12, 2017

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Michael Carter, Mayor Pro Tem
Johvonne Howard, Councilmember Place 2
Frank Davalos, Jr., Councilmember Place 3
Rolando Gonzalez, Councilmember Place 4
Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6

Rolando Vela, City Manager
Ricardo Morado, City Attorney
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Gary Meschi

ALSO PRESENT: Yolanda Birdwell, Citizen
George Paterson, Citizen
Madeleine Sandefur, Citizen
Marcus Cruz, Cruz-Hogan Engineers
Silke De Gobeo, Citizen
Sonia Beaty, Citizen
Bill Beaty, Citizen
Mary Alice Carlson, Citizen
Jacque Witsell, Citizen
Klan R. Castro, Citizen
Martha McClain, 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 George Paterson.
3. **Roll Call/Excused Absences** – Council Member Meschi was absent.
4. **OPEN FORUM:**
Madeleine Sandefur addressed the Council encouraging them to approve the Resolution opposing the border wall.
5. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - a) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2017 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)
 - b) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2017 Workshop Meeting. (City Secretary)
 - c) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2017 Special Meeting. (City Secretary)
 - d) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the August 29, 2017 Special Meeting. (City Secretary)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows; (a) approval of the minutes for the August 8, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, (b) approval of the minutes for the August 22, 2017 Workshop Council Meeting with the correction that Council Member Meschi was not present, (c) approval of the minutes for the August 22, 2017 Special Council Meeting with the correction that Council Member Meschi was not present, (d) approval of the minutes for the August 29, 2017 Special Council Meeting with the correction that Council Member Meschi was not present, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion, consideration and possible action on each of the following items:
 - A. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-22** – Second Reading – To adopt Ordinance Number 2017-22 adopting the 2017-18 fiscal year budget. (City Manager)
Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2017-22 adopting the 2017-18 fiscal year budget, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

B. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-23 – Second Reading – To adopt Ordinance Number 2017-23 adopting the 2017 ad valorem tax rate. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2017-23 to adopt the 2017 ad valorem tax rate, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

C. C.D.C. BYLAWS – Consideration and action to amend the bylaws of the Community Development Corporation. (City Manager)

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the amendments to the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation bylaws, as presented, Council member Howard seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

D. FIRST ANNUAL DU IT BY THE BAY DUATHLON – Consideration and action to participate in the 1st Annual Du It By the Bay Duathlon scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2018. (City Manager)

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the participation in the 1st Annual Du it By the Bay Duathlon on Sunday, January 28, 2018, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

E. C.D.C. PRESIDENT APPOINTMENT – Consideration and action to appoint the President of the Community Development Corporation. (City Manager)

Council Member Carter made a motion to appoint Jack Shanks as President of the Community Development Corporation for a one year term, Mayor Houston seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, and Gonzalez voted “aye” to approve. Council Member Howard and Davalos opposed motion, and Council Member Smith abstained from voting. Motion carried.

F. C.D.C. VICE PRESIDENT APPOINTMENT – Consideration and action to appoint the Vice President of the Community Development Corporation. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to appoint Jacque Witsell as the Vice-President of the Community Development Corporation for a one year term, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

G. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-24 - To approve Resolution Number 2017-24 to nominate a candidate for the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors, position nine. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2017-24 to nominate Ricardo Morado for the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors, position nine, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

H. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-25 – To approve Resolution Number 2017-25 in opposition to the construction of a border wall at Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge and the National Butterfly Center. (Council Members Smith and Davalos) Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2017-25 in opposition to the construction of a border wall at Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge and the National Butterfly Center, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

I. FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM PROCUREMENT POLICY – Consideration and action to approve the Federal Grant Program Procurement Policy for the Town of Laguna Vista. (City Manager) Council Member Howard made a motion to approve the Federal Grant Program Procurement Policy for the town of Laguna Vista, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

J. MUNICIPAL JUDGE – Discussion of interview and selection process for the Municipal Judge appointment. (City Manager) Council Member Smith made a motion to schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 5:30 pm, to interview Oscar Garcia, Lilia Pena, Abel Delgadillo and Luis Hernandez, for the municipal judge position, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion.

Council Member Carter made an amended motion to interview two municipal judge applicants; Luis Hernandez and Lilia Pena, there was no second, motion failed.

Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

K. BEACH BLVD STREET IMPROVEMENTS – Consideration and action to award the contract for street improvements for Beach Blvd. (City Manager) Council Member Howard made a motion to award the contract for the street improvements for Beach Blvd to G & T Paving Company for \$274,115, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

L. SMOKE FREE ORDINANCE – Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to prepare a smoke free ordinance. (Council Members Howard and Davalos)

Council Member Howard made a motion to authorize the City Manager to prepare a smoke free ordinance, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve. Council Member Carter opposed, motion carried.

M. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

i. Laguna Vista 5K/10K Run and Walk

Rolando Vela announced that a 5K/10K Run and Walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2017. There is a limit of 200 entries for the event.

ii. National Night Out

Rolando Vela stated that National Night Out is set for Monday, October 2, 2017 from 6 – 8 pm.

N. 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 City Attorney regarding legal issues pertaining to:



Marina Lease

Town Council did not go into executive session.

O. OPEN SESSION – Action, if any, on the items discussed in Executive Session.
No action.

P. L.V.R.A. LEASE – Consideration and possible action on approval of a lease agreement with the L.V.R.A. to lease the marina property.
No action.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:28 pm, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary