

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: December 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
Victor Worrell, 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: Linda Nelson, UTRGV
Mike Patriarca, UTRGV
Richard Lane, Citizen
Jenny Bell, Citizen
Bob Bell, Citizen
Jeannie A. Oehler, Pet Wellness Center
Margie Jacobs, Laguna Madre Youth Center
Bengie Villarreal, Laguna Madre Youth Center
David Woods, Laguna Madre Youth Center
Angel Rodriguez, Citizen
Stephanie Wilson, Citizen
Debbie Cadigan, Citizen
Madeleine Sandefur, Citizen
Bill Cara, Citizen
Mary Priest, Citizen
Roger Priest, Citizen
Karen Watt, Citizen
Frank Thompson, 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 Council Member Gonzalez.
3. **Roll Call/Excused Absences** – All Present
4. **PRESENTATION** – To present a check to the Laguna Madre Youth Center from the proceeds of the First Annual Laguna Vista 5k/10k Run.
Mayor Houston presented a check to the Laguna Madre Youth Center for \$2,255, which were the proceeds from the 5k/10k Run.
5. **PRESENTATION** – To announce the winners of the Christmas House Decorating Contest. (City Manager)
Mayor Houston announced the winners of the Christmas House Decorating Contest as follows:
 - 1st place – 202 Ebony Lane, Jose & Rosalva Rivera
 - 2nd place – 310 Orange Lane, Dina Rodriguez
 - 3rd place – 74 Laguna Madre Drive, Bob & Jenny Bell
6. **OPEN FORUM:** None
7. **NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion, consideration and possible action on each of the following items:
 - A. **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2017 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)
Council Member Worrell made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2017 Town Council Regular Meeting, with a correction to page 4, motion with amendment, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
 - B. **ROLOFF PARK SPECIAL USE PERMIT** – Consideration and possible action to consider a request from Dr. Jeannie A. Oehler for use of Roloff park on the third Saturday of each month for veterinary services. (City Manager)
Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the request, for a period of six (6) months, from Dr. Jeannie A. Oehler for use of Roloff Park on the third Saturday of each month for veterinary services, Mayor Houston seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- C. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-31** – Second Reading – To approve second reading of Ordinance Number 2017-31 repealing Ordinance Number 2016-05 and to adopt the current Building ICC Codes. (City Secretary)
Council Member Worrell made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2017-31 repealing Ordinance Number 2016-05 and to adopt the current Building ICC Codes, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
- D. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-32** – To approve Resolution Number 2017-32 appointing the official newspaper for Town publications for the 2017-18 fiscal year. (City Secretary)
Mayor Houston made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2017-32 appointing the official newspaper for Town publications for the 2017-18 fiscal year, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
- E. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-35** – To approve Resolution Number 2017-35 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, for funding under the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Regional Solid Waste Grant Program. (City Manager)
Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2017-35 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, for funding under the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Regional Solid Waste Grant Program, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
- F. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-36** – First Reading – To consider the first reading of Ordinance Number 2017-36 to create an overlay zone district and to adopt a wireless manual (Small Cell) Design Manual, providing for an effective date; providing for publication; providing for severability, and ordaining other provisions related to the subject matter thereof. (City Manager)
No action was taken on the first reading of Ordinance Number 2017-36.

- G. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-37** – First Reading – To consider the first reading of Ordinance Number 2017-37 proposing an amendment to the Home Rule Charter. (City Attorney)
No action was taken on the first reading for Ordinance Number 2017-37. Attorney Morado stated he would make certain changes to page 2, section 3 for the second reading.
- H. RESOLUTION NUMBER CDC-2017-03** – First Reading - To consider Resolution Number CDC-2017-03 authorizing a proposed project of the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation supporting and establishing a primary care family health clinic and providing for related matters. (Mayor Houston)
No action was taken on the first reading for Resolution Number CDC-2017-03.
- I. SPI GOLF CLUB** – Consideration and action to allocate HOT funds to SPI Golf Club and to authorize Town Staff to enter into a written agreement. (City Manager)
Council Member Gonzalez made a motion to approve allocating HOT funds to the SPI Golf Club and to authorize Town Staff to enter into a written agreement, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Council Member Carter abstained from voting. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
- J. TOWN PROPERTY PROMOTIONS** – Consideration and action to allow SPI Golf Club to install signage on Town-owned property. (City Manager)
Mayor Houston made a motion to allow the SPI Golf Club to install signage on Town-owned property, and begin the process to repeal Ordinance Number 31-A concerning signage, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Council Member Carter abstained from voting. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
- K. BURN PERMIT** – Consideration and possible action to approve a burn permit to the SPI Golf Club. (City Manager)
Mayor Houston made a motion to approve a burn permit for a period of two (2) years to the SPI Golf Club, with the Laguna Vista VFD monitoring the burns, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Council Member Carter abstained from voting. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.


- L. **RGV WALK OF FAME** – To consider participating in the Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame. (City Manager)
Council Member Carter made a motion to participate in the Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame, Council Member Howard seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
- M. **BRONZE PLAQUES** – Consideration and possible action to approve funding for three bronze plaques for the Aircraft Carrier Memorial in Veterans Park. (City Manager)
Council Member Carter made a motion to approve funding, from the Certificates of Obligation Account, for the three, 24” x 24” bronze plaques, on stands, for the Aircraft Carrier Memorial in Veterans Park, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
- N. **IT SERVICE AGREEMENT** – Consideration and action to approve the service agreement with Net-Link, Inc. for IT services. (City Manager)
Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the service agreement with Net-Link, Inc. for IT services, for a one year agreement for the fiscal year 2017-18, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
- O. **TIME TEXAS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE** – To consider participating in the Time Texas Community Challenge on Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Port Isabel High School. (Mayor Houston)
Council Member Davalos made a motion to participate in the Time Texas Community Challenge on Thursday, January 11, 2018 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Port Isabel High School, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
- P. **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**
- i. Roloff Park Tree Decorating Contest
Rolando Vela stated that the Laguna Madre Christian Academy won 1st place for the Tree Decorating Contest. The Bay Area Christian Academy won 2nd place and Friends of the Library won 3rd place.
 - ii. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Rolando Vela stated that the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was a great success. This was probably the largest turn out we've had and the kids had a great time.

- Q. 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 §551.074 to deliberate the evaluation of a Public Officer or Employee,

 City Manager – Rolando Vela

and Section §551.071; consultation with City Attorney regarding legal issues pertaining to:

 Marina Lease

Council Member Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 7:37 pm, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, pursuant to Section §551.074 to deliberate the evaluation of a Public Officer or Employee; City Manager – Rolando Vela; and Section §551.071 consultation with City Attorney regarding legal issues pertaining to the Marina Lease, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Town Council came out of executive session at 8:25 pm.

- R. OPEN SESSION** – Action, if any, on the items discussed in Executive Session.
No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.
- S. 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 was taken on the LVRA marina lease agreement.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Worrell made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:26 pm, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary