

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: April 10, 2018

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Wilson, Citizen
Jason Wilson, Citizen
Curt Chamberlain, Citizen
Debbie Chamberlain, Citizen
Gunter Gmelin, Citizen
Marlies Gmelin, Citizen
Abel Delgadillo, Citizen
Tyler Frances, Citizen
Ana Frances, Citizen
Cherrie Camacho, Citizen
Travis Camacho, Citizen
Martha McClain, Citizen
Dylan Legere, Citizen
Richard Legere, Citizen
Jeremiah Lopez, Citizen
Nathan Gonzalez, Citizen
Corbin Robinson, Port Isabel
Rusty Justice, Citizen
Maile Worrell, 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 Jeremiah Lopez.

3. Roll Call/Excused Absences

Council Member Davalos made a motion to excuse Council Member Smith from tonight’s meeting, due to illness, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

4. OPEN FORUM:

Curt Chamberlain addressed the Council stating he found an map from 1960 in his house. The map had advertisements showing lots sold with a \$10 down payment. He gave the documents to the Mayor for historical purposes.

Stephanie Wilson addressed the Council expressing thanks for the proclamation on the agenda for Autism Awareness Month. She encouraged everyone to do the Autism challenge, which consists of 24 hours without any verbal communication. The challenge would also include texting and/or emailing. The challenge helped her understand what a person with autism lives with every day.

5. PROCLAMATION – A proclamation designating the month of April as National Autism Awareness Month. (Mayor Houston)

Mayor read and presented the proclamation, to Stephanie Wilson, designating April 2018 National Autism Awareness Month.

6. PROCLAMATION – A proclamation recognizing Tyler Francis as Eagle Scout from Troop 59. (Mayor Houston)

Mayor read and presented a proclamation to Tyler Francis for his project as an Eagle Scout.

7. PROCLAMATION – A proclamation recognizing Travis Camacho as Eagle Scout from Troop 59. (Mayor Houston)

Mayor read and presented a proclamation to Travis Camacho for his project as an Eagle Scout.

8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

a) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2018 Special Meeting. (City Secretary)

b) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2018 Joint Workshop with the LVRA. (City Secretary)

Council Member Worrell made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows; (a) approval of the minutes from the March 19, 2018 Special Council Meeting, with the correction by Mayor Houston that page 2, number 4 should read 15% not 15 feet, (b) approval of the minutes from the March 26, 2018 Workshop Council Meeting, with corrections made prior to the meeting and revised minutes were presented to the Council, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

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

A. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-10** – Second Reading – To approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2018-10 repealing Ordinance Number 2017-04 to update the animal control regulations. (City Manager)

Council Member Worrell made a motion to amend Ordinance Number 2018-10, Page 8, Article VI, #2 and delete the word “received,” Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, and Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Council Member Howard made a motion concerning the section referring to tying the dog Council Member Howard withdrew motion.

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2018-10, repealing Ordinance Number 2017-04 to update the animal control regulations, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

B. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-11** – Second Reading – To approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2018-11 approving negotiations for the Texas Gas Service cost of service adjustment (COSA). (City Manager)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2018-11 approving negotiations for the Texas Gas service cost of service adjustment (COSA), Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

C. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-13 – First Reading – To consider the first reading of Ordinance Number 2018-13 amending the 2017-18 budget. (City Manager)

No action was taken for the first reading of Ordinance Number 2018-13 amending the 2017-18 budget.

D. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-14 – To approve Resolution Number 2018-14 adopting the Civil Rights Policy for the Town. (City Manager)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2018-14 adopting the Civil Rights Policy for the Town, Mayor Houston seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

E. ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES – To ratify the action of the County Commissioners Court to select the Metamorphosis firm at its April 3, 2018 meeting for site development and building design for the Visitors’ Center to be built on the Town-owned 23 acres. (City Manager)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to ratify the action of the County Commissioners Court to select the Metamorphosis firm at its April 3, 2018 meeting for site development and building design for the Visitor’s Center to be built on the town-owned 23 acres, Mayor Houston seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

F. ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS – Consideration and action to appoint residents to the following advisory boards: (City Manager)

i. Library Board (2)

No action was taken for the Library Board appointments.

ii. Board of Adjustments (1)

No action was taken for the Board of Adjustments appointment.

G. 2nd QUARTER FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT – Presentation on the Second Quarter Financial Performance Report (January – March 2018). (City Manager)

Rolando Vela informed the Council that as of 03/31/18, tax collection is at 96.09%; the budget is for \$940,829 with 911,000 received. This can be attributed to the increase in taxable values and new houses.

Sales tax has exceeded the 50% collection at the half year mark. Court fines are a little low for mid-year.

H. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

i. UTRGV Health Clinic

Rolando Vela stated that the UTRGV Health Clinic is set to open on May 1st. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be sometime in June. We will be inviting State and County Officials.


ii. Memorial Day Ceremony

Rolando Vela informed the Council that the Memorial Day Ceremony will be May 25, 2018 at 5:30 pm. We will have the unveiling of the bronze plaques for the bollards.

iii. Visitors' Center and 23 Acres Master Plan

Rolando Vela stated that Metamorphosis is the company that was hired to design the Visitors' Center. Contract will be signed soon and a site plan will be presented to the Council.

- I. **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

Council Member Howard made a motion to go into executive session at 7:21 pm, 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, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Town Council came out of executive session at 7:31 pm.

- J. **OPEN SESSION** – Action, if any, on the item discussed in Executive Session.
No action was taken as a result of executive session.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Davalos made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:31 pm, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary