

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: May 8, 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
Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: All Present

ALSO PRESENT: Jose Cantu, Citizen
Gary Snyder, Port Isabel
Gary Stone, Citizen
Jerry Harbin, Citizen
Lisa Harbin, Citizen
Carole A Benham, Citizen
Wanda Reyes, Citizen
Rusty Justice, Citizen
Felicia Justice, Citizen
Jacob Baker, Citizen
Larry DeFrancs, Citizen
Andy Jones, Conservation Fund
Silke DeGobeo, Citizen
David Lohse, 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 Pastor Gary Stone.
3. **Roll Call/Excused Absences** – All Present
4. **PROCLAMATION** – A proclamation declaring May 2018 Motorcycle Awareness Month.
Mayor Houston read and presented the Motorcycle Awareness Proclamation to Riders for Christ group.
5. **PRESENTATION** – A presentation by Andy Jones on the Conservation Fund’s efforts in Laguna Vista.
Andy Jones addressed the Council describing the property behind the SPI Golf Club area that is now owned by the Conservation Fund. He explained that they will be installing a fence because people have been going in there with four-wheelers.

6. **OPEN FORUM:**

Jose Cantu addressed the Council concerning the practice field. He stated that his softball team has been practicing, but the fields need to be fixed. This will allow us to also hold tournaments here in Laguna Vista.

Wanda Reyes addressed the Council concerning the charter amendment on the May 5, 2018 ballot. She stated that it was a sham the way some council members presented the amendment to the public. Scare tactics, were used, stating that the marina would be something else other than a marina. It is an embarrassment how it was presented and you should be ashamed of yourselves.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion, consideration and possible action on each of the following items:
 - A. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-13** – Second Reading – To consider the second reading of Ordinance Number 2018-13 amending the 2017-18 budget.
Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2018-13 amending the 2017-18 budget, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
 - B. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-15** – To approve Resolution Number 2018-15 of the Town of Laguna Vista finding that AEP Texas Inc’s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the Town should be denied; finding that the Town’s reasonable rate case expenses shall be

reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this Resolution to the company and legal counsel.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2018-15, finding that AEP Texas Inc’s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates should be denied, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

C. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-16 – To approve Resolution Number 2018-16 authorizing the Police Chief to submit a grant application number 3187103 to the Texas Governor’s Office for the Solicitation of Operation Stonegarden. (Chief David)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2018-16 authorizing the Police Chief to submit a grant application number 3187103 to the Texas Governor’s Office for the Solicitation of Operation Stonegarden, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

D. MINUTES – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2018 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2018 Regular Meeting, with the correction on page 3, item 8b, should read 15% not 14%, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

E. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

I. UTRGV Health Clinic

Rolando Vela stated that the UTRGV Health Clinic opened on May 7, 2018. There is an in-house lab in the clinic. The sign will be installed shortly. We are scheduling a ribbon cutting for sometime in June.

II. Memorial Day

Rolando Vela stated that the Memorial Day parade and ceremony will be held Monday, May 28, 2018 at 5:00 and 5:30 pm. We will also have the unveiling of the bronze plaques.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION – There will be an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, pursuant 551.071; consultation with City Attorney regarding legal issues pertaining to:

Council Member Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 6:31 pm, in accordance with the Texas Government Code, pursuant to 551.071; consultation with City Attorney regarding legal issues pertaining to: 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 7:00 pm.

G. OPEN SESSION – Consideration and possible action, if any on the item discussed in Executive Session.

No action was taken after executive session.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:01 pm, Council Member Carter 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