

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

MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: August 7, 2018  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor  
Frank Davalos, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem  
Michael Carter, Councilmember Place 1  
Rolando Gonzalez, Councilmember Place 4  
Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6  
  
Rolando Vela, City Manager  
Tony David, Police Chief  
Zack Tamayo, Fire Chief  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Johvonne Howard, Councilmember Place 2  
Victor Worrell, Councilmember Place 5

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Barsdisbanian, 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**

**Mayor Houston made a motion to excuse Council Member Howard from this workshop, due to a conflict, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**Council Member Smith made a motion to excuse Council Member Worrell from this workshop, due to medical reasons, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**4. 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET & 2018 TAX RATE** – Discussion of the 2018-19 Fiscal Year Budget and the 2018 Tax Rate. (City Manager)

The Council discussed the different options presented for the M&O and I&S tax rates.

Rolando Vela explained there is a surplus of \$15,000 in I&S that can be reduced to increase the M&O rate. He stated that the proposed budget calls for \$1,712,381.00 in revenues and \$1,608,761.00 in expenditures. This does not include salary increases or the wish list from department heads.

Council Member Carter stated that we should probably not reduce the I&S because something could happen, such as a hurricane. If we can't make the payment then we will be in default.

Council reviewed the revenue accounts and expenditure accounts for each department, amending line items. A revised proposed budget will be presented at the regular Town Council meeting on August 14, 2018.

It was the consensus of the Council to go with Option 1 for the tax rate as follows:

0.319624	M&O with a revenue of \$964,218.00
<u>0.034500</u>	I&S with a revenue of \$104,077.00
0.354124	Total tax rate

The Council agreed to go with the 3% salary increase for each employee for a total increase to the budget of \$30,500.

**5. 2018 TAX RATE** – Consideration and possible action to set the proposed 2018 ad valorem tax rate and to schedule public hearing date. (City Manager)

**Council Member Carter made a motion to set the proposed 2018 ad valorem tax rate at \$0.354124; M&O will be \$0.319625 and I&S will be \$0.034500, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:03 pm, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

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Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

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Alma Deckard, City Secretary