

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

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: October 16, 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
Johvonne Howard, Councilmember Place 2
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: Priscilla Garza, Citizen
Maile Worrell, Citizen
Bubba Vann, Citizen
Silke De Gobeo, Citizen
Michelle Doll, Citizen
Rusty Justice, Citizen
Felicia Justice, Citizen
Duvie Alcozer, Citizen
David Garza, Cameron County Commissioner
John Percy, Harlingen, Texas
Jesse Galvan, 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 Mayor Houston.
3. **Roll Call/Excused Absences** – All members present.
4. **OPEN FORUM**

Priscilla Garza addressed the Council concerning first responders training and time to answer calls. She stated she was speaking on behalf of Joey Alvarez' family, stating that if first responders had gotten there sooner he would still be alive. She has been told that Laguna Vista did away with training for the volunteer firemen. Why don't we have training for the first responders and why don't the police officers know how to use an AED. Why are they not in their police units? If the city can't afford it, we need to apply for grants for equipment for the first responders and police officers.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion, consideration and possible action on each of the following items:
 - A. **SOUTH TEXAS ECO-TOURISM CENTER PRESENTATION** – Presentation by County Commissioner David Garza of the schematic of the South Texas Eco-Tourism Center. (City Manager)

Commissioner David Garza presented a power point presentation for the South Texas Eco Tourism Center. With a layout of the building and pathways that will be accessible for wheel chairs and visually impaired.

- B. **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2018 Town Council Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2018 Town Council Regular Meeting, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- C. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018 - 25** – Second Reading – To approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2018-25 in repealing Ordinance Number 2004-39 and adopt new rates and fees for the Town of Laguna Vista. (City Manager)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to table the second reading of Ordinance Number 2018-25 repealing Ordinance Number 2004-39, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- D. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-27** – First Reading – To consider the first reading of Ordinance Number 2018-27 establishing fees and regulations for a dockless vehicle permit program in the Town of Laguna Vista, providing a savings clause and effective date,; and providing a penalty not to exceed \$500. (Mayor Houston)

No action was taken on the first reading of Ordinance 2018-27 establishing fees and regulations for the dockless vehicle.

- E. REZONING** – Consideration and action to approve the rezoning of Block 452, Lots 1 and 2, located at the corner of David Cuervo and Santa Isabel Blvd., from single family residence to Central Business District 1 as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. (City Manager)

No action was taken on the rezoning for Block 452, Lots 1 and 2.

- F. REPLATTING** – Consideration and action to approve the replatting of South Padre Golf Club, Parcel 18C, Lots 15-24 as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. (City Manager)

Council Member Howard made a motion to approve the replatting of South Padre Golf Club, Parcel 18C, Lots 15-24 as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, Council Member Carter abstained from voting, motion carried.

- G. PROPOSAL** – Consideration and action to enter into a contract with Alexander Business Development for consulting services. (City Manager)

Council Member Smith made a motion to table the proposal to enter into a contract with Alexander Business Development for consulting services, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Member Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

H. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT


- i. Boo Bash by the Bay

Rolando Vela stated that the Boo Bash by the Bay is set for Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

- ii. Veterans Day

Rolando Vela stated that the Veterans Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, November 12, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

- 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 Carter made a motion to go into executive session at 7:24 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 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 7:40 pm.

- J. OPEN SESSION** – Action, if any, on the item discussed in Executive Session.

Council Member Worrell made a motion to authorize legal to modify the lease agreement, item 4.3, as instructed in executive session, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, Council Member Smith abstained from voting, motion carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:42 pm, Council Member Davalos 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