

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: November 13, 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  
Ricky Gonzalez, Police Lt.  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: All Present

ALSO PRESENT: Cris De Gobeo, Citizen  
Owen Schierenbeck, Citizen  
Silke De Gobeo, 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 Smith.

**3. Roll Call/Excused Absences** – All present. Council Member Howard arrived late.

**4. OPEN FORUM:** None.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Council and will be enacted for approval by one motion. There will not be

a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

- a) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2018 Workshop.
- b) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2018 Regular Meeting.

**Council Member Worrell made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows; (a) approval of the minutes from the October 16, 2018 Workshop, (b) approval of the minutes from the October 16, 2018 Special Meeting, with the correction of the listing to members present and members absent, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

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

- A. **SECOND ANNUAL DU IT BY THE BAY DUATHLON** – Consideration and action to sponsor the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Du It By the Bay Duathlon scheduled for Sunday, January 27, 2019. (City Manager)

**Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the Second Annual Du It by the Bay Duathlon, and authorize the City Manager to prepare a service agreement for the event, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**Council Member Howard arrived for meeting at 6:15 pm.**

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

**Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2018-25 repealing Ordinance Number 2004-39 and adopting new rates and fees for the Town of Laguna Vista, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

- C. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-28** – First Reading – To consider the first reading of Ordinance Number 2018-28 to rezone Lots 1 and 2 of Block 452, located at the corner of David Cuervo and Santa Isabel Blvd, from Single Family Residential (R-1) to Central Business District (CBD-2). (City Manager)

**No action was taken on the first reading of Ordinance Number 2018-28. Ricardo Morado stated that the ordinance should be corrected from CBD2 CBD1.**

- D. PETITION FOR ANNEXATION** – Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to formally submit the Petition for Annexation to include the 10 acres where the South Texas Eco-Tourism Center will be built as an addition and part of the Laguna Madre Water District. (City Manager)

**Council Member Worrell made a motion to authorize the City Manager to formally submit the Petition for Annexation to include the 10 acres where the South Texas Eco-Tourism Center will be built as an addition and part of the Laguna Madre Water District, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

- E. TDA 2019-2020** - Consideration and action to accept the recommendation of the Review Committee to award the engineering services for the 2019-2020 TDA Grant. (City Manager)

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to award the engineering services for the 2019-2020 TDA Grant to Cruz-Hogan Engineers, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

- F. AUDITING SERVICES** – Consideration and action to contract with Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP to perform auditing services for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2018. (City Manager)

**Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the contract with Pattillo, Brown, & Hill, LLP to perform the auditing services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

- G. ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – Consideration and action to appoint residents to the following advisory boards:

- i. Library Board (1)

**No appointment was made to the Library Board.**

ii. Parks Board (1)

**No appointment was made to the Parks Board.**

iii. CDC Board (1)

**No appointment was made to the CDC Board.**

iv. Planning and Zoning Commission (3)

**Council Member Smith made a motion to appoint Silke DeGobeo to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 2 year term, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to appoint Owen Schierenbeck to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 2 year term, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**Mayor Houston made a motion to appoint Leigh West to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 2 year term Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**H. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL** – Consideration and action to consider the proposal by Alexander Business Development to assist the Town in upgrading the Parks Master Plan. (City Manager)

**Mayor Houston made a motion to approve the proposal by Alexander Business Development to assist the Town in upgrading the Parks Master Plan . . . motion died for lack of second.**

**I. RGV WALK OF FAME** – Discussion and possible action on the nomination and selection process for the Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame. (City Manager)

**Council Member Smith made a motion to obtain applications from citizens in the community for the Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame and submit to the Town Council for final approval, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**J. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

- i. Veterans Day Ceremony

**Rolando Vela stated that we had a great turn out for the Veterans Ceremony on Monday, November 12, 2018.**

- ii. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

**Rolando Vela stated that the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is set for Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 5:30 pm. The Grinch will be here to entertain the kids and several kids’ groups are scheduled to perform.**

- K. 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 issued pertaining to:

 **Marina Lease**

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to go into executive session at 7:03 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 Gonzalez 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 7:13 pm.**

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

**Council Member Carter made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the marina lease as discussed in executive session, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell voted “aye” to approve. Council Member Smith abstained from voting. Motion carried.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:14 pm, Council Member Howard seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

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Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

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Alma Deckard, City Secretary