

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: December 11, 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
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: Johvonne Howard, Councilmember Place 2
Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Lerma, Police Officer
Silke DeGobeo, Citizen
Jeanne Oehler, South Padre Island

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** – Council Members Howard and Smith were absent.

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

4. **OPEN FORUM:** None.
5. **PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION** – To recognize Senior Officer Frank Lerma on his retirement and for his years of service to the Town of Laguna Vista.

Mayor Houston recognized Senior Officer Frank Lerma on his retirement and presented him with a plaque for his 17 years of service with the Town of Laguna Vista.

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

- A. **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

Council Member Worrell made a motion to approve the minutes from the Town Council regular meeting on November 13, 2018, with the correction to the name spelling of Silke DeGobeo, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- B. **ROLOFF PARK SPECIAL USE PERMIT** – Consideration and possible action to consider a request from Dr. Jeannie A. Oehler for use of Roloff Park on the second Saturday of each month for veterinary services. (City Manager)

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the request from Dr. Jeannie Oehler for use of Roloff Park on the second Saturday of each month for veterinary services, for six months, Mayor Houston seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- C. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-28** – Second Reading – To approve the second 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-1). (City Manager)

Council Member Worrell made a motion to approve the second 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-1), Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- D. **REPLATTING** – Consideration and action to approve the replatting of South Padre Island Golf Club, Parcel 17B, Lots 13 – 44, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission. (City Manager)

Council Member Gonzalez made a motion to approve the replatting of South Padre Island Golf Club, Parcel 17B, Lots 13 – 44, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, Council Member Carter abstained from voting. Motion carried.

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

i. Library Board

Council Member Davalos made a motion to appoint James Baxter to the Library Board for a two year term, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

ii. Parks Board

Council Member Davalos made a motion to appoint Sonia Harry to the Parks & Recreation Board for a two year term, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

iii. CDC Board

Mayor Houston made a motion to appoint Kathy Bardisbanian to the CDC Board for a two year term, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

F. ANNEXATION – Discussion on whether the Town Council wishes to consider annexing the area in Laguna Heights located within the Town’s ETJ. (City Manager)

No action was taken on the agenda item concerning the Laguna Heights located within the Town’s ETJ.

G. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-29 – To approve Resolution Number 2018-29 to urge State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. and State Representative-Elect Alex Dominguez to file legislation to assist the Town in acquiring the 8 acres between Bridgeview Condos and Paradise Cove for a community-wide park. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2018-29 to urge State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., and State Representative-Elect Alex Dominguez to file legislation to assist the Town in acquiring the 8 acres between Bridgeview Condos and Paradise Cove for a community-wide park,

Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- H. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-30** – To approve Resolution Number 2018-30 of the Town Council of the Town of Laguna Vista, Cameron County, Texas, to authorize the Laguna Vista Fire Chief to submit a grant to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant. (Public Safety Director)

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2018-30 to authorize the Laguna Vista Fire Chief to submit a grant to Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- I. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-31** – To approve Resolution Number 2018-31 of the Town Council of the Town of Laguna Vista, Cameron County, Texas, to authorize the Laguna Vista Fire Chief to submit a grant to the 2018-19 Lowe’s Small Grants Program. (Public Safety Director)

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2018-31 to authorize the Laguna Vista Fire Chief to submit a grant to the 2018-19 Lowe’s Small Grants Program, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- J. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-32** – To approve Resolution Number 2018-32 of the Town Council of the Town of Laguna Vista, Cameron County, Texas, to authorize the Laguna Vista Fire Chief to submit a grant to the Texas A & M Forestry Service House Bill 2604 Grant. (Public Safety Director)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2018-32 to authorize the Laguna Vista Fire Chief to submit a grant to the Texas A&M Forestry Service House Bill 2604 Grant, with a 10% match from the Town, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- K. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-33** – To approve Resolution Number 2018-33 of the Town Council of the Town of Laguna Vista, Cameron County, Texas, to authorize the Laguna Vista Fire Chief to submit a grant to the 2018-19 Wal Mart Foundation Community Grant Program. (Public Safety Director)

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-33 to authorize the Laguna Vista Fire Chief to submit a grant to the 2018-19 Wal Mart Foundation Community Grant Program, Council Member Davalos

seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- L. FIREWORK DISPLAY** – Consideration and action to authorize City Manager to secure sponsorships for a firework display for the Town’s Independence Day Celebration. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to authorize the City Manager to obtain sponsorships for the Independence Day firework display, with the date and location to be determined, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- M. AUDIT COMMITTEE** – Consideration and action to appoint three (3) members to the Audit Committee. (City Manager)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to appoint Mayor Houston, Council Member Carter and Citizen Rafael Salazar to the Audit Committee, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

N. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- i. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Rolando Vela stated that the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was a great success. The Grinch, which was played by him was a big hit.

- ii. Parks Master Plan

Rolando Vela stated that the Parks Board was supposed to meet yesterday, however we did not have a quorum. He is currently working on the SurveyMonkey for the parks, and hopefully will be completed by February 1, 2019.

- O. 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 Worrell made a motion to go into executive session at 6:50 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 issued pertaining to: Marina Lease, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Town Council came out of executive session at 7:00 pm.

P. OPEN SESSION – Action, if any, on the item discussed in Executive Session.

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Houston made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:01 pm, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary