

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: January 8, 2019  
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  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: All Present

ALSO PRESENT: David Lohse, Citizen  
Bud Sherman, Citizen  
Donna Sherman, Citizen  
Silke De Gobeo, Citizen  
Melinda Giacoma, Citizen  
Corrine Jeter, Citizen  
Martha McClain, Citizen  
Rusty Justice, 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 Alma Deckard.**
- 3. Roll Call/Excused Absences – All Present**

**4. OPEN FORUM:**

**David Lohse addressed the Council, expressing thanks for all the work done on the LVRA lease agreement. He stated that the LVRA Directors have approved the final lease and they will forward to the members for final approval.**

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

- A. FY 2017-18 AUDIT** – Presentation by Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP on the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Audit. (City Manager)

**Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the 2017-18 report presented by Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

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

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

- C. RGV WALK OF FAME** – To nominate a candidate or candidates for the Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame. (City Manager)

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to nominate Alma Deckard for the RGV Walk of Fame. Alma Deckard declined the nomination. Council Member Davalos withdrew his motion.**

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to nominate Mayor Susie Houston for the RGV Walk of Fame, Council Member Howard seconded the motion. Mayor Houston declined the nomination and Council Member Davalos withdrew his motion.**

- D. FIRE TRUCKS** – Consideration and action to consider the funding request for the fire truck repairs. (Public Safety Director)

**Council Member Smith made a motion to approve \$9,000 for repairs to Engine 1, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**Chief David introduced the new Fire Chief Scott Megill. He has 37 years of experience as a fire fighter and is certified.**

- E. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING** – Consideration and action to support the Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), San Antonio Field Office (SNA), Port Isabel Detention Center (PIDC) and the Laguna Vista Volunteer Fire Department with regard to certain emergency situations. (Public Safety Director)

**Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), San Antonio Field Office (SNA), Port Isabel Detention Center (PIDC) and the Laguna Vista Volunteer Fire Department with regard to certain emergency situations, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

- F. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019- 01** – To approve Resolution Number 2019-01 to urge State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. and State Representative-Elect Alex Dominguez to sponsor HB 514 filed by State Representative Gina Hinojosa that would restore the ability of local governments to pass single-use bag ordinance. (City Manager)

**Council Member Worrell made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2019-01 to urge State Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., and State Representative-Elect Alex Dominguez to sponsor HB 514 filed by State Representative Gina Hinojosa that would restore the ability of local government to pass single-use bag ordinance, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

- G. **RFP – DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS** – Consideration and action authorizing the City Manager to seek Request for Development Proposals for the Town-Owned Real Property on Highway 100 adjacent to where the planned South Texas Eco-Tourism Center will be built. (City Manager)

**Council Member Smith made a motion to authorize the City Manager to seek Request for Development Proposals for the Town-Owned Real Property on Highway 100 adjacent to where the planned South Texas Eco-Tourism Center will be built, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

- H. IT'S TIME TEXAS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE** – To consider for the Town of Laguna Vista to participate in the It's Time Texas Community Challenge that will be held January 7 – March 3, 2019. (City Manager)

**Council Member Smith made a motion to approve for the Town to participate in the It's Time Texas Community Challenge that will be held January 7 – March 3, 2019, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.**

- I. FIREWORK DISPLAY** – Consideration and action to sponsor a firework display for the Town's upcoming Independence Day Parade and Celebration. (City Manager)

**Mayor Houston made a motion to approve the firework display on July 6, 2019 for the Town's upcoming Independence Day Parade and Celebrations with funds provided from the Community Development Corporation, the Hotel Occupancy Tax and private donations, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.**

- J. LAGUNA VISTA LIVE: MUSIC BY THE BAY** – Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to schedule a Laguna Vista Live: Music by the Bay event on Saturday, March 2, 2019. (City Manager)

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the Laguna Vistas Live: Music by the Bay event on Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 6:00 – 10:00 pm, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.**

**K. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- i. The Second Annual "Du It By the Bay" Duathlon

**Rolando Vela stated that the Du It By the Bay Duathlon is set for Sunday, January 28, 2019. Karen Watts and her group have taken charge of this event, and we will be assisting them.**

- ii. Laguna Vista CARES – Code Enforcement Campaign

**Rolando Vela informed the Council that Officer Vega has been assigned as code enforcement officer. She will be working closely with the residents, our goal is not to issue citations to people, but to have them in compliance of all Town ordinances.**

- L. **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
-  ETJ Litigation

**Council Member Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 7:05 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 and ETJ Litigation, Council Member Davalos 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 7:25 pm.**

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

**No action was taken as a result of executive session.**

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

**Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:26 pm, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith**

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Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

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Alma Deckard, City Secretary