

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

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: March 5, 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: Bill Beaty, Citizen  
Cristine Howard, Citizen  
Claudia Nalven, Port Isabel  
Martha McClain, Citizen  
Melinda Giocoma, Citizen  
Benito "Bo" Ochoa IV, Cameron Co. JP  
John Guevara, Linebarger Goggan

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 Rev. Dr. Claudia Nalven.**
- 3. Roll Call/Excused Absences – All present.**

**4. OPEN FORUM:**

Bill Beaty addressed the Council concerning improvements to the walking trail. He introduced Christine Howard from the SPI Birding Center.

Christine Howard stated that they would like to partner with Laguna Vista to make some improvements to the walking trail.

Benito “Bo” Ochoa IV addressed the Council, introducing himself as the newly elected Cameron County Justice of the Peace. He offered his services to the town. He also mentioned that the PI Athletics is hosting a golf tournament on March 30, 2019. They are looking for volunteers to help with the tournament, if anybody is interested.

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

- A. MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2019 Regular Meeting, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Smith voted “aye” to approve. Council Member Worrell abstained from voting, motion carried.**

- B. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-03** – Second Reading – To approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2019-03 repealing Ordinance Number 2007-31 and regulating the collection and disposal of garbage, yard trash and other waste within the limits of the Town of Laguna Vista, providing requirements for customers and requiring containers for the disposal of garbage, requiring disposal of waste on a regular basis by the franchise collection agency, and providing a penalty for violation of the Ordinance. (City Manager)

**Council Member Worrell made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2019-03, repealing Ordinance Number 2007-31, with the following revisions:**

**Page 3, Section 3F – delete “Except on designated days of trash collection, the containers shall not be visible from the public right of way.”**

***Page 4, Section 5A(1) – change date to ninth (9<sup>th</sup>)***

***Page 5, Section 6E – change date to ninth (9<sup>th</sup>)***

***Page 5, Section 7A – delete “. . . is further required to have said garbage and yard trash removed from their premises by the franchise collection agency.”***

***Page 5, Section 7A – delete “. . . failure to use the franchise collection agency or the . . .”***

***Page 6, Section 9 – change to; “. . . seventy-two (72) hours at the discretion of the Code Enforcement Officer . . .”***

***Page 6, Section 10 – change “may” to “shall” in the second paragraph, first sentence.***

**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 2019-04 – Second Reading – To approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2019-04 repealing Ordinance Number 2015-19 and establishing new nuisance abatement procedures for property maintenance; repealing any ordinances in conflict with this ordinance and providing penalties for violation of its provisions. (City Manager)**

**Mayor Houston made a motion to table the second reading of Ordinance Number 2019-04, repealing Ordinance Number 2015-19, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

- D. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-05 – First Reading – To consider the first reading of Ordinance Number 2019-05 creating overlay districts for FM 510 and Highway 100. (City Manager)**

**No action was taken on the first reading of Ordinance Number 2019-05.**

- E. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-06 – Consideration and action to approve Resolution Number 2019-06 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program application for 2019-20 to the Texas Department of Agriculture. (City Manager)**

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2019-06 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development block Grant Program application for 2019-20 to the Texas Department of Agriculture, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

- F. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-07 – Consideration and action to approve Resolution Number 2019-07 authorizing the Police Chief to submit Grant Application Number 2990605 to the Texas Governor’s Office for the Local Border Security Program. (Police Chief)**

**Council Member Worrell made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2019-07 authorizing the Police Chief to submit Grant Application Number 2990605 to the Texas Governor’s Office for the Local Border Security Program, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**G. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-08** – Consideration and action to approve Resolution Number 2019-08 authorizing the Police Chief to submit Grant Application Number 3844901 to the Texas Governor’s Office for the 2020 Criminal Justice System. (Police Chief)

**Mayor Houston made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2019-08 authorizing the Police Chief to submit Grant Application Number 3844901 to the Texas Governor’s Office for the 2020 Criminal Justice System, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**H. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-09** – Consideration and action to approve Resolution Number 2019-09 designating the Dwarf Poinciana (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*) as the official plant for the Town. (Council Members Smith and Howard)

**Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2019-09 designating the Dwarf Poinciana (*Caesalpinia pulcherrima*) as the official plant for the Town, Council Member Howard seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**I. COLLECTION AGREEMENT** – Consideration and action to renew the Collection agreement for fines and fees collection services with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP. (City Manager)

**Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the renewal of the Collection agreement for fines and fees collection services with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, with the revisions to delete the wording concerning Arbitration in Section 7.02, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**J. MEDICAL DIRECTOR** – Consideration and action to approve the agreement between the Town of Laguna Vista and the Medical Director. (City Manager)

**Council Member Howard made a motion to approve the agreement between the Town of Laguna Vista and the Medical Director, Council**

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

**K. FIRE TRUCK ENGINE 2** – Consideration and action to authorize the Fire Chief to sell Fire Truck Engine 2. (Fire Chief)

**Council Member Smith made a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to sell Fire Truck Engine 2, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**L. ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS** – Consideration and action to appoint a resident to the following advisory board: (City Manager)

- i. CDC Board (1)

**Mayor Houston made a motion to appoint Jack Shanks to the CDC Board. Motion died for lack of a second.**

**Council Member Davalos made a motion to appoint Michael Reams to the CDC Board, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**M. C.D.C. PRESIDENT** – To appoint the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation President for a one-year term, pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation Bylaws. (City Manager)

**Council Member Carter made a motion to appoint Sid Ramos as President to the CDC Board, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**N. C.D.C. VICE-PRESIDENT** – To appoint the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation Vice-President for a one-year term, pursuant to Article III, Section 1 of the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation Bylaws. (City Manager)

**Council Member Carter made a motion to appoint Kathy Bardisbanian as Vice-President to the CDC Board, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**O. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

- i. Laguna Vista Live: Music by the Bay

**Rolando Vela informed the Council that the March 2, 2019 Music by the Bay was cancelled due to conflicts with other events going on. The next Music by the Bay is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 6:00 – 10:00 pm.**

- ii. Easter Egg Hunt by the Bay

**Rolando Vela stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 10:00 am.**

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:57 pm, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston and 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