

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: June 09, 2015
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Michael Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem
Wanda Reyes-Rice – Councilmember Place 2
Frank Davalos, Jr., - Councilmember Place 3
Leti Keplinger, Councilmember Place 4
Gary Meschi, Councilmember Place 5

Rolando Vela, City Manager
Ricardo Morado, City Attorney
Julio Olguin, Police Sgt.
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6

ALSO PRESENT: Arden Curts, Citizen
Norris Fletcher, Citizen
Victor Warrell, Citizen
Janie Petty, Citizen
Yolanda Birdwell, Citizen
Walter Birdwell, Citizen
Ryan Maza, Citizen
Martha McClain, Citizen
Richard Lane, 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** – Council Member Smith was absent.

Council Member Keplinger made a motion to excuse Council Member Smith from tonight’s meeting, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

4. OPEN FORUM:

Richard Lane addressed the Council with regard to the street improvements on FM 510. He stated that the road is very rough and still needs work. He also mentioned that the water fountains at the park do not have filtered water and a notice should be posted.

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 May 12, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Council Member Keplinger made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2015 Regular Council Meeting, Council Member Meschi seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- B. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2015-15** – First Reading – To approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 2015-15, amending to the 2014-15 fiscal year budget. (City Manager)

Council review Ordinance Number 2015-15, amending the 2014-15 fiscal year budget.

- C. **MAYOR PROTEM APPOINTMENT** – To appoint Mayor ProTem, pursuant to Home Rule Charter, Article II, Section 2.03(b). (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to appoint Council Member Wanda Rice as Mayor Protem, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, Article II, Section 2.03(b), Council Member Meschi seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- D. **2011 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION** – Update on the 2011 Certificates of Obligation (City Manager)

Rolando Vela explained that the Certificates of Obligation fund has an available balance of \$49,248.62. There was a repair for \$1,600 done to the fence column on FM 510 side of the park.

Council Member Carter arrived for meeting at 6:13 pm.

- E. **PROPOSED PUBLIC BOAT RAMP** – To request authorization to proceed with the public boat ramp proposed to be built on Highway 100. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the appraisal of the property for the proposed public board ramp on Highway 100, amount not to exceed, \$1,000.00, Council Member Meschi seconded the motion.

Council Members Davalos, Carter and Keplinger were opposed. Motion did not pass.

F. L.V.R.A. WORKSHOP – Discussion to schedule a workshop with the Laguna Vista Recreational Association. (City Manager)

No action was taken.

It was the consensus of the Council to tentatively schedule the workshop with the Laguna Vista Recreational Association on Tuesday, October 13, 2015.

G. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

i. July 4th Parade and Picnic

Rolando Vela stated that the 4th of July Parade and Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 2015 from 5 – 9:00 pm.

ii. Summer Feeding Program

Rolando Vela explained that the Summer Feeding Program begin June 8th and will continue until August 21, 2015. There are 3 locations in town, the Bahia Palms Apartments, the Library and the Peak Bay Apartment complex. Both breakfast and lunch are served to children.

iii. Summer Reading Library Program

Rolando Vela stated that the Library is holding the Summer Reading Program, with 30 kids in attendance. They have a waiting list of 19 kids to get into the program. However, room capacity does not allow for more children.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION – There will be an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section §551.071; consultation with Town Attorney to seek advice in legal matters.



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Council Member Rice made a motion to go into executive session at 6:34 pm, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section §551.071; consultation with Town Attorney to seek advice in legal matters – Brownsville ETJ, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Town Council came out of executive session at 6:50 pm.

I. 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 Davalos made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:51 pm, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Attest:

Susie Houston, Mayor

Alma Deckard, City Secretary