

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: September 8, 2015

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Michael Carter – Councilmember Place 1
Wanda Reyes-Rice – Mayor Pro-Tem
Frank Davalos, Jr., - Councilmember Place 3
Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6

Rolando Vela, City Manager
Ricardo Morado, City Attorney
Tony David, Police Chief
Julio Olguin, Fire Chief
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Meschi, Councilmember Place 5
Leti Keplinger, Councilmember Place 4

ALSO PRESENT: Arden Curts, Citizen
Richard Lane, Citizen
Nancy Franz, Citizen
Marc Davis, Citizen
Victor Worrell, 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 – Council Members Meschi and Keplinger were absent. Council Member Gary Meschi was previously excused from the September 2015 meetings.

Mayor Houston made a motion to excuse Council Member Keplinger from tonight's meeting, due to her work schedule, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

4. OPEN FORUM – None.

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 September 1, 2015 Special Meeting.

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Council Meeting on September 1, 2015, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

B. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2015-17 – Second Reading – To approve Ordinance Number 2015-17 adopting the 2015-16 Fiscal Year Budget. (City Manager)

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2015-17 adopting the 2015-16 Fiscal Year Budget, with the changes to reduce the Administration and Parks Promotional accounts to \$5,000, and add the \$15,000 to the Public Works street maintenance account, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

C. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2015-16 – Second Reading – To approve Ordinance Number 2015-16 adopting the 2015-16 Fiscal Year ad valorem property tax rate. (City Manager)

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2015-16 adopting the 2015-16 Fiscal Year ad valorem property tax rate, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

D. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-18 – To approve Resolution Number 2015-18 to set aside reserve funds in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 for capital outlay projects. (City Manager)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2015-18 to set aside reserve funds in the Fiscal Year 2015-16 for capital outlay projects, with the consensus of the Council that the Fire Dept. equipment for \$20,000 will be purchased from the General Fund with a budget amendment adjustment to cover the expense, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

E. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2015-19 – First Reading – To consider the first reading of Ordinance Number 2015-19, repealing Ordinance Number 2011-24 and establishing new nuisance abatement procedures for property maintenance, repealing ordinances that may be in conflict thereof with this ordinance; and providing penalties for violations of its provisions. (City Manager)

No action was taken, only review of ordinance 2015-19 was discussed.

F. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-21 – To approve Resolution Number 2015-21 authorizing the Police Chief to submit application number 2990601 for the 2016 Local Border Star Program for \$85,500. (Chief David)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2015-21 authorizing the Police Chief to submit application number 2990601 for the 2016 Local Border Star Program for \$85,500, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

G. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2015-22 – To approve Resolution Number 2015-22 supporting the Laguna Vista Police Department. (Mayor Houston)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2015-22 supporting the Laguna Vista Police Department, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

H. IT SERVICE AGREEMENT – To approve the IT service agreement between the Town of Laguna Vista and Leonel Garza, Jr. (City Manager)

Council Member Rice made a motion to approve the IT service agreement between the Town of Laguna Vista and Leonel Garza, Jr., for \$12,000 for the 2015-16 fiscal year, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

I. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

i. Movie Night By the Bay at Roloff Park

Rolando Vela informed the Council that the first Movie Night is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2015.

ii. National Night Out

Rolando Vela stated that the National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2015 from 6 – 9:00 pm.

J. 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 §551.074, to review applications, deliberate and schedule a date for interviews for the selection and appointment of a public officer, municipal judge.



Municipal Judge Applications

Council Member Davalos made a motion to go into executive session at 7:00 pm, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, pursuant to Section §551.074 to review applications, deliberate and schedule a date for interviews for the selection and appointment of a public officer, municipal judge, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Town Council came out of executive session at 7:26 pm.

K. OPEN SESSION – Action, if any, on the items discussed in Executive Session.

Council Member Carter made a motion to direct the City Manager to set up interviews with the Municipal Judge applicants, for Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 5:00 pm, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Davalos made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:28 pm, Council Member Rice seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary