

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: December 13, 2016

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Wanda Reyes, Councilmember Place 2
Frank Davalos, Jr., Councilmember Place 3
Leti Keplinger, Mayor ProTem
Gary Meschi, Councilmember Place 5
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: Michael Carter, Councilmember Place 1

ALSO PRESENT: Silke De Gobeo, Citizen
Victor Worrell, Citizen
Charlie Blackman, Citizen
Bree Conatser, Citizen
Maddie Hamlin, Citizen
David Christopher, Citizen
Lisa M. Bennett, UT School of Public Health
Corrine Jeters, Citizen
Catherine Santos, Citizen
Martha McClain, 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 Bree Conaster and Maddie Hamlin.
3. **Roll Call/Excused Absences** – Council Member Carter was absent.
Mayor Houston made a motion to excuse Council Member Carter due to family illness, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
4. **PRESENTATION** – To announce the winners of the Christmas House Decorating Contest. (City Manager)

Mayor announced the Christmas House Decorating Contest winners as follows:

**First Place – 52 Whooping Crane – Bernie & Sherry Camacho
Second Place – 74 Laguna Madre Drive – Bob & Jeanne Bell
Third Place – 601 Beach Blvd – Bob Armstrong**

Bob & Jeanne Bell were present at the meeting and took a picture with the Council.

5. **OPEN FORUM:**

Corrine Jeters addressed the Council stated that she has a vision for a new police department building facility. It is going to be larger than this current facility and will have all the bells and whistles.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Council and will be enacted for approval by one motion. There will not be a separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

- a) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2016 Special Meeting.
- b) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2016 Special Meeting.

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows: (a) Approval of the minutes from the November 1, 2016 Special Meeting, (b) Approval of the minutes from the November 15, 2016 Special Meeting, Council Member Reyes seconded the motion. Council Member Meschi abstained from voting. All other voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

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

- A. **PRESENTATION** – From the University of Texas Health Science Center of San Antonio on the Delivery Reform Incentive Payment Services Agreement. (City Manager)

Lisa Bennett from the UT School of Public Health addressed the Council to encourage the Town’s participation in the health promoting program. The Town is currently in its 3rd year of participating, with great results. We want people to get out and do recreational activity and become healthier. In the long run, it will cost all of us less because of the rising health insurance rates. The School of Health is proud to be a partner with Laguna Vista.

- B. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-17** – Second Reading – To consider Ordinance Number 2016-17, repealing Ordinance 2014-30 and updating the rules and regulations pertaining to parks to include open carry. (City Manager)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2016-17, repealing Ordinance 2014-30 and updating the rules and regulations pertaining to parks to include open carry, Council Member Meschi seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- C. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-18** – Second Reading - To consider Ordinance Number 2016-18, providing for a change in the Municipal Contributions to the current service annuity reserve at retirement of Town employees. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2016-18, providing for a change in the Municipal Contributions to the current service annuity reserve at retirement of Town employees, Council Member Reyes seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- D. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-19** – To approve Resolution Number 2016-19 Authorizing the submission of the National Incident Base Reporting System Grant Number 3224401 application. (Police Chief)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2016-19 authorizing the submission of the National Incident Base Reporting System Grant Number 3224401 application, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- E. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-20** – To approve Resolution Number 2016-20 authorizing the submission of the Operation Stone Garden Grant Number 3187102. (Police Chief)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2016-20 authorizing the submission of the Operation Stone Garden Grant Number 3187102, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

F. ENGINEERING SERVICES – To accept the recommendation of the Review Committee to award the engineering services contract for the TDA Grant Number 7216279. (City Manager)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to award the engineering services contract for the TDA Grant Number 7216279 to Cruz-Hogan Engineers, for the Orange Lane street improvement project, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

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

Rolando Vela informed the Council that the Certificates of Obligation fund has a balance of \$16,415.01. The only expense was the payment for the purple heart monument.

H. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

i. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Rolando Vela stated that the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was a big success. Several groups from schools participated, along with the Christian Academy. There was Santa pictures and goodies bags for all the kids.

ii. Roloff Park – Tree Decorating Contest Winners

Rolando Vela announced the winners from the Tree Decorating Contest as follows:

First Place – Friends of the Library

Second Place – Christine Meade

Third Place – Laguna Madre Academy

I. 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 Town Attorney regarding:

 American Tower Lease Agreement

Council Member Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 6:38 pm, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, pursuant to Section §551.071; consultation with Town Attorney regarding: American Tower Lease Agreement, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Town Council came out of executive session at 6:51 pm.

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

Council Member Smith made a motion to direct the Town Attorney as instructed in executive session, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Keplinger made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:52 pm, Council Member Reyes seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary