

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

MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: August 22, 2017
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Michael Carter, Mayor Pro Tem
Johvonne Howard, Councilmember Place 2
Frank Davalos, Jr., Councilmember Place 3
Rolando Gonzalez, Councilmember Place 4
Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6

Rolando Vela, City Manager
Tony David, Police Chief
Marcus Smith, Fire Chief
Pura Mireles, Library Director
Willie Martinez, Public Works Supervisor
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Meschi

ALSO PRESENT: None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order**
Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
- 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Council Member Smith.
- 3. Roll Call/Excused Absences** – All members present
- 4. 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET & 2017 TAX RATE** – Discussion of the 2017-18 Fiscal Year Budget and the 2017 Tax Rate. (City Manager)

Rolando Vela presented 8 options for the possibilities of the tax rate to be adopted. There is a surplus of approximately \$10,000 in the Interest & Sinking Fund that can be applied for the Maintenance & Operation tax rate revenue. There is a balance of cash in bank of \$842,398.19. If the tax rate is

set at 8% higher than the effective tax rate, this can jeopardize a rollback election by the voters.

Marcus Smith stated that his priority for the fire department is (1) a used cardiac monitor for \$3,500; (2) engine two needs specialized equipment for \$5,000 and (3) \$7,000 for painting of the fire station building.

Tony David stated that his priority list for the police department is (1) a new patrol unit for \$35,000, (2) Certification pay for the officers for \$7,800 and (3) two radar units for \$2,800.

Willie Martinez stated that his priority list for the public works department is (1) new truck for \$20,000 and (2) tractor mower for \$19,000.

Pura Mireles stated that her only priority item for the library department is for the re-painting of the library building.

It was the consensus of the Council to approach the Laguna Vista CDC for the funding for the painting of the library and fire station building.

It was the consensus of the Council to budget 3% salary increase per employee, with the police officers receiving the additional certification pay. The one time check issued in December will be removed for this fiscal year.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:08 pm, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Gonzalez, Smith, Davalos and Howard voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary