

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA BOARD OF ALDERMEN

DATE: October 12, 2010

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor  
Ken Irwin, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Rita Garcia, Alderwoman  
Steve Muschenheim, Alderman  
William Schnier, Alderman  
Leti Keplinger, Alderwoman

Janice Cassidy, Town Attorney  
Rolando Vela, City Manager  
Pura Mireles, Library Director  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Arden Curts, Citizen  
Anne Lyons, Citizen  
Barbara Everson, Citizen  
Susan Brown, Citizen  
Richard Hinojosa, Citizen  
Fernando Lopez, Laguna Vista Longhorns  
Michael Carter, Laguna Vista Longhorns  
Bill Beaty  
Bill Waddell, SPI Baptist Church  
Lee Martinez, Wells Fargo Bank  
Marc Davis, Citizen  
Federico Chavez, Wells Fargo Bank  
Robson Davis, Citizen  
Marty Cirillo, Citizen  
Charles Rogan, First National Bank of SPI

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Pledge and Invocation was lead by Pastor Bill Waddell from SPI Baptist Church.
3. Roll Call – All present
4. Open Forum

Arden Curts addressed the board concerning a petition he submitted to the City Manager that was supposed to be on the agenda. The petition was concerning parking of vehicles/boats/trailers in the driveways. Rolando Vela explained that he was in process of comparing the ordinances and was not clear on whether we could enforce deed restrictions. Mr. Curts stated that he has met with Mr. Vela five times and nothing has been done. He was quite upset that the petition is not being processed. It was the consensus of the board that the item would be on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

5. PRESENTATION – A presentation by the Laguna Vista Longhorns. Fernando Lopez and Michael Carter addressed the Board expressing thanks to the Board for the work that has been done at the baseball field. They distributed baseball caps to each alderman.
6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Board and will be enacted for approval by one motion. There will not be 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 minutes from the September 14, 2010 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.
  - b) MINUTES – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2010 Special Board of Aldermen Meeting.
  - c) CDC RESOLUTION NUMBER CDC-2010-02 – To approve the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation (CDC) Resolution Number CDC-2010-02, to establish an Investment Account for the CDC funds.
  - d) CDC OBLIGATIONS – Approval of the current obligations from the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation (CDC).

- e) FEMA GRANT PROJECT DR-1780-011 – Approval to advertise for the generator connection and fuel containment bids.
- f) FEMA GRANT PROJECT DR-1780-012 – Approval to advertise for the Library shutter retrofit bids.

Alderman Schnier made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows: (a) approval of the minutes from the regular Board of Aldermen meeting on September 14, 2010, (b) approval of the minutes from the special Board of Aldermen meeting on September 14, 2010, (c) approval of CDC Resolution Number CDC-2010-02, establishing an Investment Account for the CDC funds, (d) approval of the current obligations from the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation, (e) approval to advertise for the generator connection and fuel containment bids for the FEMA Grant Project DR-1780-011, (f) approval to advertise for the library shutters retrofit bids, for the FEMA Grant Project DR-1780-012, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Garcia. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

- 7. PUBLIC HEARING – To solicit input from the public on the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) Grant.

Mayor opened the public hearing for the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) Grant.

Rolando Vela explained that the Town is submitting a grant application and it requires that a public hearing be held to allow citizens for input concerning the grant.

With no questions or discussion from the Public, Mayor closed the public hearing for the TDRA, TCDP Grant.

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

- A. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-25 – To approve Resolution Numbers 2010-25 supporting legislation that increases funding for the Texas Recreation & Parks Account local park grant program and the Texas Park System.

Alderman Schnier made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2010-25 supporting legislation that increases funding for the Texas Recreation & Parks Account local park grant program and the Texas Park System, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Keplinger. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

- B. MUNICIPAL JUDGES COMPENSATION** – To discuss and possible action concerning the municipal judges compensation.  
Alderman Irwin made a motion to table item 8B – Municipal Judges Compensation, motion was seconded by Alderman Muschenheim. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
- C. LAGUNA MADRE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB** - Approval to enter into a contract with the Laguna Madre Boys and Girls Club for the 2010-11 fiscal year.  
Alderman Schnier made a motion to approve to enter into a contract with the Laguna Madre Boys and Girls Club for the 2010-11 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,000.00, motion was seconded by Alderman Muschenheim. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
- D. 2009-10 AUDITORS** – To hire a CPA firm to conduct the 2009-10 fiscal year audit.  
Alderman Irwin made a motion to hire CPA firm Long Chilton to conduct the 2009-10 fiscal year audit, with a proposal of \$16,500, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Keplinger. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
- E. BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES** – To award the contract for bank depository services for the Town of Laguna Vista.  
Alderman Schnier made a motion to award the bank depository services for the Town of Laguna Vista to the First National Bank of South Padre Island, motion was seconded by Alderman Muschenheim. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
- F. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2010-26** – To approve Resolution Number 2010-26 appointing the official newspaper for Town publications for the 2010-11 fiscal year.  
Alderman Irwin made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2010-26 appointing the Port Isabel, South Padre Island Press, the official newspaper for the Town publications for the 2010-11 fiscal year, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Keplinger. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
- G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS**
- a) Helipad Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
Rolando Vela informed the Board that the Helipad ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 5:30 pm, at the helipad site.
  
  - b) Veterans' Day  
Rolando Vela informed the Board that a ceremony is scheduled for Veterans Day, on November 11, 2010 at 4:30 pm. Ceremony will be held at Veterans Park.

c) Laguna Vista Live: Music by the Bay  
Rolando Vela announced that the next Music by the Bay is scheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2010, from 5 – 9 pm.

- H.** EXECUTIVE SESSION – There will be an executive session as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, pursuant to Section 551.071; consultation with Town Attorney to seek advice in legal matters in which the duty of Counsel pursuant to the Texas disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. authorizes a governmental body to consult with its attorney in an executive session and to seek his or her advice on legal matters pending or contemplated litigation.

- Christ Harbor Church

- I.** OPEN SESSION – Consideration and potential action as a result of the Executive Session items.  
Items 8H and 8I – Executive Session and Open Session were withdrawn from the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Garcia made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:27 pm, motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

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Susie Houston, Mayor

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Alma Deckard, City Secretary