

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: June 11, 2019
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Davalos, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem
Michael Carter, Councilmember Place 1
Johvonne Howard, Councilmember Place 2
Rolando Gonzalez, Councilmember Place 4
Victor Worrell, Councilmember Place 5

Rolando Vela, City Manager
Alan Ozuna, City Attorney
Tony David, Police Chief
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6

ALSO PRESENT: David Christopher, Citizen
Madeleine Sandefur, Citizen
Richard Lane, Citizen
Cristy Lopez, Citizen
Nick Lopez, Citizen
Frank S, Citizen
Martha McClain, Citizen

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Pro-Tem Davalos called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Father Michael Gnanaraj from Our Lady Star of the Sea Church and the Boys Scouts in attendances.
3. **Roll Call/Excused Absences**

Council Member Carter made a motion to excuse Mayor Susie Houston and Council Member Nadine Smith from the meeting on June 11, 2019, Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Davalos, Council

Members Carter, Howard, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

4. OPEN FORUM:

David Christopher addressed the Council inviting them to the Air Show on June 22 and 23, 2019 at the Cameron County Airport. He gave a small history of the aircrafts, stating that the Confederate Airforce Organization was originated in Mercedes, Texas and later moved to Brownsville.

Madeleine Sandefur addressed the Council in support of the agenda item Request to TCEQ concerning the Continuous Ambient Monitoring Station (CAMS) in Laguna Vista. She stated that TCEQ still has not issued the permits to LNG, so we’re hoping there’s still a chance that it will not go through.

5. 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 of the May 14, 2019 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

b) MINUTES – Consideration and action to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2019 Joint Workshop meeting with the CDC Board. (City Secretary)

Council Member Worrell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows; (a) approval of the minutes of the May 14, 2019 Regular Meeting, (b) approval of the minutes of the May 14, 2019 Joint Workshop meeting with the CDC Board, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Davalos and Council Members Carter, Howard, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

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

a) ROLOFF PARK SPECIAL USE PERMIT – Consideration and possible action to consider a request from Dr. Jeanne A. Oehler for use of Roloff Park on the second Saturday of each month for veterinary services. (City Manager)

Council Member Gonzalez made a motion to approve the request from Dr. Jeanne Oehler for use of the large gazebo in Roloff Park on the second Saturday of each month for veterinary services for six months, Council Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Davalos, Council Members

Carter, Howard, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- b) ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-16** – Second Reading – To approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2019-16 repealing Ordinance Number 2016-17 relating to alcoholic beverages at Town special events in the Town Park. (City Manager)

Council Member Worrell made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2019-16 repealing Ordinance Number 2016-17 relating to alcoholic beverages at Town special events in the Town Park, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Davalos, Council Members Carter, Howard, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- c) ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-17** – Second Reading – To approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2019-17 amending the 2018-19 Budget. (City Manager)

Council Member Worrell made a motion to table the second reading of Ordinance Number 2019-17 for the July 2019 meeting, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Davalos, Council Members Carter, Howard, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- d) ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-22** – First Reading – To consider the first reading of Ordinance Number 2019-22 repealing Ordinance Number 2015-02, regarding the Ethics policy. (Council Members Worrell and Gonzalez)

No action was taken on the first reading of Ordinance Number 2019-22.

Council Member Howard left meeting at 6:27 pm.

- e) ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-23** – First Reading – To consider the first reading of Ordinance Number 2019-23 – establishing a building permit fees schedule. (City Manager)

Council Member Worrell stated that the .50 cents per square foot rate was closer to our current rate, as opposed to .60 cents.

Council Member Carter stated that we’re trying to encourage building, not discourage it. We should not increase the rates so high.

Council Member Gonzalez asked what the purpose of the new rates is.

Alan Ozuna stated that the fee schedule currently in place bases permit fee on valuation of project, which is no longer allowed.

Council Member Howard returned to meeting at 6:42 pm.

- f) HOLLY BEACH ROAD** – Discussion on improvements to Holly Beach Road. (City Manager)

No action was taken on the agenda item Holly Beach Road.

- g) REQUEST TO TCEQ** – Consideration and action on formal request to TCEQ for a Continuous Ambient Monitoring Station (CAMS) in Laguna Vista prior to the onset of any LNG production or manufacturing at their plants. (Council Members Gonzalez and Worrell)

Council Member Carter made a motion to direct the City Manager to follow up with State Representative Dominguez, Cameron County Eco Center Project and TCEQ representatives for funding, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Davalos, Council Members Carter, Howard, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

h) CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- i. Independence Day Parade and Celebration

Rolando Vela informed the Council that the Independence Day Parade and Celebration is set for Saturday, July 6, 2019. The Parade begins at 5:30, with the music in the park from 6 – 10:00 pm. The fireworks show will begin at 9:45 pm.

- ii. Town plant – Dwarf Poinciana

Rolando Vela stated that the official plant Dwarf Poinciana have been planted at the entrance sign, the fire station, and by the park restroom area. We will be planting some at the library.

Hopefully, we will have a nursery selling the plant at the July 6, 2019 event, for any residents that may want to purchase them.

- i) MAYOR PRO-TEM** - Consideration and action to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem pursuant to Section 2.03(b) of the Home Rule Charter. (City Manager)

Mayor Pro-Tem Davalos made a motion to appoint Council Member Worrell Mayor Pro-Tem, pursuant to Section 2.03(b) of the Home Rule Charter, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem

Davalos, Council Members Carter, Howard, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Gonzalez made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:58 pm, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Davalos, Council Members Carter, Howard, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Frank Davalos, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary