

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: July 9, 2019
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Michael Carter, Councilmember Place 1
Johvonne Howard, Councilmember Place 2
Frank Davalos, Jr., Councilmember Place 3
Rolando Gonzalez, Councilmember Place 4
Victor Worrell, Mayor Pro-Tem

Rolando Vela, City Manager
Alexia Garza, Assistant to the City Manager
Alan Ozuna, City Attorney
Ana Hernandez, City Hall Assistant
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Council Member Nadine Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Sam Steele, South Padre Island
Sara Steele, South Padre Island
Richard Lane, Citizen
Maria Galasso, Citizen
Silke De Gobeo, 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 Pastor Sam Steele.
3. **Roll Call/Excused Absences** – Council Member Nadine Smith was absent.

Mayor Houston made a motion to excuse Council Member Nadine Smith from the meeting of July 9, 2019 and excuse Council Member Michael Carter for being late, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston,

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

4. OPEN FORUM:

Richard Lane stated that he was glad that the Council is requesting the reports from TCEQ on the LNG project. Mr. Lane also asked the Council to consider adult equipment in the park. Everything is for kids, there should be treadmills and step stair machines for adults to use. There are many adults that come to the park to exercise.

Maria Glasso addressed the Council expressing thanks for the fireworks show that was very nice. She also urged the Council to approve the agenda item concerning the report from TCEQ on the LNG project.

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

- a) MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019 Regular Meeting, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- b) RESOLUTION NUMBER CDC2019-01** – Consideration and action to approve Resolution Number CDC2019-01 adopting the 2019-20 budget of the Community Development Corporation. (City Manager)

Council Member Howard made a motion to approve Resolution Number CDC2019-01 adopting the 2019-20 budget of the Community Development Corporation, Mayor Houston seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- c) FIRE STATION IMPROVEMENTS – CDC FUNDING** – Consideration and action to approve the recommendation of the CDC Board to fund the fire station improvements in the amount of \$7,020. (City Manager)

Council Member Gonzalez made a motion to approve the recommendation of the CDC Board to fund the fire station improvements in the amount of \$7,020, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- d) BASKETBALL COURT LIGHTS – CDC FUNDING** – Consideration and action to approve the recommendation of the CDC Board to fund the basketball court lights in the amount of \$11,210. (City Manager)

Council Member Worrell made a motion to approve the recommendation of the CDC Board to fund the basketball court lights in the amount of \$11,210, Council Member Howard seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Council Member Carter arrived for meeting at 6:20 pm.

- e) REPLATTING** – Consideration and action to approve the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to replat Lots 4 and 5, Block 553 of the Original Townsite. (City Manager)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to replat Lots 4 and 5, Block 553 of the Original Townsite, Council Member Howard seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve. Council Member Carter abstained from voting. Motion carried.

- f) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT** – Consideration and action to authorize the City Manager to initiate the process to request from FERC a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Rio Grande LNG. (Council Members Worrell and Howard)

Council Member Gonzalez made a motion to authorize the City Manager to initiate the process to request from FERC a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Rio Grande LNG, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- g) FY 2019-2020 BUDGET** – Presentation on the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget. (City Manager)

Rolando Vela informed the Council that the preliminary budget that was handed out is a very rough draft. The draft budget includes a new police officer position. There are no capital items added for next year’s budget.

Council Member Carter asked if there was a valuation increase. Rolando Vela stated there was an increase and will provide the percentage to the Council as a follow up.

No action was taken on the 2019-20 budget.

- h) MUNICIPAL JUDGES** – Consideration and action to authorize the Staff to go out for RFQs for the position of Municipal Judge and/or Alternate Municipal Judge. (City Manager)

Council Member Worrell made a motion to authorize the Staff to go out for RFQs for the position of Municipal Judge and/or Alternate Municipal Judge . . . motion died for lack of second motion.

Council Member Carter made a motion to authorize the Staff to go out for RFQs for the position of Municipal Judge only, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve. Council Member Howard voted “nay.” Motion carried.

- i) 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 Davalos made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2019-17 amending the 2018-19 Budget, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- j) ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-22** – Second Reading – To approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2019-22 repealing Ordinance Number 2015-02, regarding the Ethics policy. (Council Members Worrell and Gonzalez)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2019-22 repealing Ordinance Number 2015-02 regarding the Ethics policy, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- k) ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-23** – Second Reading – To approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2019-23 – establishing a building permit fee schedule. (City Manager)

Council Member Howard made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2019-23 establishing a building permit fee schedule, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- l) CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

i. Independence Day Parade and Celebration

Rolando Vela stated that the Independence Day Parade and Celebration was a great success. It's the largest turnout of any event.

Alexia Garza stated that \$882.39 was spent for alcohol beverages and sales totaled \$1,995.

ii. August 8 RSCCC Meeting

Rolando Vela informed the Council that August 8, 2019 is the Small Cities Coalition meeting and Laguna Vista is hosting. A big announcement will be made. Our plan is to invite the surrounding entities including the School and Water District Boards. The luncheon will be at the South Padre Island Golf Club.

Alexia Garza stated that some of the dignitaries that will be attending are State Representative Alex Dominguez, State Representative Eddie Lucio, III. We will also be reaching out to Cameron County Judge Eddie Trevino.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Gonzalez made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:06 pm, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, and Worrell voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary