

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: October 22, 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
Nadine Smith, Councilmember Place 6

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: All Present

ALSO PRESENT: None

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 Mayor Houston.
3. **Roll Call/Excused Absences** – All present
4. **NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion, consideration and possible action on each of the following items:
 - a) **AMBULANCE SERVICES** – Discussion, consideration and possible action pertaining to the ambulance services for the Town. (Mayor Houston)

Tony David mentioned that one solution would be for each police officer to become certified as an EMT. However, they would only be able to handle

minor calls, nothing of an emergency nature. We would have to purchase an ambulance.

Mayor stated that she contacted Sal Robles from the InterCity Ambulance Service in Brownsville. Alma Deckard stated that she and Chief met with Mr. Robles this afternoon and he is very interested in a contract. He will try to submit something in writing by next week.

It was the consensus of the Council to have the Mayor meet with City of Port Isabel City Manager Jared Hockema to hold off on the ambulance contract until the Town Council’s November 2019 meeting.

- b) CITY MANAGER APPLICANTS – Discussion of City Manager applications. (Mayor Houston)**

No action was taken on the City Manager applicants agenda item.

- c) EXECUTIVE SESSION - Executive closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, regarding any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to Section 551.071 - consultation with Town Attorney; 551.072 - deliberation regarding real property; 551.074 - deliberation regarding personnel matters; and 551.087 – deliberation regarding economic development negotiations.**

Council Member Carter made a motion to go into executive session at 6:21 PM, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, regarding any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to Section 551.071 – consultation with Town Attorney; 551.072 – deliberation regarding real property; 551.074 – deliberation regarding personnel matters; and 551.087 – deliberation regarding economic development negotiations, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Town Council came out of executive session at 8:26 PM.

- d) OPEN SESSION - Action, if any, on the items discussed in Executive Session.**

Mayor Houston made a motion to appoint Tony David as City Manager for the Town of Laguna Vista with a salary of \$69,000, a mobile phone and \$3,000 annual car allowance, Council Member Smith seconded the

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

5. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:27 PM, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary