

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: March 10, 2020
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Johvonne Howard, Council Member Place 2
Frank Davalos, Jr., Council Member Place 3
Rolando Gonzalez, Council Member Place 4
Victor Worrell, Mayor Pro-Tem
Nadine Smith, Council Member Place 6

Alan Ozuna, City Attorney
Tony David, City Manager
Ricky Gonzalez, Police Lt.
Ana Hernandez, City Secretary
Rendie Gonzales, Assistant City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Carter, Council Member Place 1

ALSO PRESENT: Silke de Gobeo, Citizen
Richard Lane, Citizen
Janie Petty, 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 Council Member Rolando Gonzalez
- 3. Roll Call/Excused Absences** – Council Member Michael Carter was absent.
- 4. OPEN FORUM:** None

5. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – All matters listed under this item are 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 February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

b) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 Special Meeting. (City Secretary)

Council Member Worrell made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows: (a) approval of the minutes for the February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting; (b) approval of the minutes for the February 18, 2020 Special Meeting, Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

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

a) **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-06** - Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution Number 2020 - 06 authorizing the signatory agents for the Town of Laguna Vista bank accounts. (City Secretary)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2020-06 authorizing the signatory agents for the Town of Laguna Vista bank accounts, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

b) **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-07** – Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution Number 2020-07 authorizing the Police Chief to submit Grant Application #2990606 to the Texas Governor’s Office. (Police Chief)

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2020-07 authorizing the Police Chief to submit Grant Application #2990606 to the Texas Governor’s Office, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

c) **POLICE CHIEF TRAVEL** - Consideration and possible action to approve travel for Police Chief Tony David to attend the Texas Police Chief Leadership Series in Waco, Texas. (Police Chief)

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve travel for Police Chief Tony David to attend the Texas Police Chief Leadership Series in Waco, Texas, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried

Council Member Howard arrived at 6:07 p.m.

d) ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS – Consideration and action to appoint residents to the following advisory boards: (City Manager)

- i. Board of Adjustments (3)

There were no applicants for this Board; item was tabled.

- ii. Board of Ethics (2)

There were no applicants for this Board; item was tabled.

- iii. CDC Board (2)

Council Member Smith made a motion to re-appoint Kathy Bardisbanian to the CDC Board, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Council Member Davalos made a motion to appoint Janie Petty to the CDC Board, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- iv. Library Board (1)

Council Member Worrell made a motion to re-appoint Nicole Ekstrom to the Library Board, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- v. Parks & Recreation Board (1)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to re-appoint Nicole Ekstrom to the Parks & Recreation Board, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

vi. Planning & Zoning (4)

Council Member Worrell made a motion to re-appoint Terry Volz to the Planning & Zoning Board, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Council Member Davalos made a motion to re-appoint Arden Curts to the Planning & Zoning Board, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Council Member Davalos made a motion to re-appoint Marc Davis to the Planning & Zoning Board, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

e) **EDA ENGINEERING CONTRACT** – Consideration and possible action on Engineering Contract with Cruz-Hogan Consultants, Inc. (City Manager)

Mr. Ozuna addressed the council stating he had review the original draft and struck out some provisions that were not in the Town’s best interest. He received a final draft with the provisions stricken by Cruz-Hogan Consultants, Inc.

Council Member Smith made a motion to award the Engineering Contract to Cruz-Hogan Consultants, Inc., Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell, and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

f) **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

i. Carport

Tony David informed the council that the carport for the Police Units and Boat were completed.

ii. Library Repairs

Tony David informed the council that the Library repairs on roof would start on Monday March 16, 2020.

g) EXECUTIVE SESSION - Executive closed session regarding any matter listed on the agenda in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, consultation with legal counsel, and Section 551.074, personnel matters:

- Pending litigation styled *Paul Seales, et. al. v. City of Brownsville*, Cause No. 2014-DCL-00815-D
- Consultation with Town Attorney regarding legal issues related to possible annexation and Town Personnel Policy
- Appointment of City Secretary and/or Assistant City Secretary

Council Member Smith made a motion to go into executive session at 6:20 pm in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, consultation with legal counsel, and Section 551.074, personnel matters; pending litigation styled *Paul Seales, et. al. v. City of Brownsville*, Cause No. 2014-DCL-00815-D; consultation with Town Attorney regarding legal issues related to possible annexation and Town Personnel Policy; Appointment of City Secretary and/or Assistant City Secretary, Council Member Davalos seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Town Council came out of Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

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

i) CITY SECRETARY – Consideration and possible action to appoint City Secretary for the Town of Laguna Vista. (Council Members Davalos & Howard)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to appoint Ana Hernandez as City Secretary, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

j) ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY – Consideration and possible action to appoint Assistant City Secretary for the Town of Laguna Vista. (Council Members Davalos & Howard)

Council Member Davalos made a motion to appoint Rendie Gonzales as Assistant City Secretary, Council Member Howard seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

k) PERSONNEL POLICY – Consideration and possible action regarding Town Personnel Policy. (Council Member Davalos & Howard)

Council Member Howard made a motion to table this item regarding Town Personnel Policy, seconded by Council Member Worrell. Mayor Houston, Council Members, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Howard made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:30 p.m., Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Mayor Houston, Council Members, Howard, Davalos, Gonzalez, Worrell and Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Ana Hernandez, City Secretary