

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: May 12, 2020
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: All Present

ALSO PRESENT: None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM
2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Susie Houston.
3. **Roll Call/Excused Absences** – All Present
4. **PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Houston presented a proclamation designating the month of May 2020 as
“Port Isabel High School Class of 2020 Month”

5. PROCLAMATION:

City Manager Ed Meza presented a proclamation designating the week of May 10 – May 16, 2020 as National Police Week.

6. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Houston presented a proclamation designating the month of May 2020 as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

- 7. OPEN FORUM:** Due to COVID 19 emergency, the Town will live stream the meeting on the Town’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lvtexas/>. Viewers will be allowed to comment during our live stream on any topic. Comments submitted after the close of the open forum may be read at the end of the meeting. Each commenter will be identified by Facebook username. There is no discussion or formal action taken during this agenda item.

- 8. 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 be 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 April 14, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. (City Secretary)

Council Member Worrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020 regular meeting approval of the minutes for the March 10, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Council Member Carter, Howard, Gonzalez, Worrell, Smith, and Mayor Houston voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

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

- a) **RESOLUTION 2020-11** – Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution 2020-11 authorizing the submission of grant application number 3187105 to the Texas Governor’s office for the solicitation of Operation Stone Garden for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. (Police Chief)

Council Member Howard made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2020-11 authorizing the submission of grant application number 3187105 to the Texas Governor’s office for the solicitation of Operation Stone Garden for Fiscal year 2019-2020, Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Gonzalez, Worrell, Smith, and Mayor Houston voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

b) CITY MANAGER’S REPORT -

1) MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Mr. Meza informed the Council about Memorial Day Celebration he stated that we had asked Port Isabel and Los Fresnos and neither City was having a celebration due to COVID-19. He recommended that Laguna Vista not have its celebration. Council Member Howard agreed. The council instructed Mr. Meza to order a wreath to be placed at Veteran’s Park. Mr. Meza also noted that the Rotary Club will put flags up as well.

2) FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Mr. Meza also advised the Council that we have until June 11, 2020 to cancel the contract with Pyro Shows and still get a refund. The council wants to wait on making a decision until next Town Council Meeting of June 9, 2020.

3) FIRE HYDRANTS

Mr. Meza informed the Council that fire hydrant project was complete.

4) LAGUNA VISTA WEBPAGE

Mr. Meza informed the Council that the staff is working on getting 3 bids for a new webmaster for the Town’s webpage. Ms. Smith asked if we’d have more control of page.

c) EXECUTIVE SESSION – Executive closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorize 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.

- Consultation with Town Attorney regarding hiring a Town Bookkeeper.

Council Member Carter made a motion to go into executive session at 6:24 pm in accordance with the Open Meetings Act as authorized by the Texas Government Code, 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, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion.

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

Town Council came out of Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.

- d) BOOKKEEPER** – Consideration and possible action on hiring a Town Bookkeeper.
(City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to authorize the City Manager to go out for RFQ’s for the position of Finance Director, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Gonzalez, Worrell, Smith, and Mayor Houston voted “aye” to approve motion carried.

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

NONE

Public comments off of facebook:

Patricia B Pennington – Who can vote early for election in November and how & where?

**Valerie Garza – Is this court Session?
ok thank you**

Mark Lehman – Cannot understand

10. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:10 p.m., Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Gonzalez, Worrell, Smith, and Mayor Houston voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Ana Hernandez, City Secretary