

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: August 11, 2020
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Michael Carter, Council Member Place 1
Johvonne Howard, Council Member Place 2
Rolando Gonzalez, Council Member Place 4
Nadine Smith, Mayor Pro Tem

Ed Meza, City Manager
Alan Ozuna, Town Attorney
Rendie Gonzales, Town Bookkeeper

MEMBERS ABSENT: Victor Worrell, Council Member Place 5

ALSO PRESENT: Sonia Harry
Terry Alarcon

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Pro Tem Nadine Smith.
3. **Roll Call/Excused Absences** – Council Member Worrell was absent.

Mayor Houston made a motion to excuse Council Member Worrell from the Regular Meeting on August 11, 2020, Mayor Pro-Tem Nadine Smith seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, and Mayor Houston voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

4. **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.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – All matters 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 July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Regular Meeting, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, and Mayor Houston voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- b) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 Budget Workshop/Special Meeting. (City Secretary)

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 Budget Workshop/Special Meeting, Mayor Houston seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, and Mayor Houston voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

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

- a) **NOVEMBER 2020 GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTIONS** – Consideration and possible action regarding postponement of May 2020 general and special elections to November 2020 and related matters. (Town Attorney)

Town Attorney addressed the Council advising them that Secretary of State recommends that government entities that postponed the May election to November reaffirm this. He stated that he also spoke with the elections administrator and they are implementing this as well. Mr. Ozuna made some ammendments to the original order and is advising the council to approve this resolution so that the Town can be ready for November.

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith made a motion to approve the Special Elections November 2020 as is presented, Council Member Howard seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, and Mayor Houston voted “aye” to approve motion carried.

- b) ART INITIATIVE IN ROLOFF PARK** – Consideration and possible action regarding Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation’s Art Initiative project. (City Manager)

Mr. Meza addressed the Council regarding the Art Initiative at Roloff Park. He stated that this project had been approved since last year for the amount not to exceed \$ 7,965. The project consists of murals by local artist Christina Salazar to enhance the art & beauty of our Town. The 60 day notification for public input was posted and there was no objection and the CDC is recommending to move forward. Mr. Meza also stated that there will be a committee to decide what exactly council wants.

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith commented that she wants to know exactly what will be painted before the artist begins.

Council Member Rolando Gonzalez arrived to meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith made a motion to approve the recommendation from CDC Board to approve the Art Initiative at Roloff Park not to exceed \$ 7,965, Council Member Howard seconded. Council Members Carter, Howard, Gonzalez, Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, and Mayor Houston voted “aye” to approve motion carried.

- c) PRESENTATION** – Regarding guidance from Texas Education Agency and COVID relief funding. (Sonia Harry)

Sonia Harry made a presentation to Council regarding TEA & COVID relief funding. She stated that due to COVID-19 all districts are going into virtual learning. PIISD will be needing hot spots and devices so that every student has the right materials when school starts. Distribution dates will be from 17th to 20th. They are asking the Town of Laguna Vista to allocate some funds from COVID relief funding.

Ms. Alarcon also addressed the council thanking and asking for any assistance the Town can provide to PIISD.

NO ACTION TAKEN

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:29 PM, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Gonzalez, Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, and Mayor Houston voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Attest:

Susie Houston, Mayor

Ana Hernandez, City Secretary