

STATE OF TEXAS §
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TOWN OF LAGUNA VISTA §

**MINUTES OF A JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING
OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL AND
THE LAGUNA VISTA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

DATE: August 25, 2020
TIME: 5:00 pm
PLACE: Banquet Room at South Padre Island Golf Club

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Michael Carter, Council Member Place 1
Johvonne Howard, Council Member Place 2
Victor Worrell, Council Member Place 5
Nadine Smith, Mayor Pro Tem

CDC
MEMBERS PRESENT: Christopher Romero, President
Kathy Bardisnabian, Vice-President
Terry Galloway, Member
Cristin Howard, Member
Janie Petty, Member
Frank Davalos, Member

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rolando Gonzalez, Council Member Place 4
Eddie Galvan, CDC Member

ALSO PRESENT:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order** – Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

2. **Roll Call/Excused Absences** – Council Member Gonzalez and CDC Member Eddie Galvan were absent
3. **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.
4. **FY 2020-21 Budget** – Consideration of CDC Budget for FY 2020-21.

Dr. Romero brought up the line item for administration services for \$ 4,500 asking if the amount was enough.

Member Frank Davalos suggested that these money should go directly to the individual providing the service rather than to the Town.

Mr. Ozuna addressed the council that it is very normal for a parent city and its economic development to have a relationship where the economic development relies on the parent city to provide administrative services and in turn it compensates the city for such services.

Council Member Carter suggested that individuals be paid hourly by keeping a log of the hours.

Member Terry Galloway suggested it be increased to \$ 7,500

Member Frank Davalos also brought the line item for travel. Council Member Carter suggested this item not be removed or lowered but instead to leave as is.

Item for Legal Services was also brought up to which Mr Ozuna gave a rough estimate for his services of \$10,000.

Discussion was had about the Eco Tourism center and the additional projects that might bring to the CDC table

Mayor Pro Tem Smith explained that we should be focusing on the needs of the city (ie, the streets, signage, parks, police and community safety etc). Gave the analogy of a hungry child ... if a child is hungry you buy them food, not a new shirt. That there is a lot of internal things that need to be addressed and fixed before we take on bigger projects.

Mr. Davalos brought up Capital Program and many council members had not seen this plan and wanted more time to review it. Mr. Davalos explained that it was a

document that Town Council put into action and why aren't we going to follow it and thinks it should be followed and incorporated into the plans of the CDC.

Mayor Houston addressed Rolloff park and the need for it to be restored and updated. That its been at least ten years since it has had new equipment. She suggested that the material underneath the playground be updated to the melted rubber mulch ... its more expensive but worth the investment.

5. ADJOURNMENT –

Mayor Houston made a motion to adjourn at 5:49 p.m., Mayor Pro-Tem Smith seconded the motion. All voted “aye to approve motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Ana Hernandez, City Secretary