

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

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL**

DATE: September 15, 2020

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Johvonne Howard, Council Member Place 2
Rolando Gonzalez, Council Member Place 4
Victor Worrell, Council Member Place 5
Nadine Smith, Mayor Pro-Tem

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: All Present

ALSO PRESENT: Anthony David, Police Chief

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order** Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Pro Tem Nadine Smith.
- 3. Roll Call/Excused Absences** – Council Member Carter was absent.

Mayor Houston made a motion to excuse Council Member Carter from the Special Meeting on September 15, 2020, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Council Members Howard, Council Member Gonzalez, Worrell, 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 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 August 25, 2020 Special/Workshop Meeting. (City Secretary)
 - b) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2020 Special/Workshop Meeting. (City Secretary)
 - c) **MINUTES** - Consideration and action to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting. (City Secretary)

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows a) approval of the minutes for the August 25, 2020 Special/Workshop Meeting b) approval of the minutes for the September 1, 2020 Special/Workshop Meeting c) approval of the minutes for the September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Council Members Howard, Gonzalez, Worrell, 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) **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-16** – Consideration and action regarding professional services agreement with TCAP and commercial electric service agreement with GEXA Energy. (City Manager)

Mr. Ozuna stated this is just a continuation of the contract we have with TCAP. Ms. Smith asked if they are only option or if there is something cheaper. Mr. Ozuna replied that it will probably be hard to do better than what the coalition offers its members because of the so many resources they have they shop around for the best deals.

Council Member Gonzalez made a motion to approve the professional services agreement with TCAP and commercial electric service

agreement with GEXA Energy, Mayor Houston seconded the motion. Council Members Howard, Gonzalez, Worrell, Smith and Mayor Houston voted “aye” to approve motion carried.

- b) ORDINANCE 2020-13** – Second Reading – Consideration and action to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-13 adopting the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. (City Manager)

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-13 adopting the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget, Mayor Houston seconded the motion. Council Members Howard, Gonzalez, Worrell, Smith and Mayor Houston voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- c) RECOGNITION PROGRAM** - Second Reading – Consideration and action to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-14 adopting the 2020 ad valorem tax rate for maintenance and operation and for the interest and sinking. (City Manager)

Council Member Worrell questioned Mr. Ozuna regarding the math work of \$66.47 verses 5 cents. Mr. Ozuna replied that the statute requires to compare with the no new revenue rate as listed on the tax notice as .333 so even though its only 5 cents more than last year its considered effectively more than the .333 no new revenue rate by a percentage.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-14 adopting the 2020 ad valorem tax rate at 0.404124 for maintenance and operation, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Council Members Howard, Gonzalez, Worrell, Smith, and Mayor Houston voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Smith thanked the staff for all the hard work in working with the budget.

7. ADJOURNMENT -

**Council Member Gonzalez made a motion to adjourn at 6:14 p.m., Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Council Members Howard, Worrell, Smith, and Mayor Houston voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
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Attest:

Susie Houston, Mayor

Ana Hernandez, City Secretary