

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA BOARD OF ALDERMEN

DATE: APRIL 12, 2011
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Ken Irwin, Mayor Pro-Tem
Rita Garcia, Alderwoman
Steve Muschenheim, Alderman
William Schnier, Alderman
Leti Keplinger, Alderwoman

Janice Cassidy, Town Attorney
Rolando Vela, City Manager
Robert McGinnis, Police Chief
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Arden Curts, Citizen
Ginny Riley, South Padre Island
Maribel Hinojosa, Laguna Madre Water District
Walter Brown, AMI Kids, Inc.
Bill Beaty, AMI Kids, Inc.
Richard Hinojosa, Citizen
Martha McClain, Citizen
Karen Mackesey, Citizen
Eliseo Gamboa, AMI Kids, Inc.
Aaron Moore, Citizen
Antonio Menchaca, Cameron County Tax Office
Johnny Camacho, Port Isabel
Beth Bomarito, South Padre Island
Lorraine Torres, Port Isabel
Gayle Robinson, Port Isabel
Natalie Gonzalez, Citizen
Jim Enholm, Citizen
Jayanna Enholm, Citizen
Marina Enholm, Citizen

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.
2. Pledge and Invocation by James Drake from Fishers of Men Lutheran Church in Port Isabel.
3. Roll Call – All present.
4. Open Forum:

Bill Beaty from AMI Kids, Inc. announced that they are having a fishing tournament this weekend. They are selling raffle tickets for various door prizes.
5. RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS
 - a) LMWD 2011 BOND ELECTION – Presentation by Lynne Tate and Ramona Kantack-Alcantara of the Laguna Madre Water District Bond Committee on the two propositions included on the May 2011 Bond Election.
Lynne Tate from the Laguna Madre Water District Bond Committee addressed the Board concerning the upcoming bond election. She explained that this is the second time this bond goes to election. They felt that the last time it failed because voters did not understand the entire process. Ms. Tate explained that if the bond is not approved, water rates will go up by about 40%. The bond is to benefit all of the Laguna Madre area, even though the plant may be located at South Padre Island or Port Isabel. It will service all entities. She encouraged people to go out and vote in favor of the bond issues.
 - b) "Spruce Up" Day – To recognize the volunteers that participated in the March 2, 2011 "Spruce Up" Day at Roloff Park.
Mr. Vela stated that several people came out for the spruce up day at Roloff Park. Some of the volunteers were Gabby Muschenheim, Richard Hinojosa, Ken Irwin, Steve Muschenheim, Michael Carter, Olga Carter, and Susie Houston.

- c) AMI-KIDS RIO GRANDE VALLEY – To recognize AMI Kids RGV and special recognition to Walter L. Brown, student, and Eliseo Gamboa, Los Fresnos CISD Welding Instructor, for building the BBQ grills for Roloff Park.
Mayor presented a certificate of appreciation to Walter Brown, and Eliseo Gamboa for their work in the construction of the Bar-B-Que Grills for Roloff Park.
 - d) LZ-RGV WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY
PROCLAMATION – A proclamation proclaiming April 9, 2011 as LZ-RGV Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day.
Mayor announced that this proclamation was presented this past weekend when the Vietnam Veterans were honored in McAllen.
6. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Board and will be enacted for approval by one motion. There will not be 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 minutes from the March 8, 2011 Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting.
 - b) CURRENT OBLIGATIONS – Approval of the current obligations from the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation (CDC).
 - c) CURRENT OBLIGATIONS – Approval of the current obligations from the Library Money Market Account.
Alderman Irwin made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows; (a) approval of the minutes from the Board of Aldermen meeting on March 8, 2011, (b) approval of the current obligations from the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation (CDC), (c) approval of the current obligations from the Library Money Market account, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Garcia. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.
7. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion, consideration and possible action on each of the following items:
- A. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-08 – A resolution declaring April 2011 Fair Housing Month in Laguna Vista, Texas. (City Secretary)

Alderman Irwin made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2011-08 declaring April 2011 Fair Housing Month in Laguna Vista, motion was seconded by Alderman Schnier. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- B.** RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-09 – A resolution recognizing the Derry Cheer Squad for competing at the Showtime Dance Competition held at Fiesta Texas. (Mayor)

Mayor read and presented the proclamation to the Derry Elementary Cheer Squad and their sponsor. No action was taken.

- C.** RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-10 – A resolution in support of the Third Annual Mayors Challenge Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture to fight child food insecurity. (Mayor)

Alderman Schnier made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2011-10 in support of the Third Annual Mayors Challenge Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture to fight child food insecurity, motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- D.** RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-11 – A resolution urging the Point Isabel ISD to provide mobile feeding services in Laguna Vista from June 6 to August 19 as part of the Third Annual Mayors Challenge Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture to fight child food insecurity and to promote the 3 E's of healthy living: education, exercise and eating right. (Mayor)

Alderman Schnier made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2011-11 urging the Point Isabel ISD to provide mobile feeding services in Laguna Vista from June 6 to August 19, 2011, as part of the Third Annual Mayors Challenge Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture to fight child food insecurity and to promote the 3 E's of healthy living; education, exercise and eating right, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Keplinger. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- E.** ORDINANCE NUMBER 2011-12 – An ordinance amending Ordinance Number 2009-04 requiring the submission of an elevation certificate, after the construction of the structure foundation but prior to framing. (City Manager)

Alderwoman Garcia made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2011-12 amending Ordinance Number 2009-04 requiring the submission of an elevation certificate, after the construction of the structure foundation but prior to framing, motion was seconded by Alderman Irwin. Alderman Schnier abstained. All other voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

- F. FINANCIAL REPORT** – Presentation on the revenues/expenditures for the 2nd Quarter (Jan. – Mar., 2011) of the 2010-11 Fiscal Year Budget. (City Manager)
Rolando Vela reviewed the second quarter financials with the Board. Review of the revenues, at the 6 month mark shows good standing, with the exception of the building permits. Construction is at a record low, the building permit revenue will be adjusting during the budget amendment process. No action was taken.
- G. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2011-13** – An ordinance amending the 2010-11 Fiscal Year Budget. (City Manager)
Alderman Muschenheim made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2011-13 amending the 2010-11 fiscal year budget, with the addition of \$30,000 for fire hydrant repairs/replacements, and \$40,000 for park improvements, that will be funded from the unrestricted reserve fund, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Keplinger. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.
- H. CAMERON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY AGREEMENT** – Discussion of the Cameron County Housing Authority agreement on the use of the vacant property next to Tanglewood Apartments for recreational use. (Town Attorney)
Alderman Irwin made a motion to table item 7H – Cameron County Housing Authority Agreement on the use of the vacant property next to Tanglewood Apartments, motion was seconded by Alderman Schnier. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.
- I. TEXAS SAFE SHELTER INITIATIVE** – To consider participating financially in the Texas Safe Shelter Initiative being sponsored by the City of Los Fresnos. (City Manager)
Alderman Irwin made a motion to not participate in the Texas Safe Shelter Initiative being sponsored by the City of Los Fresnos, motion was seconded by Alderwoman Garcia. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.
- J. CENSUS 2010** – To consider participating financially in the formation of a coalition of local government entities in Cameron County to contest the 2010 U.S. Census figures. (City Manager)
Alderman Schnier made a motion to financially participate in the formation of a coalition of local government entities in Cameron County to contest the 2010 U.S. Census figures, financial amount not to exceed \$1,000, without returning to the Board of Aldermen for review, motion was seconded by Alderman Muschenheim. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- K. PORT ISABEL/LAGUNA VISTA ETJ BOUNDARY** – Discussion and approval to adopt the ETJ boundary proposed by the City of Port Isabel. (City Manager)

Aldерwoman Garcia made a motion to approve the ETJ boundary at Washington Avenue in Laguna Heights, the entire street, not down the middle of the street, motion was seconded by Aldерwoman Keplinger. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- L. EVALUATIONS/JOB DESCRIPTIONS** – To review the job descriptions of the City Manager, Town Attorney, and the Municipal Judge and to discuss scheduling their evaluations. (City Manager)

Alderman Schnier made a motion to table item 7M – Evaluations/Job Descriptions of the City Manager, Town Attorney and Municipal Judge, motion was seconded by Alderman Muschenheim. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- M. TDRA 710389 BIDS** – To reject the bids submitted for the Texas Department of Rural Affairs Grant #710389 for the drainage and street improvements project. (City Manager)

Alderman Irwin made a motion to table item 7N – TDRA 710389 Bids for the Texas Department of Rural Affairs Grant for the drainage and street improvements project, motion was seconded by Alderman Muschenheim. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- N. ELECTION EQUIPMENT** – To approve the election equipment contract lease for the May 14, 2011 election, with Cameron County Elections Division. (City Secretary)

Aldерwoman Garcia made a motion to approve the election equipment contract lease for the may 14, 2011 election with Cameron County Elections Division, motion was seconded by Aldерwoman Keplinger. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

- O. MAY 2011 MEETING** – To postpone/reschedule the May 10, 2011 for May 17, 2011. (City Secretary)

Aldерwoman Keplinger made a motion to rescheduled the May 10, 2011 regular Board of Aldermen meeting to May 17, 2011, motion was seconded by Aldерwoman Garcia. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

P. SCOFFLAW PROGRAM – To approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Town and Cameron County to implement the Scofflaw Program. (City Secretary) Alderman Irwin made a motion approve the Scofflaw Program an Interlocal Agreement between the Town and Cameron County to implement the Scofflaw Program, motion was seconded by Alderman Muschenheim. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried unanimously.

7. CITY MANAGER REPORT

a) Easter By the Bay

Rolando Vela informed the Board that the annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2011 from 11 am – 2 pm.

b) Earth Day By the Bay

Rolando Vela explained that he is planning an Earth Day for Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 11 am to 2 pm. There will be a Farmer’s Market, recycling and different booths available.

c) Park Improvements

Rolando Vela informed the Board that the park benches and tables ordered have been received and will be installed this week. A bike rack was also ordered.

d) Third Annual Mayors Challenge

Rolando Vela reiterated that this is in reference to the resolution approved earlier. The project begins June 6, 2011 and we hope to have a kick-off rally on Saturday, June 4, 2011. This is still in the planning stages.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Irwin made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:03 p.m., motion was seconded by Alderman Muschenheim. All voted “aye” to adjourn, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary