

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

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

DATE: May 17, 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  
Michael Carter, Council Member Elect  
Paul Villas, Council Member Elect

Janice Cassidy, Town Attorney  
Rolando Vela, City Manager  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Martin Cirillo, Citizen  
Richard Hinojosa, Citizen  
Jeff Keplinger, Citizen  
Glen Benham, Citizen  
Carol Benham, Citizen  
Iris Bauer, Citizen  
Arden Curts, Citizen  
Bud Sherman, Citizen  
Donna Sherman, Citizen  
Karen Mackesey, Citizen  
Yolanda Birdwell, Citizen  
John Karcanes, Citizen  
Martha McClain, Citizen  
Jeffrey Hughes, Citizen  
Angelique Soto, Citizen  
Jade Lees, Citizen  
Alejandra Hughes, Citizen  
Joe Vega, Port Isabel  
Lucy Vega, Port Isabel  
Isabella Vega, Port Isabel

Jude Vega, Port Isabel  
Susanna Schelbert, Citizen  
Rudy H. Garcia, Citizen  
Olga Carter, Citizen  
Don Ceglar, Citizen  
Mary Ray, Citizen  
Olga Vega, Port Isabel  
Jeff Keplinger, Citizen

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Pledge and Invocation by Pastor Hamilton Musser from Cornerstone Church.

3. Roll Call – All present.

4. Open Forum: None

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

**A. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – There will be an executive session as authorized by the Open meetings Act, pursuant to Section 551.071; consultation with Town Attorney to seek advice on legal matters in which the duty of the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the state Bar of Texas conflicts with the Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq. authorizing a government body to consult with its attorney in an executive session and to seek his and her advice on legal matters pending or contemplated litigation.

**B. OPEN SESSION**  
No action was taken on items 5A & B. Board did not go into executive session.

**C. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011 - 15** – Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2011-15 canvassing the results of the May 14, 2011 General Election.

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Alderman Schnier made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2011-15 canvassing the results of the May 14, 2011 General Election, Alderwoman Garcia seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried unanimously.

**D. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-16** – Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2011-16 canvassing the results of the May 14, 2011 Special Election. Alderwoman Garcia made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2011-16 canvassing the results of the May 14, 2011 Special Election, Alderman Irwin seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

**E. HOME RULE CHARTER** – Consideration and potential action to determine the effective date of the Home Rule Charter.  
No action was taken on item 5E – Home Rule Charter.

**F. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-14** – Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2011-14 to set the effective date of the Home Rule Charter for the Town of Laguna Vista, Texas.

Alderman Schnier made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2011-14 to set the effective date of the Home Rule Charter, as May 17, 2011, for the Town of Laguna Vista, Texas, Alderman Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

**G. CHARTER CERTIFICATION** – Consideration and potential action to certify the Laguna Vista Home Rule Charter to the Department of Justice (DOJ). Alderwoman Garcia made a motion to certify the Laguna Vista Home Rule Charter and direct the City Secretary to submit said document to the Department of Justice (DOJ), Alderman Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

**H. OATH OF OFFICE** – Oath of Office of Elected Official(s).

Justice of the Peace Benny Ochoa performed the Oath of Office for Mayor Susie Houston.

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Joe Vega, City of Port Isabel Mayor, performed the Oath of Office for Council member elect Michael Carter.

Mayor Houston performed the Oath of Office for Council member elect Paul Villas.

6. ADJOURNMENT

**Alderman Garcia made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:42 p.m., second by Alderman Irwin. All voted “aye” to adjourn, motion carried.**

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Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

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Alma Deckard, City Secretary