

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

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: AUGUST 20, 2011

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor  
Steve Muschenheim, Council Member  
Leti Keplinger, Council Member  
Michael Carter, Council Member

Rolando Vela, City Manager  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rita Garcia, Council Member  
Paul Villas, Council Member  
William Schnier, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Lane, Citizen  
Jeff Keplinger, Citizen  
Arden Curts, Citizen

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

2. Pledge and Invocation was lead by Mayor Houston.

3. Roll Call – Council Members Schnier, Garcia and Villas were absent.

4. Open Forum:

Arden Curts addressed the Board and asked if it is correct that the property tax rate will increase four cents to make up for the decrease in property values. He also asked what the average increase of a house assessment will be.

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

- A. PROPERTY TAX RATE – To set and Not to Exceed Tax Rate and take a record vote for the 2011 property ad valorem tax rate for Truth In Taxation Purposes.**

Rolando Vela explained that the recommended property tax rate of \$0.2932 is the same as the current tax rate. There will be an additional \$0.0466 added to the tax rate to pay for the debt of the \$1.5 million certificates of obligation.

Council Member Carter asked what the difference in drop will be because of the decrease of the valuations. Rolando Vela explained that the proposed budget submitted to the board was based on the \$0.3135 effective tax rate, which was a decrease of approximately \$105,000. Because the proposed rate is now \$.2932, we will have to decrease approximately an additional \$40,000.

Council Member Carter made a motion to set and not to exceed the property ad valorem tax rate at \$0.293200 per \$100 valuation and the debt service rate of \$0.046689; for a total of \$0.339899, Mayor Houston seconded the motion. Record vote was taken as follows:

Mayor Houston – Voted Yes  
Council Member Muschenheim – Voted Yes  
Council Member Carter – Voted Yes  
Council Member Keplinger – Voted Yes  
Council Member Garcia – was absent  
Council Member Schnier – was absent  
Council Member Villas – was absent  
Motion carried.

- B. PROPERTY TAX RATE PUBLIC HEARINGS – To schedule and set the time and date of the public hearings for the 2011 property ad valorem tax rate.**

Mayor Houston made a motion to set the two public hearings for the 2011 property ad valorem tax rate for Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 6 pm, and Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 6 pm, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Muschenheim made a motion to adjourn meeting at 4:16 pm, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

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Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

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Alma Deckard, City Secretary