

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

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall Building

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

Rolando Vela, City Manager  
Robert McGinnis, Police Chief  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

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

ALSO PRESENT: Richard Hinojosa, Citizen  
Richard Lane, Citizen  
Cecilia Castillo, PIISD School Board  
Estella Pineda, PIISD Superintendent  
Merced Cantu, III, PIISD School Board  
Michael Grebb, PI ISD  
Jenny Strumbaugh, Citizen  
Rene Valdez, PIISD School Board  
Jeff Keplinger, Citizen  
Mickey Furcron, PIISD School Board  
Ana Holland, PI ISD  
Jennifer Pinkerton, PIISD School Board  
William Roach, PI ISD  
Nancy Gonzalez, Citizen  
DJ Canales, Citizen

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order  
Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Pledge and Invocation was lead by PI ISD School Board Member Mickey Furcron.

3. Roll Call – Council Members Rita Garcia and Bill Schnier were absent.
4. OPEN FORUM:
5. P.I.I.S.D. SCHOOL BOARD – To recognize the Point Isabel I.S.D. Board of Trustees for being selected Regional School Board of the Year.  
Mayor read and presented the proclamation recognizing the Point Isabel I.S.D. School for being selected Regional School Board of the Year.
6. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2011-38 – Second Reading – To adopt the 2011 property ad valorem tax rates for Maintenance and Operations and Interest and Sinking Fund. Council Member Villas made a motion to adopt the second reading of Ordinance Number 2011-38 providing for the property ad valorem tax rates for Maintenance and Operations and Interest and Sinking Fund, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
7. STREETS AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – To award a contract to do drainage improvements on Broadway and intersection improvements on FM 510 and Broadway, Highway 100 and Mesquite, and Highway 100 and Palm Blvd. Council Member Villas made a motion to award the contract to do the drainage improvements on Broadway and intersection improvements on FM 510 and Broadway, Highway 100 and Mesquite Drive and Highway 100 and Palm Blvd, to R & R Paving Company, for \$51,296, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
8. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-35 – To approve Resolution Number 2011-35 to nominate a candidate for the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors, position nine.  
Mayor Houston made a motion to nominate Rick Morado as a candidate for the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors, position nine, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.
9. ELECTION DATE – To discuss the SB 100 which will affect the May elections for 2012. (City Secretary)  
Alma Deckard reviewed the contents and implications of Senate Bill 100, which will affect the May 2012 elections. The SB 100 was passed to support the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE Act). There will be a time extension for mail ballots from military overseas. This would allow military overseas to have

sufficient time to submit their mail ballots to get counted. This will affect the May election because the county may be running primary runoffs, because of the extension, and not have enough election equipment to supply the local entities.

The Town would have to either purchase the equipment, which would be very expensive or lease from Elections Systems & Supply (ES&S). The advantage of moving the election to November is a higher voter turnout during presidential elections.

The City of SPI has already voted to move their election to November. City of Los Fresnos and Port Isabel will be voting on this item in October. The Laguna Madre Water District and the PIISD School will probably go with November also.

The resolution for the Board to consider will be on the October agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

**Council Member Villas made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:20 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