

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

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: March 4, 2013
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Steve Muschenheim, Councilmember Place 2
Paul Villas, Councilmember Place 3
Rita Garcia, Councilmember Place 5
Richard Hinojosa, Councilmember Place 6

Rolando Vela, City Manager
Ricardo Morado, Town Attorney
Robert McGinnis, Police Chief
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem
Leti Keplinger, Councilmember Place 4

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Davalos, Jr. Citizen
Cynthia Cespedes, Citizen
Barry Hamory, Citizen
Richard Lane, 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 Council Member Garcia.
- 3. Roll Call/Excused absences - Council Members Carter and Keplinger were absent.**
- 4. OPEN FORUM**

Barry Hamory, P&Z Chairman requested that the Council schedule a joint workshop between the Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission. He explained that the P&Z has gone as far as they can in completing the zoning and subdivision ordinance. Now the Council needs to provide direction in certain areas of the ordinances.

5. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

All matters listed under this item are considered to be routine by the Council 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 the minutes from the January 29, 2013 Special Meeting.
- b) **MINUTES** - Consideration and action to approve minutes from the February 12, 2013 Regular Council Meeting.
- c) **CURRENT OBLIGATIONS** - Consideration and action to approve the current obligations from the Investment Money Market Account (reserve funds) for \$2,200.00.
- d) **CURRENT OBLIGATIONS** - Consideration and action to approve the current obligations from the Interest and Sinking Fund for \$28,683.25.
- e) **RACIAL PROFILING REPORT 2012** – To approve the 2012 Racial Profiling Report from the Police Department. (Chief McGinnis)

Council Member Garcia made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows; (a) approval of the minutes from the January 29, 2013 Special Meeting, (b) approval of the minutes from the February 12, 2013 Regular Meeting, (c) approval of the current obligations from the Investment Money Market Account for \$2,200.00, (d) approval of the current obligations from the Interest and Sinking Fund for \$28,683.25, and (e) approval of the 2012 Racial Profiling Report from the Police Department, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

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

- A. **PARK IMPROVEMENTS** – Consideration and potential action to fund additional park improvements. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to table agenda item 6A - Park Improvements, until the next meeting, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

- B. **STREET IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP** – Consideration and potential action to reschedule the April 2, 2013 street improvements workshop. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to reschedule the Street Improvement Workshop from April 2, 2013 to April 9, 2013 at 5:00 pm, before the regular meeting, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

- C. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-07** – Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2013-07 requesting the Members of the 83rd Legislative Session of the State of Texas support legislation that increases funding for the Texas Recreation & Parks Account and Large County and Municipality Recreation and Parks Account Local Park Grant Programs, and the Texas State Park System. (City Manager)

Council Member Villas made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2013-07 requesting the Members of the 83rd Legislative Session of the State of Texas support legislation that increases funding for the Texas Recreation and Parks Account and Large County and Municipality Recreation and Parks Account Local Park Grant Programs, and the Texas State Park System, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

- D. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-08** – Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2013-08 requesting the Members of the 83rd Legislative Session of the State of Texas support legislation to consolidate the facilities and programs of the University of Texas – Pan American, The University of Texas at Brownsville, and the Regional Academic Health Center into a single institution within and as proposed by The University of Texas System be enacted and that all those involved with the approval of the plan be commended for taking action. (City Manager)

Council Member Garcia made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2013-08 requesting the Members of the 84rd Legislative Session of the State of Texas support legislation to consolidate the facilities and programs of the University of Texas - Pan American, The University of Texas at Brownsville, and the Regional Academic Health Center into a single institution within and as proposed by The University of Texas System be enacted and that all those involved with the approval of the plan be commended for taking action, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

E. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a) TML Region 12 Quarterly Meeting Update

Rolando Vela informed the Council that he and Mayor Houston attended the TML Region 12 meeting in La Joya, last week. The Region 12 board is considering holding a combined city officials training with the PIISD School Board.

- b) February 26-27 Austin Trip Update

Rolando Vela updated the Council, stated he went to Austin last week to meet with legislators concerning the Brownsville ETJ strip annexations.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Villas made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:29 pm, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary