

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: April 9, 2013
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Michael Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem
Steve Muschenheim, Councilmember Place 2
Paul Villas, Councilmember Place 3
Leti Keplinger, Councilmember Place 4
Rita Garcia, Councilmember Place 5
Richard Hinojosa, Councilmember Place 6

Rolando Vela, City Manager
Ricardo Morado, Town Attorney
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Stephanie Wilson, Citizen
Marie L. Gmelin, Citizen
Gunter Gmelin, Citizen
Richard Lane, Citizen
Frank Davalos, Jr., Citizen
Kimberly Wilson, Citizen
Bud Sherman, Citizen
Martha McClain, Citizen
Ana Holland, Citizen
Natalie Gonzalez, Citizen
Mack Stockwell, Citizen
Elliot Carter, 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 Gunter Gmelin from Laguna Vista.

3. Roll Call/Excused absences - All present.

4. RECOGNITION - Recognizing Peter Caceres and the participants of the Texas State Taekwondo Tournament.

Mayor recognized Peter Caceres, along with the participants that won at the Texas State Taekwondo competition. They will continue on to Chicago for the National competition during the summer. Peter Caceres stated that his students range from 4 to 65 years old.

5. OPEN FORUM:

Nathan Gonzalez, an elementary student, read a letter to the Council expressing thanks for the parks in Laguna Vista.

6. 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 March 4, 2013 Special Council Meeting.

b) **CURRENT OBLIGATIONS** – Consideration and action to approve the current obligations from the Certificates of Obligation Account for \$32,459.68.

Council Member Garcia made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows; (a) approval of the minutes from the March 4, 2013 Special Council Meeting, (b) approval of the current obligations from the Certificates of Obligation Account for \$32,459.68, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

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

A. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-09** - Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2013-09 for Autism Awareness Month. (City Manager)

Council Member Garcia made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2013-09 for Autism Awareness Month, Council Mayor Houston seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

B. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-10** - Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2013-10 to request that United States and Water Commission and the US Department of State to pursue agreements whereby Mexico formalizes a compliance program to annually set aside water as a priority allocation to the United States. (City Manager)

Council Member Villas made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2013-10 to request that United States and Water Commission and the US Department of State to pursue agreements whereby Mexico formalizes a compliances program to annually set aside water as a priority allocation to the United States, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

C. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2013-11** - First Reading - Consideration and potential action to approve Ordinance Number 2013-11 amending the Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget. (City Manager)

Council Member Muschenheim made a motion to table Ordinance Number 2013-11 for the next regular meeting, amending the Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

D. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-12** - Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2013-12 authorizing to establish the bank account for the TxCDBG Project Number 712181. (City Manager)

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2013-12 authorizing to establish the bank account for the TxCDBG Project Number 712181, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

E. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-13** - Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2013-13 designating the Depository Authorized Signatory agents for the TxCDBG Project Number 712181. (City Manager)

Council Member Garcia made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2013-13 designating the Depository Authorized Signatory agents for the TxCDBG Project Number 712181, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

F. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-14** - Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2013-14 designating the Labor Standards Officer for the TxCDBG Project Number 712181. (City Manager)

Council Member Villas made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2013-14 designating the Labor Standards Officer for the TxCDBG Project Number 712181, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

G. **2011 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION** - Update on the 2011 Certificates of Obligation projects. (City Manager)

Rolando Vela reviewed the expenditures from the Certificates of Obligation account and pending projects.

H. **PARK IMPROVEMENTS** - Consideration and potential action to approve funding additional park improvements. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve funding for the additional park improvements for BBQ Pits, wooden tables and two benches, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

- I. MUNICIPAL COURT** - Discussion and potential action to authorize the City Manager to advertise for the Municipal Judge and Alternate Judge positions that expire in August 2013. (City Manager)

Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to authorize the City Manager to advertise for the Municipal Judge and alternate judge, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

- J. SECOND QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT** - Update on 2nd Quarterly Report from January 1st to March 31, 2013 of the Town's finances. (City Manager)
Rolando Vela reviewed the second quarterly financial report with the Council. He mentioned that future report will include a column with percentages.

- K. JOINT WORKSHOP** - Consideration and potential action to schedule a workshop with the Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss the proposed zoning ordinance. (City Manager)

Council Member Villas made a motion to schedule the joint workshop with the Planning & Zoning Commission for Tuesday, April 30, 2012 at 6 pm, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

L. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Upcoming Community Events

Rolando Vela announced that the Earth Day event will be April 20, 2013 at 9 am.

The Music Fest will be Saturday, May 25, 2013.

The Memorial Day Ceremony will be May 27, 2013 at 5:30 pm.

- b) TxCDBG Project No. 712181

The new grant has been awarded and street and drainage improvements on Palo Blanco will begin shortly.

- c) Cameron County ESD

The Emergency Service District (ESD) will have a meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 to vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Garcia made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:00 pm, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary