

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susie Houston, Mayor
Leti Keplinger, Mayor Pro-Tem
Michael Carter, Councilmember Place 1
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: Steve Muschenheim, Councilmember Place 2
Paul Villas, Councilmember Place 3

ALSO PRESENT: Yolanda Birdwell, Citizen
Walter Birdwell, Citizen
Bill Beaty, Citizen
Katherine Santos, Citizen
Tom Santos, Citizen
Stan Backues, Citizen
Norris Fletcher, Citizen
Luke Brown, Island Baptist Church
Richard Lane, Citizen
Duane A. Rasmussen, Citizen
Ivy Murchison, Citizen
Daniella Murchison, Citizen
Martha McClain, 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 Luke Brown from the Island Baptist Church.

3. Roll Call/Excused absences - Council Members Muschenheim and Villas were absent.

Council Member Keplinger made a motion to excuse Council Members Muschenheim and Villas from tonight’s meeting, both are on vacation, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

4. PROCLAMATION - Daniella Murchison

Mayor Houston presented a proclamation to Daniella Murchison for her accomplishments in the 2013 UIL 3A State Champion in Shot Put, in the 2013 World Youth Trials, and the USA Outdoor Track and Field Youth National Championship.

5. OPEN FORUM:

Bill Beaty addressed the Council concerning the walking trail and the vandalism that has been occurring. The walking trail has become a target of vandalism. The community needs to pull resources to perverse the trail.

Yolanda Birdwell addressed the Council concerning the walking trail. She concurred with Bill Beaty about need to control the vandalism. The community needs to be made aware of this situation, with flyers distributed to each house. Ms. Birdwell expressed thanks to the Council for the street and drainage improvements on Palo Blanco Drive.

Walter Birdwell addressed the Council expressing appreciation for the street improvements on Palo Blanco. He stated that lots of people use the walking trail and citizens should report any suspicious activity. The Council should consider barb wire on the fence.

Katherine Santos addressed the Council concerning the use of golf carts on public streets. She explained that she has a pet sitting/walking service and uses her golf cart to get around for her business. She has been told by the police officers that it is against the law to drive a golf cart on a public street. Ms. Santos stated that there is no ordinance prohibiting golf carts on the street. She referred to a newspaper article from Corpus Christi stating that State law allows for golf carts to be driven on public streets.

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 June 11, 2013 Regular Meeting.

- b) **MINUTES** - Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2013 Special Meeting.
- c) **CURRENT OBLIGATIONS** – Consideration and action to approve the current obligations from the Certificates of Obligation Account for \$11,178.88.

Council Member Garcia made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows: (a) approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting on June 11, 2013, (b) approval of the minutes from the special council meeting on June 25, 2013, and (c) approval of the current obligations from the Certificates of Obligation Account for \$11,178.88, Council Member Hinojosa 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. **2013-14 BUDGET WORKSHOP** - Consideration and potential action to schedule a workshop to review the proposed FY 2013-14 budget. (City Manager)
Council Member Carter made a motion to schedule a budget workshop on Monday, August 5, 2013 at 5:30 pm, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.
- B. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2013-18** - Second Reading - Consideration and potential action to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2013-18, repealing Ordinance Number 2003-03, in particular amending Section 2(a) to extend Roloff Park hours. (City Manager)
Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2013-18, repealing Ordinance Number 2003-03, in particular amending Section 2(a) to extend Roloff Park hours, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.
- C. **2011 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION REPORT** - Update on the 2011 Certificates of Obligation. (City Manager)
Rolando Vela explained that there is a balance of \$45,704.90 in the Certificates of Obligation account. There are no new items to report.
- D. **THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT** - Presentation on the 3rd Quarter Financial Report (April, May, and June). (City Manager)
Rolando Vela reported that the revenue collection is at 100.16% for the year. The expenditures are at 78.49% for the year.
- E. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SCHOLARSHIP** - Consideration and potential action to approve for the CDC to sponsor a \$700 scholarship through the UTB Kauffman Fast Trac Program for an aspiring entrepreneur in Laguna Vista. (City Manager)
No action was taken on the Community Development Corporation Scholarship for the UTB Kauffman Fast Trac Program.

F. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FUNDING - Consideration and potential action to approve for the CDC to fund up to \$3,000 for the July 4th event. (City Manager)

No action was taken for the Community Development Corporation Funding for the July 4th event.

G. ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT - Consideration and potential action to appoint a resident to the Board of Adjustments. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to appoint Norris Fletcher to the Board of Adjustments for a two year term, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

H. AUDIT COMMITTEE - Consideration and potential action to appoint the audit committee pursuant to Section 5.13(c) of the Home Rule Charter. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to appoint Council Member Carter and Hinojosa and Citizen Gary Mesachie to the Audit Committee, pursuant to Section 5.13(c) of the Home Rule Charter, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

I. AUDIT SERVICES - Consideration and potential action to contract with Pattillo, Brown and Hill, LLP, to conduct the 2012-13 fiscal year auditing services. (City Manager)

Council Member Carter made a motion to contract with Pattillo, Brown and Hill, LLP, to conduct the 2012-13 fiscal year auditing services, for \$16,000, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

J. COMMUNITIES OF DISTINCTION TV - Discussion on the proposal to appear in the Communities of Distinction TV program. (City Manager)

No action was taken on the Communities of Distinction TV program.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION—There may be an Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to consult with the Town Attorney to seek his legal advice on the following matters:

-Duane A. Rasmussen v. City of Laguna Vista

-William R. Schnier complaint

-Proposed contracts with Municipal Judge/Alternate Municipal Judge

Council Member Garcia made a motion to go into executive session, at 6:50 pm, pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to consult with the Town Attorney to seek his legal advice on the following matters:

Duane A. Rasmussen v. City of Laguna Vista

William R. Schnier complaint

Proposed contracts with Municipal Judge/Alternate Municipal

Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

L. **OPEN SESSION** - Action, if any, on the items discussed in Executive Session.

Council came out of executive session at 7:12 pm.

Mayor Houston made a motion to authorize the Town Attorney to respond as per discussion in executive session, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Garcia made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:13 pm, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary