

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 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
Paul Villas, Councilmember Place 3
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
Rita Garcia, Councilmember Place 5

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Davalos, Citizen
Dianna Harvill, Citizen
Celeste Morris, Citizen
Richard Lane, Citizen
Roxanne Guenzel, Citizen
Hamilton Musser, Cornerstone Church
Gary Wages, Time Warner Cable

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 Hamilton Musser from Cornerstone Church.
- 3. Roll Call/Excused absences - Council Members Muschenheim and Garcia were absent.**

Council Member Keplinger made a motion to excuse Council Members Muschenheim and Garcia from tonight's meeting, for work related reasons, Council Member Villas seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

4. OPEN FORUM

Celeste Morris addressed the Council concerning the street improvement projects on Palo Blanco Drive. She also stated that she is in favor of the Delivery Service Program and the new phone system for city hall buildings.

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 August 13, 2013 Regular Meeting.
- b) **CDC FY 2013-14 BUDGET** - Consideration and action to approve Resolution CDC2013-01 for the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation 2013-14 budget.
- c) **CDC GENERAL MANAGER** - Consideration and action to appoint Rolando Vela as the General Manager for the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation.
- d) **CDC FINANCE MANAGER** - Consideration and action to appoint Alma Deckard as the Finance Manager for the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation.
- e) **CDC SECRETARY** - Consideration and action to appoint Alma Deckard as the Corporation Secretary for the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation.

Council Member Villas made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows; (a) approval of the minutes from the August 13, 2013 regular meeting, (b) approval of Resolution CDC2013-01 for the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation (CDC) 2013-14 budget, (c) approval to appoint Rolando Vela as the General Manager for the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation (CDC), (d) approval to appoint Alma Deckard as the Finance Manager for the Laguna Vista CDC, (e) approval to appoint Alma Deckard as the Corporation Secretary for the Laguna Vista CDC, Council Member Keplinger 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. **INTERNET, VIDEO & PHONE SERVICE** - Consideration and potential action on a proposal to provide internet, video and phone services to the Town of Laguna Vista. (City Manager)

Council Member Villas made a motion to approve the Internet, Video and phone service with Time Warner Cable for the Town of Laguna Vista buildings, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

B. OCTOBER 2013 COUNCIL MEETING - Consideration and potential action to reschedule the October 8, 2013 Town Council meeting. (City Manager)
Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to reschedule the October 8, 2013 Town Council regular meeting to Monday, October 7, 2013 at 6:00 pm, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

C. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2013-20 - Second Reading - Consideration and potential to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2013-20, adopting the 2013-14 fiscal year budget. (City Manager)
Council Member Villas made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2013-20, adopting the 2013-14 fiscal year budget, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. Record vote was as follows;
Mayor Houston - Aye
Council Member Hinojosa - Aye
Council Member Garcia - absent
Council Member Keplinger - Aye
Council Member Villas - Aye
Council Member Muschenheim - absent
Council Member Michael Carter - Aye
Motion carried.

D. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2013-21 - Second Reading - Consideration and potential action to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2013-21, adopting the 2013 ad valorem property tax rate. (City Manager)
Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2013-21, adopting the 2013 ad valorem property tax rate, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

E. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2013-22 - First Reading - Consideration and potential action to approve the first reading of ordinance number 2013-22 approving a negotiated settlement between the Town of Laguna Vista and Texas Gas Service. (City Manager)
Mayor Houston made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 2013-22, approving a negotiated settlement between the Town of Laguna vista and Texas Gas Service, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

F. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-23 - Consideration and potential action to select the nominee for the Cameron Appraisal District Director for position nine. (City Manager)
Council Member Villas made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2013-23 to nominate Ricardo Morado for the Cameron Appraisal District Director for position nine, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

G. STREET IMPROVEMENTS - Discussion on street improvements. (City Manager)
Rolando Vela informed the Council that Commissioner David Garza stopped by today and has offered the county's equipment to do any street repairs around town. He will be bringing an interlocal agreement for the Council to approve.

Right now the only choices for street improvement funding are as follows;
Increase property taxes
Go out for Certificates of Obligations
A bond proposition election
A street assessment for each property owner
A street maintenance sales tax
Initiate a street assessment program.

H. CDC FUNDING - 2014 SPI GUIDE - Consideration and potential action on the recommendation of the CDC Board to fund the 2014 SPI Guide. (City Manager)
Mayor Houston made a motion to approve the CDC funding for the 2014 SPI Guide as recommended by the CDC board, for \$4,297, Council Member Villas seconded the motion. Council Member Hinojosa opposed motion. All others voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

I. 2011 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION - Update on the 2011 Certificates of Obligation. (City Manager)
Rolando Vela informed the Council that the Certificates of Obligation has an available fund balance of \$52,378.58. He will bring proposals at the next meeting for fencing for the walking trail, and cameras that are still needed.

J. DELIVERY SYSTEM REFORM INCENTIVE PAYMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT - Consideration and potential action to authorize the City Manager to execute the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments Services Agreement on behalf of the Town of Laguna Vista. (City Manager)
Council Member Villas made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments Services Agreement on behalf of the Town of Laguna Vista, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

K. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

i. Upcoming Community Events

Rolando Vela informed the Council of the following events coming up:
Saturday, October 12, 2013 - Laguna Vista Volunteer Fire Dept. Golf Tournament
Saturday, October 26, 2013 - Clean Up day in the community
Saturday, November 2, 2013 - Music by the Bay event
Monday, November 11, 2013 - Veterans Day Ceremony
Thursday, December 5, 2013 - Tree Lighting Ceremony

- L. **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

Council Member Carter made a motion to go into executive session, at 6:55 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, Council Member Villas seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

Council came out of executive session at 7:09 pm.

- M. **OPEN SESSION** - Action, if any, on the items discussed in Executive Session.
No action was taken as a result of executive session.

- N. **ADVISORY BOARD HANDBOOK** - Discussion on amending Section 2.1 (A) of the Advisory Board Handbook to allow residents to serve on more than one permanent Board. (City Manager)
No action was taken on the Advisory Board Handbook amending Section 2.1(A)

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Keplinger made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:10 pm, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary