

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

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: October 7, 2013  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leti Keplinger, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Steve Muschenheim, Councilmember Place 2  
Rita Garcia, Councilmember Place 5  
Richard Hinojosa, Councilmember Place 6  
  
Rolando Vela, City Manager  
Robert McGinnis, Police Chief  
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susie Houston, Mayor  
Michael Carter, Councilmember Place 1  
Paul Villas, Councilmember Place 3

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Davalos, Jr., Citizen  
Carlos Galvan, Laguna Madre Water District GM  
Yolanda Birdwell, Citizen  
Norris Fletcher, Citizen  
Richard Lane, Citizen  
March McClain, Citizen

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order**  
Mayor Pro-Tem called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- 2. Pledge and Invocation** was lead by Council Member Garcia.
- 3. Roll Call/Excused absences**

**Mayor Houston, and Council Members Carter and Villas were absent.**

**Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to excuse Mayor Houston from tonight's meeting, she is in Austin attending a meeting, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.**

**4. OPEN FORUM - None**

**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 September 10, 2013 Regular Meeting.

**Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to approve the consent agenda items to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2013 Regular Town Council Meeting, Council Member Muschenheim 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. **LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT** - Update by LMWD General Manager Carlos Galvan on upcoming water and sewer improvements in the Town of Laguna Vista. (City Manager)

Carlos Galvan addressed the Council, updating them with ongoing projects in Laguna Vista from the Laguna Madre Water District. A new plant was constructed on Hwy 100 in April with a new pump station. A new microfiltration building is also under construction, and should be completed by December 2013. Installation of water value throughout Laguna Vista were done on Beach Blvd, Mesquite, Taylor, Orange, Ebony and Palm Blvd. They've repaired 20 manholes in Laguna Vista. General information about ongoing projects is always on the Laguna Madre Water District website at [www.lmwd.org](http://www.lmwd.org).

- B. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2013-22** - Second 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)

**Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2013-22 approving the negotiated settlement between the Town of Laguna Vista and Texas Gas Service, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.**

- C. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-24** - Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2013-24 appointing the official newspaper for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year. (City Manager)

**Council Member Garcia made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2013-24 appointing the official newspaper for the 2013-14 fiscal year, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.**

- D. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2013-25** - First Reading - Consideration and potential action to approve Ordinance Number 2013-25 granting Texas Gas Service Company the right, privilege and franchise to use streets, alleys, thoroughfares and other public waters to operate and maintain a natural gas distribution system in the Town of Laguna Vista, Cameron County, Texas. (City Manager)

**Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 2013-25 granting Texas Gas Service Company the right privilege and franchise to use streets, alleys, thoroughfares and other public water to operate and maintain a natural gas distribution system in the Town of Laguna Vista, Cameron County, Texas, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.**

**E. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-26** - Consideration and potential action to approve Resolution Number 2013-26, establishing rules and regulations regarding the use of excessive force during nonviolent civil rights demonstrations. (City Manager)  
**Council Member Garcia made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2013-26 establishing rules and regulations regarding the use of excessive force during nonviolent civil rights demonstrations, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.**

**F. 2011 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION** - Update on 2011 Certificates of Obligation. (City Manager)  
**Rolando Vela stated that there were no changes from last month's report. No expenses have been made. He is still waiting for quotes for some park items.**

**G. JOINT WORKSHOP** - Consideration and action to schedule a joint workshop with the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation (CDC) Board to discuss potential projects to fund. (City Manager)  
**Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to schedule the joint workshop between the Town Council and the Community Development Corporation (CDC), for Monday, October 21, 2013, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Garcia made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:25 pm, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.**

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Susie Houston, Mayor

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Alma Deckard, City Secretary