

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: November 12, 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
Steve Muschenheim, Councilmember Place 2
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: Rita Garcia, Councilmember Place 5

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Davalos, Citizen
Richard Lane, Citizen
Bob Matoush, 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 Mayor Houston.

3. Roll Call/Excused absences - Council Member Garcia was absent.

Mayor Houston made a motion to excuse Council Member Garcia from tonight's meeting, due to a work related meeting; Council Member Hinojosa 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 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 October 7, 2013 Special Meeting.

b) **MINUTES** – Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2013 Joint Meeting with the CDC Board.

Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows; (a) approval of the minutes from the October 7, 2013 Special Meeting, (b) approval of the minutes from the October 21, 2013 Joint Meeting with the CDC Board, 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. **ALLIED WASTE SERVICES** - Contract extension proposal submitted by Allied Waste Services. (City Manager)

Council Member Villas made a motion to approve the contract extension with Allied Waste Services, for five (5) years, until December 31, 2019; Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

B. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2013-25** - Second Reading of Ordinance No. 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 second reading of 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; Council Member Villas seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

C. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-27** - Resolution No. 2013-27 casting of vote for the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors, Position 9 ballot. (City Manager)

Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2013-27 casting a vote for Ricardo Morado for the Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors, Position 9 ballot; Mayor Houston seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

D. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2013-28** - Authorizing the grant application submission to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, for funding under the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Regional Solid Waste Grant Program. (City Manager)

Council Member Villas made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2013-28 authorizing the grant application submission to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, for funding under the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Regional Solid Waste Grant Program; Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

E. HOME RULE CHARTER - Potential charter amendments. (Mayor Houston, Council Member Hinojosa)

Mayor Houston made a motion to schedule a workshop sometime in January 2014 to review amendments to the Home Rule Charter; Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

F. ADVISORY BOARD HANDBOOK - Amendment to Section 2.1(A) of the Advisory Board Handbook to allow a person to serve on more than one permanent advisory board. (City Manager)

Council Member Muschenheim made a motion to table the Advisory Board Handbook amendment to Section 2.1(A), until the next meeting, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

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

Rolando Vela reported that the Certificates of Obligation balance on account is \$52,378.58. Two easements are pending for two (2) fire hydrants.

H. PARK IMPROVEMENTS - Potential park improvements to Roloff Park and Trail Park. (City Manager)

No action was taken on the park improvements to Roloff Park and the Walking Trail Park.

I. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Christmas Activities

Rolando Vela reports that the Tree Lighting Ceremony will be Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 5:30 pm.

The Tree Decorating Contest will be announced at the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

The Home Decorating Contest will be judged on Friday, December 20, 2013.

J. 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 6:45 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 Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

Council came out of executive session at 7:20 pm.

K. OPEN SESSION - Action, if any, on the items discussed in Executive Session. Council Member Villas made a motion to authorize the Town Attorney to process as directed in executive session, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Muschenheim made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:22 pm, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary