

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: December 10, 2013

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: City Hall Building

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

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Davalos, Citizen
Anna Backues, Citizen
Richard Lane, Citizen
Norris Fletcher, Citizen
Walter Birdwell, Citizen
Yolanda Birdwell, Citizen
Bob Rice, Citizen
Michael Quist, Boys & Girls Club
Rudy Garcia, P.I.I.S.D.
Javier Ibarra, AMIKids Rio Grande Valley
Martha McClain, Citizen

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

2. Pledge and Invocation was lead by Bob Rice.

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

Mayor Houston made a motion to excuse Council Member Keplinger from tonight's meeting, for personal reasons, Council Member Villas seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

4. RECOGNITIONS - To recognize volunteers and participants in the Christmas Tree Lighting Event.

Mayor presented certificates to Rudy Garcia for the Project Puente participants, Javier Ibarra for the AMIKids services, Bob Rice for playing Santa Claus, Chief McGinnis for the Volunteer Fire Department, Council Member Garcia accepted certificates on behalf of the PIHS Band. Several other participants that were not present will receive certificates.

Bob Rice expressed thanks to the Council and Rolando Vela for the opportunity to serve as Santa. He stated that it was lots of fun and thoroughly enjoyed it.

5. OPEN FORUM: None

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 November 12, 2013 Regular Meeting.

Council Member Garcia made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows; (a) approval of the minutes from the November 12, 2013 Regular Meeting, Council Member Muschenheim 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. **CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING CONTEST** - To recognize the winners of the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. (City Manager)

Mayor announced that the four entries for the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest are winners. All will receive a \$125 prize. Contestants were; Environmental Quality Committee, St. Andrews by the Sea Church, Friends of the Library, and Stripes Store #2284.

Rolando Vela mentioned that Orlando Cruz from Cruz Hogan Engineers has made a donation of \$500 for the cash prizes.

- B. **C.D.C. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION/BYLAWS** - To approve the changes/amendments to the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation (CDC) Articles of Incorporation/Bylaws. (City Manager)

Council Member Villas made a motion to approve the changes/amendments to the Laguna Vista Community Development Corporation (CDC) Articles of

Incorporation/Bylaws, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

C. **CDC FUNDING** - To approve the recommendation of the CDC Board to fund the Walking Trail Fence Project for \$3,500. (City Manager)

Council Member Muschenheim made a motion to approve the recommendation from the CDC Board to fund the Walking Trail Fence Project for \$3,500, Council Member Villas seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

D. **CDC FUNDING** - To approve the recommendation of the CDC Board to fund the Roloff Park Drainage Project funding for \$5,899. (City Manager)

Council Member Muschenheim made a motion to approve the recommendation of the CDC Board to fund the Roloff Park Drainage Project funding for \$5,899, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

E. **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 approve the amendment to Section 2.1(A) of the Advisory Board Handbook to allow a person to serve on more than one permanent advisory board, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

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

Rolando Vela reported that there is no change to the balance, there has been no activity in the account.

Council Member Carter asked what the status was with the fire hydrants. Rolando Vela explained that we are waiting to obtain two easements from property owners. A letter was mailed out, but no response has been received. Mayor Houston suggested making a personal contact with the property owners. Council Member Carter stated that the project needs to get completed as soon as possible.

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Mitigation Grant

Rolando Vela explained that the Mitigation Grant must be submitted in order for the Town to qualify for any FEMA funding during disasters.

b) Update on Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program

Rolando Vela stated that we are in process of interviewing applicants for the Community Health Care Worker. The medical equipment has been purchased and we'll be ordering the computer laptop and items needed. There are bench marks that must be met to keep statistical figures for the grant.

- H. 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 Garcia made a motion to go into executive session, at 6:30 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, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

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

Council came out of executive session at 6:39 pm.

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Garcia made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:40 pm, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary