

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: February 11, 2014

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
Richard Hinojosa, Councilmember Place 6

Rolando Vela, City Manager
Robert McGinnis, Police Chief
Alma Deckard, City Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rita Garcia, Councilmember Place 5
Leti Keplinger, Mayor Pro-Tem

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Davalos, Citizen
Anna Backues, Citizen
Wanda Rice, Citizen
Bob Rice, Citizen
Richard Lane, Citizen
Michael Quist, Laguna Madre Boys & Girls Club
Martha McClain, Citizen
Norris Fletcher, 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 Members Garcia and Keplinger were absent.**

Mayor Houston made a motion to excuse Council Member Garcia and Keplinger due to illness, from tonight's meeting, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

4. OPEN FORUM:

Anna Backues addressed the Council concerning the walking trail at the library grounds. She stated that she could answer any questions they may have.

Mike Quist, Director from the Laguna Madre Boys and Girls Club addressed the Council inviting them to the South Texas Youth Conference. He explained that the local Boys & Girls Club will be hosting the event from February 28 to March 1, 2014 and encouraged the Council Members to attend.

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 January 7, 2014 Special Meeting.
- b) **MINUTES** - Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2014 Audit Committee Meeting.
- c) **MINUTES** - Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2014 Regular Meeting.
- d) **MINUTES** - Consideration and action to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2014 Emergency Meeting.
- e) **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014-03** - To approve Resolution Number 2014-03 appointing the City Secretary, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, Section 4.06.

Council Member Villas made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as follows; (a) approval of the minutes for the January 7, 2014 special meeting, (b) approval of the minutes for the January 14, 2014, with the correction that the mayor was present, but not listed, (c) approval of the minutes for the January 14, 2014 meeting, (d) approval of the minutes for the January 15, 2014 emergency meeting, (e) approval of Resolution Number 2014-03 appointing the City Secretary, pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, Section 4.06, 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. BANKING SERVICES - To award the contract for banking services. (City Manager) **Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to award the contract, for two years, (April 1, 2016), to the First National Bank of South Padre Island for banking services for the Town, Council Member Villas seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.**

B. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-01 - Second Reading - To approve Ordinance Number 2014-01 adopting the 2013-14 Fiscal Year budget amendment. (City Manager)
Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 2014-01 adopting the 2013-14 Fiscal Year budget amendment, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

C. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014-04 - Approval of Resolution Number 2014-04 to order the General Election for May 10, 2014. (City Secretary)
Council Member Villas made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2014-04 to order the General Election for May 10, 2014, Mayor Houston seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

D. NOTICE OF ELECTION - Approval of the Notice of Election for the May 10, 2014 General Election for the Town. (City Secretary)
Mayor Houston made a motion to approve the Notice of Election for the May 10, 2014 General Election for the Town, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

E. JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT - Approval to conduct a joint election with the Point Isabel Independent School District on May 10, 2014. (City Secretary)
Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to approve the joint election agreement with the Point Isabel Independent School District and the Town, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. Council Member Carter abstained from voting. All others voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

F. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-05 - First Reading - To approve the Ordinance Number 2014-05 adopting the Comprehensive Plan pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, Section 9.02(b). (City Manager)
Council Member Carter made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 2014-05 adopting the Comprehensive Plan pursuant to the Home Rule Charter, Section 9.02(b), Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

G. MARCH 2014 MEETING - Approval to reschedule the regular March 11, 2014 Council Meeting. (Mayor Houston)
No action was taken on the March 2014 Meeting agenda item.

H. ENGINEERING SERVICES - Authorization to proceed with request for statement of qualifications for engineering services for the Town. (City Manager)
Council Member Villas made a motion to authorize the City Manager to proceed with request for statement of qualifications for engineering services for the Town, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

I. CDC FUNDING - Consideration and action to approve the recommendation of the CDC Board to fund \$17,700.00 for the Walking Trail expansion. (City Manager)
Mayor Houston made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Community Development Corporation (CDC) Board to fund \$17,700 for the Walking Trail

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

J. CDC FUNDING - Consideration and action to approve the recommendation of the CDC Board to fund \$1,900.00 for the Roloff Park camera. (City Manager)

Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Community Development Corporation (CDC) Board to fund \$1,900.00 for the Roloff Park camera, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

K. HOME RULE CHARTER - To discuss potential amendments to the 2011 Home Rule Charter. (City Manager)

The Council had a short discussion concerning the following sections from the Home Rule Charter; (1) Section 4.05 - Municipal Judge appointment, (2) Section 1.03(b) - Changing Town Name, (3) Section 2.02(c) - Number of Council Members, (4) Section 2.03(a) - Mayor voting, (5) Amendment to Charter to limit number of years that the Town can lease any town property, (6) Section 6.03(b) - candidate winning by 51% of votes.

L. 2011 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION - Update on the 2011 Certificates of Obligation. (City Manager)

Rolando Vela informed the Council that there is a balance of \$70,087.49 in the Certificate of Obligation Fund.

M. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

i. Laguna Vista Live - Music by the Bay

Rolando Vela informed the Council that the Music Fest is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 5 - 9 pm.

ii. Easter Egg Hunt

Rolando Vela stated that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2014 from 10 - 12 noon.

iii. Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

Rolando Vela stated that the Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade are scheduled for Monday, May 25, 2014.

iv. Update on proposed zoning ordinance and map

Rolando Vela informed the Council that the Planning & Zoning Commission is in the final stages of completing the Zoning Ordinance. They will begin reviewing the Sub-division ordinance at the next meeting.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There will be an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section §551.071; consultation with Town Attorney to seek advice in legal matters.

 **Duane A. Rasmussen v. City of Laguna Vista**

✚ Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction potential litigation

Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 to deliberate the Evaluation of a Public Officer or Employee

✚ City Manager - Rolando Vela

Council Member Villas made a motion to go into executive session at 6:55 pm, pursuant to the Open Meeting Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071; consultation with Town Attorney to seek advice in legal matters - Duane A. Rasmussen v. City of Laguna Vista; and Section 551.074 to deliberate the evaluation of a public officer or employee - City Manager Rolando Vela, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

Council came out of executive session at 7:08 pm.

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

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve the evaluation form for the city manager and set up the formal evaluation for April 8, 2014, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:09 pm, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary