

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: April 8, 2014
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
Rita Garcia, Councilmember Place 5
Richard Hinojosa, Councilmember Place 6

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Davalos, Citizen
William Beaty, Citizen
Eduardo Mejia, Mejia & Rose Engineers
Wanda R. Rice, Citizen
Bob Rice, Citizen
Yolanda Birdwell, Citizen
Richard Lane, Citizen
Jonathan Martinez, Citizen
Norris Fletcher, Citizen
Herb Houston, Citizen
Ron Urhammer, Citizen
Martha McClain, Citizen
Roy Rodriguez, Pastor, Maranata Worship Center

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Mayor Houston called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Pledge and Invocation was led by Roy Rodriguez

3. Roll Call/Excused absences – All Present

4. OPEN FORUM:

Bill Beaty addressed the Council concerning the cat problem around town. He is also concerned about repeated vandalism at the walking trail. He suggested scheduling citizens to patrol the area. He also mentioned that every effort should be made to help keep Dr. Gonzalez's Clinic in Town.

Jonathan Martinez addressed the Council concerning the speeders on Mesquite Drive. He stated that speed humps are needed and signs saying children at play. He stated that he put a rope on the street and a sign in his yare, but the cops took the sign from his yard.

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 March 3, 2014 Special Meeting.

b) **TEXAS FOREST SERVICE GRANT** – Consideration and action to approve submittal of a grant application to the Texas Forest Service for ECA training. (Chief McGinnis)

Council Member Garcia made a motion to pull item a) Minutes from the March 3, 2014 Special Meeting, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

Council Member Villas made a motion to approve consent agenda item b) approval for the submittal of a grant application to the Texas Forest Service Grant for ECA training for the Fire Department, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

Council Member Villas made a motion to approve consent agenda item a) approval of the minutes from the March 3, 2014 Special Meeting, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. Council Member Garcia abstained from voting. All other voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

6. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion, consideration and possible action on each of the following items:

A. **RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014-07** – To approve Resolution Number 2014-07 declaring April 2014 as Fair Housing Month. (City Manager)

Council Member Garcia made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2014-07 declaring April 2014 as Fair Housing Month, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

B. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014-08 – To approve Resolution Number 2014-08 recognizing April 2014 as Autism Awareness Month. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2014-08 recognizing April 2014 as Autism Awareness Month, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

C. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014-09 – To approve Resolution Number 2014-09 Establishing the procedures for the evaluation of the City Manager. (Council Members Hinojosa and Garcia)

Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2014-09 establishing the procedures for the evaluation of the City Manager, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

D. SPECIAL ELECTION – To authorize Town Administration to proceed with a special election. (City Manager and City Attorney)

Council Member Villas made a motion to authorize Town Administration to proceed with a special election, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

E. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2014-10 – To approve Resolution Number 2014-10 ordering a Special Election to fill the unexpired term for Council Member Place 5. (City Secretary)

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve Resolution Number 2014-10 ordering a Special Election to fill the unexpired term for Council Member Place 5, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

F. REPLATTING – To approve the replatting of Parcel 10A, Lots 17 and 19, located on Cypress Point Drive at the South Padre Island Golf Club as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. (City Manager)

Council Member Villas made a motion to approve, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the replatting of Parcel 10A, Lots 17 and 19, located on Cypress Point Drive at the South Padre Island Golf Club, Council Member Muschenheim seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

G. BUDGET WORKSHOP – To schedule a budget workshop to review the Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget. (City Manager)

Council Member Villas made a motion to table scheduling a budget workshop to review the Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget, Council Member Hinojosa seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

H. PARK IMPROVEMENTS – To repeal the previous approval of the funding of \$17,700.00 for Phase II of the Laguna Vista Trail Park. (City Manager)

Council Member Hinojosa made a motion to table repealing the park improvements funding of the \$17,700 for Phase II of the Trail Park, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

I. STREET IMPROVEMENTS – To authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Cruz-Hogan Consulting Engineers to prepare construction plans for street improvements. (City Manager)

Mayor Houston made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Cruz-Hogan Consulting Engineers to prepare construction plans for street improvements for Palm Blvd. and to include speed humps for Mesquite Drive, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

J. SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT – Presentation on the 2nd Quarter Financial Performance Report (Jan 2014 – Mar 2014). (City Manager) Rolando Vela reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the second quarter financial report. According to the revenues, he stated that we will exceed the property tax collection. Approximately \$36,171 was collected during the warrant roundup this year.

K. 2011 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION – Update on the 2011 Certificates of Obligation. (City Manager) Rolando Vela informed the Council that there is \$68,298 balance in the certificates of obligation account. The last purchase was for the BBQ Pits for \$1,099.90.

L. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

i. Earth Day

Rolando Vela stated that the Earth Day event is set for April 26, 2014 from 10 am to 12 noon.

ii. Easter Egg Hunt

Rolando Vela stated that the Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 19, 2014 from 10 am to 12 noon, at Roloff Park.

iii. Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

Rolando Vela stated that the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony will be Monday, May 26, 2014 at 5 pm, at Veterans Park.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION - There will be an Executive Session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 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 7:06 pm, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074 to deliberate the evaluation of a public officer or employee – City Manager, Rolando Vela, Council Member Keplinger seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Council came out of executive session at 7:15 pm.

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

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Keplinger made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:15 pm, Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. All voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Susie Houston, Mayor

Attest:

Alma Deckard, City Secretary