

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

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: August 10, 2021
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nadine Smith, Mayor
Michael Carter, Council Member Place 1
Johvonne Howard, Mayor Pro-Tem
Bettina Tolin, Council Member Place 3
Silke de Gobeo, Council Member Place 6

Ed Meza, City Manager
Alan Ozuna, City Attorney
Anthony David, Police Chief
Ana Hernandez, City Secretary
Rendie Gonzales, Bookkeeper

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rolando Gonzalez, Council Member Place 4
Victor Worrell, Council Member Place 5

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Ferrera

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order** – Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
- 2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Rendie Gonzales.
- 3. Roll Call/Excused Absences** – Mayor Nadine Smith made a motion to excuse Council Members Gonzalez and Worrell, Council Member Howard seconded the motion. Council Members Howard, Tolin, De Gobeo, and Mayor Smith voted “aye” to approve motion carried.
- 4. OPEN FORUM:** None

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

- a) **FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Review of monthly financial reports. (City Manager)

There was no discussion on this item.

- b) **MULTI-SERVICE FACILITY** – Consideration and possible action concerning the authorization to prepare and submit project synopsis documentation to Cameron County Commissioner's Court seeking project funding assistance for the construction of the Town of Laguna Vista Covid Response Multi-Service Facility. (City Manager)

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED.

- c) **CAMERON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN** - Consideration and possible action to approve participating in the Cameron County Hazard Mitigation Plan. (City Manager)

Presentation by Ms. Ferrera regarding Cameron County Hazard Mitigation Plan, she stated that Laguna Vista participated in this plan which was approved September 2017 and it will expire September 2022. Mitigation planning serves as a vital foundation in saving lives and property from a natural disaster. She stated that plans are required on a 5 year time table so communities can leverage FEMA funding. She stated that Laguna Vista will have 3 workshops: Kickoff, Risk Assessment, and Mitigation Strategy Workshop in addition we will have 3 public meetings and a public survey for public input.

No action needed from Town Council to participate. Ms. Ferrera stated all she needs by mid or late September is the signed contract which has been provided to the Town.

Council Member Carter arrived at 6:04 p.m.

- d) **2021 TML CONFERENCE** – Consideration and possible action to approve attending the TML Annual Conference scheduled for October 6 – 8, 2021 in Houston, TX for Mayor Smith, Council Member Tolin, Council Member De Gobeo, City Manager Ed Meza, and City Secretary Ana Hernandez. (City Manager)

After discussion from the Board, it was agreed that Norma Barbosa and Willie Martinez would attend TML conference since Mayor Smith, Council Members Tolin, and Council Member De Gobeo will be paying their own expenses.

Council Member Carter made a motion to approve for City Manager Ed Meza, City Secretary Ana Hernandez, Public Works Director Willie Martinez, Office Assistant Norma Barbos to attend the TML Annual Conference scheduled for October 6 – 8, Council Member Howard seconded the motion. Council

Members Carter, Howard, Tolin, De Gobeo, and Mayor Smith, voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

e) CITY MANAGER’S REPORT –

- Drainage & Flood Update

Mr. Meza updated council on flooding areas. He stated Public Works will clean drains. He presented the areas with more problems. He is suggesting to buy a trash pump to help during floods.

- f) EXECUTIVE SESSION –** The Town Council may convene in Executive closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, regarding any matter listed on the agenda pursuant to Section 551.071 – consultation with Town Attorney; 551.072 – Deliberation regarding real property; 551.074 – Personnel deliberations; and 551.087 – Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations.

🚧 City Manager – Ed Meza – Evaluation

Mayor Smith recommended to table this item due to some Council Members were absent. It was also the recommendation from Mr. Ozuna.

Council Member Carter made a motion to go into Executive Session, Mayor Smith seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Tolin, De Gobeo, and Mayor Smith, voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Town Council went into Executive Session at 6:22 p.m.

Town Council came out of Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

- g) RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION –** Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

No Discussion from Executive Session

6. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Howard made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:44 p.m., Council Member De Gobeo seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Davalos, Tolin, De Gobeo and Mayor Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Nadine Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Ana Hernandez, City Secretary