

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

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE LAGUNA VISTA TOWN COUNCIL**

DATE: September 21, 2021

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Carter, Council Member Place 1  
Johvonne Howard, Council Member Place 2  
Bettina Tolin, Council Member Place 3  
Rolando Gonzalez, Council Member Place 4  
Victor Worrell, Council Member Place 5  
Silke De Gobeo, Council Member Place 6

Ed Meza, City Manager  
Alan Ozuna, Town Attorney  
Ana Hernandez, City Secretary  
Norma Barbosa, Office Assistant  
Tony David, Police Chief

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Nadine Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Carlos Mondragon, Business Services Company  
Karin Doerbacher, Citizen  
Bernd Doerbacher, Citizen  
Stephanie Wilson, Citizen  
Charles Moore, Citizen

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- 1. Call to Order** – Council Member Johvonne Howard called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- 2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance** – was led by Council Member Tolin.
- 3. Roll Call/Excused Absences** – Mayor Smith was absent.

**Council Member Carter made a motion to excuse Mayor Smith, Council**

**Member Worrell seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Tolin, Gonzalez, Worrell, and De Gobeo voted “aye” to approve, motion carried**

4. **OPEN FORUM** – At this time, audience is allowed 5 minutes per person to address the Council on any topic. There is no discussion or formal action taken during this agenda item. The speaker must identify themselves before speaking. A Speaker Request Form must be presented to the City Secretary prior to the meeting.

**Stephanie Wilson addressed the council she stated that this year the South Padre Island Golf Course will host a fall festival. They have created a group out of the Golf Course, this is for neighbors to meet. They have organized a block party in the past and their next event will be a fall festival which is set for November 13. The event is for the whole city not only the Golf Course. The group is asking to borrow the tents from the city. She asked if this item can be placed on the October agenda.**

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

- a) **ORDINANCE 2021-23** – Consideration on **Second Reading** of Ordinance Number 2021-23 adopting the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget. (City Manager)

Town Attorney Alan Ozuna read the recap: an ordinance by the Town Council of the Town of Laguna Vista, Texas, providing for appropriations for the support of the Town of Laguna Vista, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022, and adopting the annual budget of the Town of Laguna Vista for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

**Council Member Carter made motion to approve Ordinance number 2021-23 adopting the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Tolin, Gonzalez, Worrell, and De Gobeo voted “aye to approve, motion carried.**

- b) **ORDINANCE 2021-24** – Consideration on **Second Reading** of Ordinance Number 2021-24 adopting the 2021 ad valorem tax rate for maintenance and operation and for the interest & sinking fund. (City Manager)

**Council Member Tolin made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance Number 2021-24 increasing the property tax rate to \$0.404124 which \$0.372986 is for maintenance and support of**

**general government, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion, Council Members Carter, Howard, Tolin, Gonzalez, Worrell and De Gobeo voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**Council Member Worrell made a motion to adopt the interest & sinking rate to \$0.031138, Council Member Carter seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Tolin, Gonzalez, Worrell and De Gobeo voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.**

**c) TDA #7220251 STREET IMPROVEMENTS:**

- i. Presentation by Orlando Cruz regarding amendment to Resolution 2021-26 regarding street improvements.**
- ii. Consideration and possible action on Resolution 2021-26 to submit amendment to TDA.**

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

**d) CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Mr. Meza advised the Council that the Fall Festival is scheduled for October 29, 2021, and the Tree Lighting Ceremony is set for December 3, 2021, both will be from 6-10 pm**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**Council Member Tolin made a motion to adjourn at 6:16 pm, Council Member Gonzalez seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Worrell, and De Gobeo “aye” to approve, motion carried.**



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Nadine Smith, Mayor

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Ana Hernandez, City Secretary