

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

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

DATE: October 12, 2022
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Town of Laguna Vista City Hall

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

Alan T. Ozuna, Esq.
Rendie R. Gonzales, City Manager
Anthony David, Chief of Police
Crystal Chapa, City Secretary
Norma Barbosa, Deputy Clerk
Karen Gustaitis, Building Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT: All present

ORDER OF BUSINESS

• **Call to Order**

Mayor Carter called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

• **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation lead by Council Member Howard

• **Roll Call/Excused Absences**

All Present

OPEN FORUM - At this time, audience is allowed 3 minutes per person to address the Council on any topic. There will be 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.

Point Isabel ISD Superintendent Ms. Capistran spoke about the Bond Election and three propositions.

Ms. Bartsbanion spoke in support of the Bond.

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

- **MINUTES** – Consideration and possible action to approve the following minutes:
 - September 7, 2022, Special Town Council meeting
 - September 14, 2022, Regular Town Council meeting
 - September 28, 2022, Special Town Council meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Worrell to approve September 7th, 14th, and 28th minutes.

Second was made by Council Member Gonzalez.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Gonzalez	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Worrell	Aye
Council Member Tolin	Aye	Council Member De Gobeo	Aye
Mayor Carter	Aye		

Motion Carried

FINANCIAL REPORTS – Review of Monthly Financial Reports. (City Manager)

Review of Income Statement, Check Registers, Summary Budget reports, and Balance Sheets. Brief discussion on search for accountant for Town.

RESOLUTION 2022-18 - Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution 2022-18 for the Town of Laguna Vista Approving the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update (City Manager).

We need to be a part of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan to insure funding if FEMA declared a natural disaster.

Motion was made by Council Member Gonzalez to move forward with Resolution 2022-18.

Second was made by Council Member Howard.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Gonzalez	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Worrell	Aye
Council Member Tolin	Aye	Council Member De Gobeo	Aye
Mayor Carter	Aye		

Motion Carried

Ordinance number 2022-07 – Consideration and possible action on first reading of Ordinance concerning regulation of liquified petroleum gas. (City Attorney)

Town Attorney Mr. Ozuna spoke to the council about adopting this new ordinance as our current Zoning Ordinance does not specifically regulate liquid petroleum gas.

Motion was made by Council Member Tolin to approve Ordinance 2022-07.
Second was made by Council Member Howard.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Gonzalez	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Worrell	Aye
Council Member Tolin	Aye	Council Member De Gobeo	Aye
Mayor Carter	Aye		

Motion Carried

PARKS MASTER PLAN– Consideration and possible action to approve CDC funding for the preparation of the Laguna Vista Parks Master Plan and Development of the TPWD Proposal. (City Manager)

Rendie advised the council that the CDC met last week and approved the funding of \$20,000 for the creation of the Parks Master Plan and grant. She presented the application for ratification by the council.

Motion was made by Mayor Carter to ratify the approval for CDC funding for the preparation of the Laguna Vista Parks Master Plan.
Second was made by Council Member De Gobeo.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Gonzalez	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Worrell	Aye
Council Member Tolin	Aye	Council Member De Gobeo	Aye
Mayor Carter	Aye		

Motion Carried

SECURITY CAMERAS– Consideration and possible action to approve CDC funding for the Security Cameras for the Town of Laguna Vista. (City Manager)

Rendie advised that the CDC also approved last week the funding of \$25,000 for 19 Security Cameras. Ms. Tolin asked if all the CDC committee had all agreed on the funding and Rendie

answered yes. Ms. Tolin commented that she just found it a strange project for the CDC to fund and not something she finds appropriate since it is not community development and that should be looked at closely before going to the CDC for funding.

Mr. Worrell commented that traditionally we go to the CDC for Community improvement requests and check in with the Town Attorney to make sure it falls within the legal parameters.

Mr. Ozuna did clarify the funding had legal review and it did meet the parameters.

Motion was made by Council Member Romero to approve CDC funding for security cameras.
Second was made by Council Member Worrell.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Gonzalez	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Worrell	Aye
Council Member Tolin	Aye	Council Member De Gobeo	Aye
Mayor Carter	Aye		

Motion Carried

TRAVEL– Consideration and possible action to approve travel for Officer Greg Cruz to attend the Trauma Informed Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Seminar in Austin Texas. (City Manager)

- Travel Dates: November 6 – November 10, 2022

Rendie advised Officer Cruz is our training officer, he will attend the training and then train the other officers.

Motion was made by Council Member Gonzalez to approve travel for Officer Greg Cruz to attend the Trauma Informed Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Seminar.

Second was made by Mayor Carter.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Gonzalez	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Worrell	Aye
Council Member Tolin	Aye	Council Member De Gobeo	Aye
Mayor Carter	Aye		

Motion Carried

DU IT BY THE BAY– Consideration and possible action to approve the hosting of the sixth annual Du it By the Bay on January 29, 2023. (City Manager)

Motion was made by Council Member Howard to Approve the hosting of the sixth annual Du it By the Bay.

Second was made by Council Member Tolin.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Gonzalez	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Worrell	Aye
Council Member Tolin	Aye	Council Member De Gobeo	Aye
Mayor Carter	Aye		

Motion Carried

MEETING DATE– Consideration and possible action on the dates for Town Council Meeting. (City Manager)

The Council agreed to set the next meeting date for Wednesday November 9th due to Election day on Tuesday November 8th being held at City Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION– 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 and pending litigation; 551.072 – deliberation regarding real property; 551.074 – deliberation regarding personnel matters; and 551.087 – deliberation regarding economic development negotiations.

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Gonzalez to adjourn.

Second was made by Council Member Worrell.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Gonzalez	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Worrell	Aye
Council Member Tolin	Aye	Council Member De Gobeo	Aye
Mayor Carter	Aye		

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 pm



Michael Carter, Mayor

Attest:



Crystal Chapa, City Secretary