

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

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

DATE: April 8, 2025
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Town of Laguna Vista City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Carter, Mayor
 Dr. Christopher Romero, Mayor Pro-Tem
 Johvonne Howard, Council Member Place 2
 Kenneth Cornelius, Council Member Place 4
 Teresa Bryant, Council Member Place 5
 Miguel Hernandez, Council Member Place 6

 Alan T. Ozuna, Esq.
 Victor Treviño, City Manager
 Norma Barbosa, City Secretary
 Daniel Holland, Commander
 Jesus Saldaña, Investigator
 Liz Olvera, Police Officer
 John Leos, Police Officer
 John Reyes, Police Officer
 Neil Waters, Fire Chief
 Karla De La Pena, City Clerk
 Richard Wells, City Clerk
 Crystal Chapa, Finance Director
 Liz Baldwin, Library Director
 Marti Etheridge, Assistant Library Director

ORDER OF BUSINESS

• **Call to Order**

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

• **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation led by Mayor Carter.

- **Roll Call/Excused Absences**

All members 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.

NONE

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

RECOGNITION- Recognition of Laguna Vista Officers for meritorious conduct . (Interim Chief Cruz)

Chief Cruz presented Chief Claudia Ohara from South Padre Island, She presented and recognized our officers for their meritorious conduct in helping on an criminal event on March 17, 2025.

PRESENTATION- The Laguna Madre Water District will be making a presentation regarding desalination plant bond election. (LMWD)

Video and PowerPoint presented to Council. Mayor Carter thanked the Laguna Madre Water District for helping to pump the water from the flooded areas in town from the recent storm.

MINUTES- Consideration and possible action to approve the following minutes:

March 4, 2025, Regular Council Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2025, Special Council Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Council Member Bryant.

Second was made by Council Member Cornelius.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Bryant	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Hernandez	Aye
Council Member Cornelius	Aye	Mayor Carter	Aye

Motion Carried

FINANCIAL REPORT-Presentation of Financial Report for period ending March 31, 2025.

Financial Reports are presented to Town Council. Financials are on track.

DISASTER DECLARATION- Consideration and possible action regarding Declaration Of Disaster for March 2025 storm. (Mayor Carter)

Mayor Carter reads the Proclamation declaring a local state of disaster. Declaration is approved by Council

Motion was made by Council Member Bryant to approve Disaster Declaration for March 2025 Storm.

Second was made by Council Member Howard.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Bryant	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Hernandez	Aye
Council Member Cornelius	Aye	Mayor Carter	Aye

Motion Carried

PROCLAMATION- Consideration and possible action to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month. (City Manager)

City Manager Treviño stated this proclamation is done on annual basis to receive assistance from HUD. Proclamation is approved by Council.

Motion was made by Council Member Howard to approve Proclamation to claim April as Fair Housing Month.

Second was made by Council Member Bryant.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Bryant	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Hernandez	Aye
Council Member Cornelius	Aye	Mayor Carter	Aye

Motion Carried

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES- Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Engineer's Task Order No. 5. (City Manager)
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City Manager explained the services to Town Council.

Motion was made by Mayor Carter to approve Professional Services, Engineer's Task Order No. 5 .

Second was made by Council Member Romero.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Bryant	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Hernandez	Aye
Council Member Cornelius	Aye	Mayor Carter	Aye

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2025-02- Discuss, consider, and approve a resolution adopting required CDBG Civil Rights policies. (City Manager)

\$300.000 Grant Resolution approved by council

Motion was made by Council Member Howard to approve Resolution 2025-02 to adopt required CDBG Civil Rights policies.

Second was made by Council Member Bryant.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Bryant	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Hernandez	Aye
Council Member Cornelius	Aye	Mayor Carter	Aye

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2025-03-Discuss, consider, and approve a resolution authorizing signatories for GLO Resilient Communities Program Grant CDBG-MIT 23-160-072-F014. (City Manager)

City Manager explained Resolution 2025-03 to town Council.

Motion was made by Council Member Bryant to approve Resolution 2025-03 to authorize signatories for GLO Resilient Communities Program Grant CDBG-MIT 23-160-072-F014.

Second was made by Council Member Cornelius.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Bryant	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Hernandez	Aye
Council Member Cornelius	Aye	Mayor Carter	Aye

Motion Carried

TDEM HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT- Consideration and possible action on Texas Division Of Emergency Management-Hazard Mitigation Grant. (Chief Waters)

Chief Waters approached Council to ask for permission to submit a grant for a new generator which the cost will be \$38,000.00 and City will only be responsible for \$7,000.00.

Motion was made by Council Member Romero to approve a generator for the fire department.

Second was made by Council Member Howard.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Bryant	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Hernandez	Aye
Council Member Cornelius	Aye	Mayor Carter	Aye

Motion Carried

SURPLUS CONVEYANCE- Consideration and possible action declaring surplusage and authorizing conveyance of surplus vehicles. (Chief Cruz)

Chief Cruz approached Council Stated we have 2 surplus vehicles and would like to sell them for \$1 and would like to have authorization from the Council.

Motion was made by Council Mayor Carter to approve sale of the 2 surplus vehicles.
Second was made by Council Member Cornelius.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Bryant	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Hernandez	Aye
Council Member Cornelius	Aye	Mayor Carter	Aye

Motion Carried

WEBSITE SERVICES-Discussion and possible action on website services. (City Manager)

City Manager Approached the Council to have authorization to deal with website services and possibly get out of the contract with no consequences.

Motion was made by Council Member Bryant to authorize the City Manager to deal with website services and contract.

Second was made by Council Member Cornelius.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Bryant	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Hernandez	Aye
Council Member Cornelius	Aye	Mayor Carter	Aye

Motion Carried

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN- Consideration and possible action regarding employee benefits for plan year May 1, 2025, to May 1, 2026. (Jonathan Sakulenzki)

Jonathan presents the Insurance Plans to Council (medical, vision, dental, and life).

Motion was made by Council Member Howard to approve the medical plan as presented to council.

Second was made by Council Member Bryant.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Bryant	Aye
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Council Member Howard Aye
Council Member Cornelius Aye

Council Member Hernandez Aye
Mayor Carter Aye

Motion Carried

ORDINANCE 2025-03- Consideration and possible action on first reading of ordinance 2025-03 approving budget amendment No. 1 to fiscal year Ending September 30, 2025, Budget. (City Manager)

First reading of Ordinance 2025-03 was done. Town Council Approved it.

Motion was made by Council Member Bryant to approve Resolution 2025-03 Budget Amendment.

Second was made by Council Member Romero.

VOTE

Council Member Romero Aye
Council Member Howard Aye
Council Member Cornelius Aye

Council Member Bryant Aye
Council Member Hernandez Aye
Mayor Carter Aye

Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Executive closed session in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, authorized by the Texas Government Code, regarding any matter listed in the agenda pursuant to Section 551.071- consultation with Town Attorney; 551.072- deliberation regarding real property; 551.074- deliberation regarding personnel matters; and 551.087- deliberation regarding economic development negotiations.

-Deliberations regarding Interim Police Chief and City Secretary.

-Deliberation regarding Organizational Structure as it relates to current employees.

Motion was made by Council Member Bryant to go into executive session.

Second was made by Council Member Cornelius.

VOTE

Council Member Romero Aye
Council Member Howard Aye

Council Member Bryant Aye
Council Member Hernandez Aye

Council Member Cornelius	Aye	Mayor Carter	Aye
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Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned for Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 8:09 p.m.

Result of Executive Session to appoint Greg Cruz as Chief of Police.

Motion was made by Council Member Bryant to appoint Greg Cruz as Chief of Police.

Second was made by Council Member Romero.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Bryant	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Hernandez	Aye
Council Member Cornelius	Aye	Mayor Carter	Aye

Motion Carried

Result of Executive Session to authorize the City Manager to implement the organizational chart as discussed in the executive session.

Motion was made by Council Member Bryant to authorize the City Manager to implement the organizational chart as discussed in the executive session.

Second was made by Council Mayor Carter.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Bryant	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Hernandez	Aye
Council Member Cornelius	Aye	Mayor Carter	Aye

Motion Carried

City Manager Report: (City Manager)

City Manager explains his first two weeks on the job.

Storm, Flooding & Holly Beach Road and explained his plans to manage this situation. He also explained the mosquito control plan, will be spraying twice daily.

B.) ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Council Member Bryant to adjourn meeting.

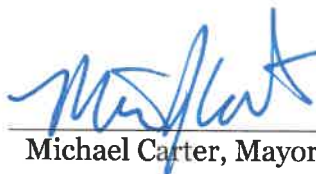
Second was made by Council Member Cornelius.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Bryant	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Hernandez	Aye
Council Member Cornelius	Aye	Mayor Carter	Aye

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 pm



Michael Carter, Mayor

Attest:



Norma Barbosa, City Secretary