

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

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

DATE: December 10, 2024
TIME: 6:01 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
Betina Tolin, Council Member Place 3
Kenneth Cornelius, Council Member Place 4
Teresa Bryant, Council Member Place 5
Miguel Hernandez, Council Member Place 6

Alan T. Ozuna, Esq.
Rendie R. Gonzales, City Manager
Norma Barbosa, City Secretary
Crystal Chapa, Finance Director
Anthony David, Police Chief
Karla De La Pena, City Clerk

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 Rusty Justice.

• **Roll Call/Excused Absences**

OPEN FORUM - At this time, the 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.

John Lester Shergold speaks to the public presents himself and states he is here to represent the City Manager Rendie Gonzales. He states that as per Rendie Gonzales request, she wants an Open Discussion in Public on item number 10 on the agenda.

Natalie Ruiz discussed the importance of the role of a City Manager and how she should represent the town and citizens in Laguna Vista. She discussed why the UTRGV Commitment was gone. She also stated she emailed Council woman Howard some important points about it and that she can share with everyone interested in knowing. Mayor Carter notified her time of speaking was up.

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

- **Travel Request** – Consideration and possible action to approve travel as follows:
 - Duvie Alcozer, January 1, 2025- January 4, 2025, in Austin, Texas for Plumbing Inspector Exam.

Motion was made by Council Member Romero to approve the travel request for Duvie Alcozer.

Second was made by Council Member Bryant.

VOTE

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

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-14 – Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution 2024-14 casting votes for Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors election.

Town Council Ozuna explains what the resolution is about and explains the ballot. The ballot for Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors is now all in one ballot and the Council approved Ken Medders as the candidate for Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Motion was made by Mayor Carter to approve Resolution 2024-14.

Second was made by Council Member Howard.

VOTE

Council Member Romero	Aye	Council Member Cornelius	Aye
Council Member Howard	Aye	Council Member Bryant	Aye
Council Member Tolin	No	Council Member Hernandez	Aye
		Mayor Carter	Aye

Motion Carried

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

Sec. 551.074- to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Manager.

Sec. 551.071- consultation with Town Attorney regarding same.

At this time Ozuna makes a clarification they will be going to executive session to discuss attorney/client consultation and not on personnel item regarding the City Manager.

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

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned for Executive Session at 6:16 p.m.
Meeting resumed at 7:48 p.m.

Result of executive session City Manager will be terminated with paid leave.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Bryant to adjourn.
Second was made by Council Member Hernandez.

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 8:32 pm



Michael Carter, Mayor

Attest:



Norma Barbosa, City Secretary