

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

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

DATE: May 25, 2021

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nadine Smith, Mayor
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
Ana Hernandez, City Secretary
Rendie Gonzales, Town Bookkeeper
Alan Ozuna, Town Attorney
Anthony David, Police Chief

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Carter, Council Member Mayor Pro-Tem

ALSO PRESENT:

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1) **Call to Order** Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Council Member Howard.
- 3) **Roll Call/Excused Absences –**

Mayor Smith made a motion to excuse Council Member Carter, Council Member Tolin seconded the motion. Council Members Howard Tolin, Gonzalez, Worrell, De Gobeo, and Mayor Smith voted “aye” to approve motion passed.

- 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.

No Open Forum.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS - Consideration and possible action to approve budget amendments for departments. (City Manager)

Mr. Meza presented the council with a summary of where we are at with the budget. He also explained each line item. He presented the budget amendments totaling \$76,095 as follows:

ADMINISTRATION

60010 Office Supplies	\$ 2,500
60015 Computer Supplies	\$ 2,500
60125 Special Events	\$ 1,750
60130 Food & Ice	\$ 700
60135 Promotional	\$ 500
60170 Professional Services	\$ 700
60180 Contract Service	\$ 25,000
60440 Legal Services	\$ 20,000
60450 Advertisements	\$ 2,000
60300 Communications	\$ 4,000
52400 Longevity	\$ 2,000
50100 R. Gonzales-OT	\$ 2,475

POLICE DEPT.

63450 K-9 Bella	\$ 2,000
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PUBLIC WORKS

60020 Janitorial	\$ 500
60125 Special Events	\$ 300
60160 Other Supplies	\$ 2,050
60180 Contract Service	\$ 1,900
60190 Bldg Maintenance	\$ 1,000

PARKS

60125 Special Events	\$ 155
60135 Promotional	\$ 615
60160 Other Supplies	\$ 2,250
60190 Bldg Maintenance	\$ 200
60220 Other Equipment	\$ 1,000

There was discussion among the council. They requested a summary for each department for better understanding.

Council Member De Gobeo & Council Member Worrell asked for more explanation on the g/l for office supplies.

Council Member Tolin recommended that they should get 2 council members to work with the staff on the budget rather than the whole board to try to work through an agreement to then present to the council.

Mayor Smith replied that it's a valid suggestion but that the council is at a point when none of them really understand which is why meeting was called.

Council Member Howard addressed Mr. Meza stating that it is his job to be able to present.

Mayor Smith stated that she wants the revenues, expenses, and report by department.

The Council reviewed every line item.

Council Member Tolin addressed that its not that she did not want to go line by line on the budget but if we received \$184,000 which we now have in the general fund because we are now paying PD salaries out of covid funds so if we increase our budget & expenditures by \$64,000 with the increase still leaves us with a net of \$120,000 that we didn't have which seems like a no brainer and not that she doesn't want to review but at a high level we are still \$120,000 ahead.

Council Member De Gobeo agrees that yes we have that money but not because of that we shouldn't be concerned with the amount so we need to try to figure out why this happened and for this not to happen again.

Council Member Tolin made a motion to approve budget amendments in the amount of \$76,095, Mayor Smith seconded the motion. Council Members Howard, Tolin, Gonzalez, Worrell, De Gobeo and Mayor Smith “aye” to approve, motion passed.

6) ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Worrell made a motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m., Council Member Tolin seconded the motion. Council Members Howard, Tolin, Gonzalez, Worrell, De Gobeo, and Mayor Smith voted “aye” to approve motion carried.

Nadine Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Ana Hernandez, City Secretary