

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

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

DATE: August 9, 2021

TIME: 6:00 pm

PLACE: City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nadine Smith, Mayor
Michael Carter, Council Member Place 1
Johvonne Howard, Council Member Place 2
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
Rendie Gonzales, Town Bookkeeper

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bettina Tolin, Council Member Place 3
Rolando Gonzalez, Council Member Place 4

ALSO PRESENT: Tony David, Police Chief
Willie Martinez, Public Works Director

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order** – Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- 2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance** – was led by Mayor Smith.
- 3. Roll Call/Excused Absences** – Council Member Gonzalez was absent.

Council Member Carter made a motion to excuse Council Member Tolin & Gonzalez, Mayor Smith seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Worrell, De Gobeo and Mayor Smith 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.

No Comments for Open Forum

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

- a) RESOLUTION 2021-22** – Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution no 2021-22 directing the City Manager to calculate the Town’s property tax rate in accordance with state law. (City Manager)

Town Attorney explained why this needs to be added to the resolution, due to changes the tax office explained that Covid is no longer being accepted a state of disaster for the alternative property tax rate calculation. Mr. Ozuna recommends the special taxing unit remain at 1.08% as a continuation of the prior year’s disaster declaration.

ACCORDING TO MR. OZUNA NO MOTION NEEDED

- b) ORDINANCE 2021-20 – 2ND Reading** – To approve the second reading of Ordinance 2021-20 for amendments to the 2020-21 budget. (City Manager)

Council Member Howard made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2021-20 for amendments to the 2020-21 budget, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Worrell, De Gobeo, and Mayor Smith, voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

- c) FY 2021-22 BUDGET** – Discussion of FY 2021-22 Budget. (City Manager)

Mayor Smith addressed the council stating that they should look at all the big items but have another workshop so all members can be present.

Mr. Ozuna explained the differences on the different tax rate. There was discussion of all the different proposed tax rate. The consensus of the council was for it to remain the same as last years rate of 0.404124.

CDC Salaries & Fees should be at \$7,500.

Council Member Carter requested an audit of the delinquent taxes.

Council Member Carter requested if salaries were to be discussed he wanted done in Executive Session, Council Member Howard agreed. Mayor Smith they would go back to this item later.

Mayor Smith suggested we have detailed budgets for each event. Council Member Carter said we just have one budget for all events. Mayor Smith suggested instead of having scattered among several departments we should just had one line item under City Hall.

City Hall Uniforms & Clothing line item will be bumped to \$1,000 to cover the shirts for council members.

Council Member Carter stated that line item for legal services on City Hall should be bumped up since Royster (ETJ) has not billed as much this year. Legal Services will be raised to \$100,000.

PD Motor Fuel line item will be raised to \$20,000.

PD Ammunition line item will be raised to \$4,000.

Mayor & Council Member Carter asked if salary budget was reduced by \$148,000 so where is that excess money?

Rendie replied that the money is not reduced on the budget because it has to be there for next year.

Library Building Maintenance line item will be raised to \$13,000.
Library Electric Service line item will be raised to \$7,000.
Library Water Service line item will be raised to \$3,000.

Parks Water Service Line Item will be raised to \$11,500.

Mayor asked Willie to explain his other supplies purchases. Wille replied that it was for different things when he doesn't have money in the correct line item he will place in the other supplies.

Building Dept will be advertising for full time Building Inspector.

Chief & Willie addressed the council on their wish lists.

Chief is asking for 12 radios and base in the amount of \$109,711.70.

Willie is requesting a truck in the amount \$19,000.

Council Member Carter made a motion to go into Executive Session, Council

Member Howard seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Worrel, De Gobeo, and Mayor Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:39 pm
Council came out of Executive Session at 8:30 pm

Council instructed to remove wish lists from PD and FD budgets.
Council instructed to figure salary increases for all employees at 3%.
Council also instructed to figure the cost to hire an office assistant at 25,000 with fringe benefits.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm, Council Member Worrell seconded the motion. Council Members Carter, Howard, Worrell, De Gobeo, and Mayor Smith voted “aye” to approve, motion carried.

Nadine Smith, Mayor

Attest:

Ana Hernandez, City Secretary