

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

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

**DATE:** August 25, 2025  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 122 Fernandez St., Laguna Vista, TX 78578  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Carter, Mayor  
Teresa Bryant, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Dr. Christopher Romero, Council Member Place 1  
Johvonne Howard, Council Member Place 2  
Alexia Perez, Council Member Place 3  
Kenneth Cornelius, Council Member Place 4  
Miguel Hernandez, Council Member Place 6

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Carter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Dr. Romero.

**3. Roll Call/Excused Absences.**

All present.

**4. OPEN FORUM** - The public 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.

No one present to speak.

**5. ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-06** – Consideration and possible action on first reading of Ordinance Number 2025-06 designating a geographic area consisting of approximately 627.83 acres of land generally located north of State Highway 100 (East Ocean Boulevard), southeast of Holly Beach Road, and west of Laguna Vista Cove located within the corporate limits of the Town as a tax increment reinvestment zone pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code

to be known as Reinvestment Zone Number One, Town of Laguna Vista (the "Zone"); describing the boundaries of the Zone; creating a board of directors for the Zone; establishing a tax increment fund for the Zone; containing findings related to the creation of the Zone; providing a date for the termination of the Zone; and providing that the Zone take effect immediately upon passage of the ordinance. (City Attorney)

Discussion regarding the terms for the board of directors and publishing notice on 8/27/2025.  
Motion was made to approve.

**Motion:** Council Member Bryant; **Seconded:** Council Member Perez

**Voting Yea:** Council Member Bryant, Council Member Cornelius, Council Member Perez, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Dr. Romero

**Abstained:** Mayor Michael Carter

6. Discussion and possible action on approval for City Secretary to attend the Course 2 Seminar by the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program August 20-22, 2025, in Georgetown, Texas. (City Manager)

Mr. Treviño asked for ratification of his approval for the City Secretary's training.  
Motion was made to approve.

**Motion:** Council Member Bryant; **Seconded:** Council Member Perez

**Voting Yea:** Council Member Bryant, Council Member Cornelius, Council Member Perez, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Dr. Romero, Mayor Michael Carter

7. Discussion and possible action on approval to attend Texas Municipal League's (TML) Annual Conference October 29 - 31, 2025, in Fort Worth, Texas. (City Manager)

Discussion of the registered attendees and possible additional registrants.  
Motion was made to approve.

**Motion:** Council Member Cornelius; **Seconded:** Council Member Hernandez

**Voting Yea:** Council Member Bryant, Council Member Cornelius, Council Member Perez, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Dr. Romero, Mayor Michael Carter

8. **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.

Motion was made to go into Executive Session.

**Motion:** Council Member Bryant; **Seconded:** Council Member Perez

**Voting Yea:** Council Member Bryant, Council Member Cornelius, Council Member Perez, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Dr. Romero, Council Member Howard, Mayor Michael Carter

9. Consideration and possible action pursuant to executive session deliberation.

Motion was made to approve as discussed.

**Motion:** Council Member Bryant; **Seconded:** Council Member Howard

**Voting Yea:** Council Member Bryant, Council Member Cornelius, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Dr. Romero, Council Member Howard, Mayor Michael Carter

10. Discussion and possible action on approval of Organizational Structure. (City Manager)

Motion was made to approve as amended.

**Motion:** Council Member Dr. Romero; **Seconded:** Council Member Bryant

**Voting Yea:** Council Member Bryant, Council Member Cornelius, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Dr. Romero, Council Member Howard, Mayor Michael Carter

11. **BUDGET WORKSHOP** – On Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026. (City Manager)

Discussion on current tax rate, insurance of building, adding part-time personnel for police department, itemized line items on the budget, and making changes to the proposed budget.

12. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-04** - Consideration and possible action on second reading of Ordinance Number 2025-04 adopting the 2025 Ad Valorem tax rate for maintenance and operation and for the interest & sinking fund. (City Manager)

Mr. Treviño made the recommendation to approve.

Motion was made to approve that the tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.454124, which is effectively a 13.33 percent increase in the tax rate, with a maintenance and operations rate component of 0.434218.

**Motion:** Council Member Bryant; **Seconded:** Council Member Dr. Romero

**Voting Yea:** Council Member Bryant, Council Member Cornelius, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Dr. Romero, Council Member Howard, Mayor Michael Carter

Motion was made to adopt as a component of the tax rate an interest and sinking fund rate of 0.019906.

**Motion:** Mayor Carter; **Seconded:** Council Member Cornelius

**Voting Yea:** Council Member Bryant, Council Member Cornelius, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Dr. Romero, Council Member Howard, Mayor Michael Carter

13. **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2025-05** - Consideration and possible action on second reading of Ordinance Number 2025-05 adopting the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget. (City Manager)

Mr. Treviño made the recommendation to approve with the discussed changes made during the budget workshop.

**Motion:** Council Member Bryant; **Seconded:** Council Member Dr. Romero

**Voting Yea:** Council Member Bryant, Council Member Cornelius, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Dr. Romero, Council Member Howard, Mayor Michael Carter

14. Adjournment.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

**Motion:** Council Member Dr. Romero; **Seconded:** Council Member Bryant

**Voting Yea:** Council Member Bryant, Council Member Cornelius, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Dr. Romero, Council Member Howard, Mayor Michael Carter

  
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Michael Carter, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Lidia Garcia, City Secretary