

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 18, 2014**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at Raymondville Rural Technology Center, 700 FM 3168, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney
Uvaldo Zamora-Police Chief
Delma C. Garza, Assistance City Secretary
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Mayor Orlando A. Correa declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Correa.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Correa.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2014

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for February 25, 2014. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos, Gutierrez and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

Rosalee Tristan and Stephanie Garcia, CASA representatives, updated the Board of Commissioners on their projects.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for February, 2014. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Alexandre, Gutierrez, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF LEASE RENEWAL BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE RAYMONDVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ON LAND COMPRISING THE PONY LEAGUE PARK

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the lease renewal between the City of Raymondville and the Raymondville independent School district on land comprising the Pony League Park. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 804 W. CHIHUAHUA AVENUE, DESCRIBED AS COLONIA HIDALGO SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 11, LOTS 1 THRU 3, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, WILLACY

Mayor Orlando A. Correa opened the public hearing at 5:14 p.m.

No comments were made.

Mayor Orlando A. Correa closed the public hearing at 5:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNATION ORDER ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 804 W. CHIHUAHUA AVENUE, DESCRIBED AS COLONIA HIDAL

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, recommended to the Board of Commissioners to allow a 30 day period to secure the property, repair, demolish and clean up. If the owners do not comply the city will go in and do a cleanup and the city will submit a lien on the property.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR BOND FOR M AND S ELECTRIC

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the electrical contract bond for M and S Electric. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM SENIOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION OPERATOR, SAMUEL SANCHEZ

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Senior Wastewater Collection Operator, Samuel Sanchez. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Gutierrez, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TRANSFER FOR VACTOR TRUCK OPERATOR, ALBERT ALFARO, TO THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the transfer for vactor truck operator, Albert Alfaro, to the wastewater collection department. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Gutierrez, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TRANSFER FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, LEROY GOMEZ, TO VACTOR TRUCK OPERATOR AND

ADJUSTMENT OF PAY

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the transfer for water distribution employee, Leroy Gomez, to vactor truck operator and adjustment of pay. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Alexandre, Gutierrez, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for water distribution department employee. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, Alexandre, Gutierrez, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DICUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the budget amendment for the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Smith, Gutierrez, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACTION TAKEN BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON CISNEROS PACKING, INC., MANUFACTURER OF FINE FOOD PRODUCTS, AMENDED PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the COREDC recommendation to grant a six months extension with the conditions that the EDC Attorney William Wepfer draft an amended performance agreement to be effective March 19, 2014 through September 19, 2014 with mutual agreement between COREDC and Mr. Cisneros (Cisneros Packing Inc.) to report to Executive Director Catalina Ozuna on a weekly basis with copies of time cards for all (5) employees showing 35 or more hours to qualify as full time employees for a (6) month period. If any job for which financial assistance has been made fails to meet these requirements for at least (1) week from the date it is first filled, Mr. Cisneros (Cisneros Packing Inc.) must upon written demand, repay COREDC the portioned amount attributed to that job. Executive Director Catalina Ozuna will report to the board on a monthly basis on his performance. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Alexandre, Gutierrez, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING F & R PACKING REQUEST FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (COREDC) ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR DEMOLITION AND CLEANUP ON PROPOSED PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the COREDC recommendation to approve the request made by Mrs. Deborah Sosa and assist with the demolition and clean up with payments to be paid

out in increments of no more than \$50,000.00 with proof of invoices attached with each request made to the COREDC Board and not to exceed \$170,000.00. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Gutierrez, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the travel and training for City of Raymondville employees.

1. Gabriel Garza and Eduardo Garcia-Taser Instructor Course-Harlingen, Texas
2. Yesenia Hernandez-Municipal Court Clerk Seminar-S.P.I., Texas-April 28-30, 2014
3. Armin Martinez-Regional Judges Seminar-S.P.I., Texas-May, 2014
4. Javier Rodriguez-Water Utilities Management-McAllen, Texas-March 26, 2014
5. Edward Alaniz-Water Utilities Management-McAllen, Texas-March 24, 2014
6. Joel Perales-Basic Water Works Operations-March 26-29, 2014-McAllen, Texas
7. Board of Commissioners-TML Conference-S.P.I., Texas-May, 2014

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2014

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for February, 2014.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Smith approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Animal Control Officer Report for the month of February, 2014. Mr. Garcia presented the Financial Report for February, 2014 and gave an update on the street paving project.

Denise Blanchard presented to the Board of Commissioners an activities report from the Raymondville Community Economic Planning.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the department has started to move out of the police station.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the city crew has been working on patching holes, weedy lots, water breaks, and parks.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that “Movie Night at the Park” would be on Friday at 8 o’clock.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, was absent and had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Catalina Ozuna, EDC Executive Director, presented the Board of Commissioners with a project report for the month of February, 2014.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Mayor Orlando A. Correa declared this regular meeting adjourned.

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary