

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 13, 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, May 13, 2014, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Clifton Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Absent: Orlando A. Correa, Mayor
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
William Wepfer, City Attorney

Clifton Smith Mayor Pro Tem declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Smith.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Smith.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 22, APRIL 29 AND MAY 7, 2014

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for April 22, April 29 and May 7, 2014. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

AUDIENCE

Denise Blanchard gave the Board of Commissioners an update on community projects.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

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

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 805 N. 2ND STREET RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS LAS PALMAS SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOTS 17 THRU 20, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, WILLACY COUNTY

Mayor Pro Tem Smith opened the public hearing at 5:16 p.m.

No comments were made.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith closed the public hearing at 5:22 p.m.

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNATION ORDER ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 805 N. 2ND STREET RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS LAS PALMAS SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOTS 17 THRU 20, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, WILLACY COUNTY

Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager, recommended to the Board of Commissioners to allow 180 days to complete the process but review the progress in 90 days from the initial hearing date.

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

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RAYMONDVILLE TOMORROW COMMITTEE UPDATE PRESENTATION BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, BONNIE BROWN

Mrs. Bonnie Brown updated the Board of Commissioners with the Raymondville Tomorrow Committee progress.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, AS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Mayor Pro Tem Clifton Smith presented a proclamation to the members of Patriots Guard Rider Proclaiming the month of May, as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month in the City of Raymondville.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY MYRA GREEN MIDDLE SCHOOL TO USE THE RAYMONDVILLE CITY PARK AND PAVILION FOR A "DRUG-FREE" SUMMER KICKOFF EVENT TO BE HELD ON MAY 31, 2014 AND WAIVING OF PAVILION RENTAL FEE

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the request by Myra Green Middle School to use the Raymondville City Park and Pavilion for a "Drug-Free" Summer Kickoff event to be held on May 31, 2014 and waiving of pavilion rental fee. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S BOND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- a) Manny's Electric ME
- b) Roman's Electric

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the electrical contractor's bond above listed contractor's bond. Commissioner seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE LIGHTS, BLEACHERS AND CANOPIES FOR THE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS

LOCATED AT THE NEW CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE SPORTS COMPLEX TO BE REIMBURSED FROM WILLACY COUNTY AND FROM BOND PROCEEDS AND AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to purchase lights, bleachers and canopies for the baseball and softball fields located at the new City of Raymondville Sports Complex to be reimbursed from Willacy County and from bond proceeds and as approved by the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INVOICE FROM THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR THE CITY'S PRO-RATA SHARE OF THE REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION FOR COMMUNICATIONS PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FOR FY 2014

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the invoice from the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council for the City's pro-rata share of the regional contribution for Communications preventive maintenance for FY 2014. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BIDS ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE 2014 STREET OVERLAY PHASE 2 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve awarding the bid to G & T Paving on the City of Raymondville 2014 Street Overlay Phase 2 Street Improvements Project. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JOSE TREVINO

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Water Distribution Department employee, Jose Trevino. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

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

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer employee for the Water Distribution Department. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT AND RETIREMENT PARTY FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, HUMBERTO GARZA

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the retirement and retirement party for Water Distribution employee, Humberto Garza. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072, TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 6:00 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:12 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 13

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to sell 54 acres of land for \$300,000.00 to Management Training Corporation. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the budget amendments. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Andy Chavez-CSI-Texas City, Texas-June 19 & 20, 2014

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

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

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

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor ProTem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Alexandre

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for April, 2014 and the Animal Control Report.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, presented a power point to the Board of Commissioners on water breaks, street patching and swimming pool.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, presented a power point to the Board of Commissioners the north drainage ditch. Mr. Chavez also mentioned the trash bash, P.D. demo., and Movie Night at the park will be May 30th.

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 to the Board of Commissioners an update on current projects.

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