

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 13, 2013**

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, August 13, 2013, 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
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

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 JULY 23, 2013

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for July 23, 2013. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

New police officer and reserves were sworn in by Mayor Orlando Correa.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Armin Martinez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for July, 2013. Total collected for July, 2013 was \$9,560.70.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for July, 2013. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES FOR CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS AND
REQUESTING FUNDS FOR TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANT NO.
713067, WATER WELL RENOVATIONS GRANT**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution authorizing signatories for contractual documents and requesting funds for Texas Department of Agriculture Grant No. 713067, Water Well

Renovations Grant. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF A SCORING COMMITTEE TO SCORE THE RFQ'S FOR BOND COUNSEL AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Smith moved to approval to appoint a scoring committee to score the RFQ's for bond counsel and financial advisor for the Texas Water Development Board Water Plant Improvement Project. The following are the committee members: Eleazar Garcia, Delma Garza, Diana Chavez, Yolanda Alexandre and Mary Gutierrez. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR E9-1-1 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the interlocal agreement for E9-1-1 public safety answering point services between the City of Raymondville Police Department and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO AMIGOS DEL VALLE, INC.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Mary Gutierrez as the City of Raymondville's representative and Eleazar Garcia, Jr. as the alternate to the Amigos Del Valle, Inc. Commissioner Smith 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM BALDEMAR PEREZ, PASTOR OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN RAYMONDVILLE TO HOST A YOUTH RALLY ON AUGUST 17, 2013 FROM 6:30-9:00 P.M., AT THE SMILEY FACE PARK (PARK SIDE) AND WAIVING OF ANY FEES

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request from Baldemar Perez, Pastor of First Christian Church in Raymondville to host a youth rally on August 17, 2013 from 6:30-9:00 P.M., at the Smiley Face Park (park side) and waiving of any fees. Commissioner Smith 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM MARY JANE SORIA TO HOLD A COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF NUEVA VIDA EN CRISTO ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH AT THE PONY LEAGUE PARK ON AUGUST 24, 2013 FROM 7:00-10:00 AND WAIVING OF ANY FEES

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the request from Mary Jane Soria to hold a community outreach service under the direction of Nueva Vida En Cristo Assembly of God Church at the Pony League Park on August 24, 2013 from 7:00-10:00 and waiving of any fees. Commissioner Gutierrez 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM MARY JANE SORIA TO HOLD A COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF NUEVA VIDA EN CRISTO ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH AT THE SMILEY FACE PAVILION ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2013 FROM 7:00-10:00 AND WAIVING OF ANY FEES

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request from Mary Jane Soria to hold a community church service under the direction of Nueva Vida En Cristo Assembly of God Church at the Smiley Face Pavilion on September 28, 2013 from 7:00-10:00 and waiving of any fees. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REPORT BY DENISE BLANCHARD ON THE RAYMONDVILLE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC SUMMIT 2013

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the report by Denise Blanchard on the Raymondville Community Economic Summit 2013. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING MONTHLY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT BY DENISE BLANCHARD

Denise Blanchard presented to the Board of Commissioners the monthly Economic Development Report.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION, PAVING, UTILITIES, CURB, AND GUTTER OF STREET FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AT 652 SOUTH EXPRESSWAY 77 (\$75,000) AS REQUESTED BY HARLINGEN FAMILY DENISTRY, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE NEW OR EXPANDED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the first reading of resolution authorizing the expansion, paving, utilities, curb, and gutter of street for new construction at 652 South Expressway 77 (\$75,000) as required by Harlingen Family Denistry, in order to promote new or expanded business development. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER ON CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE STREET PAVING PROJECT AS PRESENTED BY CITY ENGINEER

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the change order on City of Raymondville street paving project as presented by city engineer. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION OF THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LRGVDC) SERVICE AWARD TO MAYOR ORLANDO A. CORREA, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM 2006-2013

Hon. Norma Garcia, LRGVDC Board President presented a service award to Mayor Orlando A. Correa, for his outstanding and dedicated service as a member of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council Board of Directors from 2006-2013.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO FORM NEW CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PARKS & RECREATION COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE AT THE RAYMONDVILLE SMILEY FACE PARK

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to form new City of Raymondville Parks & Recreation Coed Softball League at the Raymondville Smiley Face Park. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AMENDED PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC) AND CISNEROS PACKING INC., MANUFACTURER OF FINE FOOD PRODUCTS AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the amended performance agreement between the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and Cisneros Packing Inc., Manufacturer of Fine Food Products as approved by the City of Raymondville EDC. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE 2013-14 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the proposed budget for review.

No action taken on this agenda item.

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. Eleazar Garcia, Jr., Diana Chavez, Jackie Herrera-Incode Group Meeting-Weslaco, Texas-August 20, 2013
2. Olga Fadely, Ethics-Austin, Texas-September 19-20, 2013
3. Letty Muniz-Advanced Assessment & Collections-Austin, Texas-September 16-18, 2013
4. Andy Chavez-Floodplain Management-Richardson, Texas-August 14, 2013

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR JULY, 2013

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for July, 2013.

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

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

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 Alexandre, Smith, Cavazos, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for the month of July 2013

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, presented to the Board of Commissioners vacation leave and sick leave policy for review.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the city crew had been working on water breaks and milling had begun on 10th street.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor reported to the Board of Commissioners that 694 west Gem would be demolished. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that all generators had been serviced.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

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

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