

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR MARCH 10, 2015**

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 10, 2015, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner  
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner  
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner  
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager  
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney  
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Absent: Orlando A. Correa, Mayor  
Clifton Smith, Commissioner

Commissioner Eziquiel Cavazos, declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Cavazos.

**INVOCATION:** Invocation was given by Commissioner Cavazos.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for February 24, 2015. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre, and Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

Armin Martinez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for February, 2015. Total collected for February, 2015 was \$12,342.91.

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COREDC TO EXPEND 4B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE A/C UNIT AT THE L.E.FRANKS TOURIST CENTER LOCATED AT 501 SOUTH 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,000.00**

Commissioner Cavazos opened the public hearing at 5:03 p.m.

No comments were made.

Commissioner Cavazos closed the public hearing at 5:04 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 022415A, APPROVING FUNDING BY THE COREDC FOR THE EXPANSION AND REMODELING OF THE RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, LOCATED AT 13839 EMMA ROSS ROAD, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the second reading of Resolution No. 022415A, approving funding by the COREDC for the expansion and remodeling of the Raymondville Municipal Golf Course, located at 13839 Emma Ross Road, Raymondville, Texas 78580, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez and Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 022415B, APPROVING FUNDING BY THE COREDC FOR THE REPAIRS AND REMODELING OF THE L.E. FRANKS TOURIST CENTER, LOCATED AT 501 S. 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the second reading of Resolution No. 022415B, approving funding by the COREDC for the repairs and remodeling of the L.E. Franks Tourist Center, located at 501 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Raymondville, Texas 78580, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre and Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 022415C, APPROVING FUNDING BY THE COREDC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW AIR CONDITION UNIT AT THE L.E. FRANKS TOURIST CENTER, LOCATED AT 501 S. 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000.00**

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the second reading of Resolution No. 022415C, approving funding by the COREDC for the purchase of a new air condition unit at the L.E. Franks Tourist Center, located at 501 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Raymondville, Texas 78580, in the amount not to exceed \$13,000.00. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez and Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 022415D, APPROVING FUNDING BY THE COREDC FOR THE EXPANSION AND REMODELING OF WING CHAMPS RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 100 N. EXPRESSWAY 77, SUITE D, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the second reading of Resolution No. 022415D, approving funding by the COREDC for the expansion and remodeling of Wing Champs Restaurant, located at 100 N. Expressway 77, Suite D, Raymondville, Texas 78580, in the amount not to exceed \$80,000.00. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre and Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE REYNA NETWORK LLC AND THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRAVEL CENTER**

This agenda item was passed.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING MOU BETWEEN TSTC, HARLINGEN, TEXAS AND THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ESTABLISH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED TO THE CITY BY TSTC WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WILL PROVIDE FUNDING TOTALING \$4,000.00 FOR BOOKS/SUPPLIES AS A ON TIME COST**

Commissioner Alexandre moved the MOU between TSTC, Harlingen, Texas and the City of

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Raymondville Economic Development Corporation to establish the terms and conditions of services to be provided to the City by TSTC with the condition that the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation will provide funding totaling \$4,000.00 for books/supplies as a on time cost. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre, and Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PLANNING A CITY/COUNTY HIRING EVENT, WHICH WILL INCLUDE ALL EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE OPEN POSITIONS TO OFFER TO ANY DISLOCATED WORKERS AND OR GENERAL PUBLIC TO BE SCHEDULED TENTATIVELY, MARCH 24-26, 2015**

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the planning of a city/county hiring event, which will include all employers who have open positions to offer to any dislocated workers and or general public to scheduled tentatively, March 24-26, 2015 and any expenses that occur. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre and Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 031015A, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN UPDATED WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Resolution 031015A, a resolution adopting an updated water conservation and drought contingency plan for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre and Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ESTABLISHING BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PARK RENTAL RULES AND FEES FOR TOURNAMENTS AND GAMES PLAYED AT CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PARKS**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to establishing a \$75.00 dollar fee for baseball and softball park rental rules and fees for tournaments and games played at City of Raymondville Parks and to waive for non-profit organizations. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre and Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 7, 2015, AS NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming April 7, 2015, as National Service Recognition Day in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre and Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR WAIVING OF PAVILION RENTAL FEES FOR MEDICAL FUNDRAISER**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request for waiving of pavilion rental fees for medical fundraiser for Juan Chavez III. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre, and Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES**

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

1. Marco Tijerina-911 mapping-Weslaco, Texas-April, 2015
2. Marco Tijerina-basic tele communicators license-TSTC-Harlingen, Texas-April 27-May1
3. All officers-state course-Raymondville, Texas-April 7 or 8, 2015

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2015**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for February, 2015.

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Commissioner Alexandre 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 Gutierrez, Alexandre, and Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

**APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

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

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre and Cavazos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Smith

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners that he had meet with MTC. MTC will be starting a clean up in 2 weeks and will be accepting bids to fix the facility that is in the back area. At this point they still don't have a date to reopen the prison. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that the police department building is looking real nice but had stop construction due to the weather.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners the battle against drugs. Chief Zamora did mention that two more arrests have been made due to drugs and more are pending.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the crew has been working on pot holes and cleaning curbs. Mr. Soto also presented pictures on an installation of a pvc pipe project.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners the five more homes will be demolished.

**RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ**

**REPORTS**

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

**RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

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Catalina Ozuna, EDC Executive Director, presented to the Board of Commissioners an update on current projects and the planning of the city/county hiring event. Ms. Ozuna is welcoming all employers and anyone seeking a job.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Commissioner Cavazos declared this regular meeting adjourned.

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Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr.  
City Manager/Secretary