

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 24, 2012**

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, January 24, 2012, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

Absent: Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner

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 Orlando A. Correa.

**INVOCATION:** Invocation was given by Mayor Orlando A. Correa.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 10, 2012**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for January 10, 2012. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Cavazos

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT (RBEG) PROGRAM**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution in support of grant application to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Program. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Cavazos

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING OFFICE LOCATION CHANGES BETWEEN ALL AMERICAN CARE PLUS FROM OFFICE NUMBER 136 TO 135 AND VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION FROM OFFICE NUMBER 135 TO 136 AS APPROVED BY THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Rural Technology Building Office location changes between All American Care Plus from office number 136 to 135 and Valley Federal Credit Union from office number 135 to 136 as approved by the Development Corporation of Raymondville. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Cavazos

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BUSINESS INCUBATOR OFFICE LEASE AT THE RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND TEXAS DISPUTE RESOLUTION SYSTEM AS APPROVED BY THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the Business Incubator Office lease at the Rural Technology Building between the City of Raymondville and Texas Dispute Resolution System as approved by the Development Corporation of Raymondville. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Cavazos

**CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 382 W. KIMBALL, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 40, LOT 28, RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS**

Mayor Orlando A. Correa opened the Condemnation Hearing at 5:10 p.m.

Mayor Orlando A. Correa closed the Condemnation Hearing at 5:15 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 382 W. KIMBALL, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 40, LOT 28, RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS**

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. On the 31<sup>st</sup> day the city will have to go in and demolish and clean up.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the recommendation made by the City Manager, Eleazar Garcia, Jr. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Cavazos

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

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

1. Julian Cortez-Pump and Power-Pharr, TX-January 25 & 26, 2012
2. Julian Cortez, Disidoro Cavazos, Joel Soto, Catalino Nieto, Javier Rodriguez and Bartolo Cruz –Confined Space Training-South Padre Island, TX-February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

**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 Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos and Smith

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**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners the final inspection on the drainage project. Mr. Garcia also reported that Congressman Blake Ferenthold from 27<sup>th</sup> District will be having a service day at city hall one day out of the month.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, presented to the Board of Commissioner pictures of the holding cell at the police department. It is complete and that they only need to install a camera.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, provided a list of street repairs to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Soto also presented pictures of a 2” water break and the reservoir.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, presented to the Board of Commissioners an updated on the following projects:

- Drainage Project
- Texas Department of Health & Human Service
- Little Ceasars Project
- VTCI Project

**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.

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Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr.  
City Manager/Secretary