

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR MARCH 13, 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, March 13, 2012, 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  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary  
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

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

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

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

**INVOCATION:** Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Clifton Smith.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for February 28, 2012. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Gutierrez

**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, 2012. Total collected for February, 2012 was \$16,134.50.

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for February, 2012.

Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Gutierrez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS  
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution authorizing the City of Raymondville's participation in the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Cooperative purchasing program.

Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Gutierrez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH NTC DRUG TESTING SERVICES, INC., FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING SERVICES**

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the authorization to contract with NTC Drug Testing Services, Inc., for City of Raymondville employee drug and alcohol testing services. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Gutierrez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF EXPENSES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the expenses for the City of Raymondville Relay for Life Team. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Gutierrez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEAL PER DIEM ALLOWANCE AS ESTABLISHED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE PUBLICATION 1542**

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the meal per diem allowance as established by the Internal Revenue Service Publication 1542. The amount \$46.00 per day. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Gutierrez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROCEDURES TO ABOLISH THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S 4A SALES TAX CORPORATION AND ESTABLISH A NEW 4B SALES TAX CORPORATION**

No action taken on this agenda item.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT PARTY FOR CEMETERY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, RUBEN ROBLES**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the retirement party for cemetery department employee, Ruben Robles. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Gutierrez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM THE CHILD WELFARE BOARD TO CONDUCT THEIR "FILL THE HEART," FUNDRAISER ON APRIL 21, 2012 AT CITY INTERSECTIONS**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request from the Child Welfare Board to conduct their "Fill The Heart" fundraiser on April 21, 2012 at city intersections. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

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ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Gutierrez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM THE TEAM CARDENAS TO CONDUCT A RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER ON MARCH 18, 2012 AT CITY INTERSECTIONS**

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve request from the team Cardenas to conduct a Relay for Life fundraiser on March 18, 2012 at city intersections. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Gutierrez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PASTOR, DAVID GOODMAN, FOR THE WAIVING OF PARK PAVILION FEES TO CONDUCT A PALM SUNDAY IN THE PARK EVENT ON APRIL 1, 2012**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request from First United Methodist Church Pastor, David Goodman, for the waiving of park pavilion fees to conduct a Palm Sunday in the park event on April 1, 2012. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Gutierrez

**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. Armin Martinez-TMCEC- South Padre Island, TX-May 8-10, 2012
2. Eric Rodriguez and Eulalio Mendez-Managing the Property & Evidence Room -San Marcos, TX-April 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2012**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for February, 2012.

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 Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Pro Tem Clifton Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Gutierrez

**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 Pro Tem Clifton Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa and Commissioner Gutierrez

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**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for February, 2012. Mr. Garcia mentioned the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Valley Federal Credit Union would be at the Rural Tech. Skills Center on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Garcia also reported to the board the Animal Control monthly activity sheet for the month of February, 2012.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the holding cell is almost done all it needs is the bedding.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the street crew is working on weedy lots.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, presented to the Board of Commissioners the plans for the new Appraisal District Building.

**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