

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2011**

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, November 22, 2011, 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
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

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 NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes November 8, 2011. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

AUDIENCE

Rachel Udow, Grant Writer, from Migrant Health Promotion requested to be placed on the agenda for future support from the City of Raymondville.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BID ON COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS SECO STIMULUS AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT GRANT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to accept the bid from Maintenance Engineering for Comptroller of Public Accounts SECO Stimulus American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING GRANT WRITING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY INDEPENDENT RESEARCH SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the grant writing proposal submitted by Independent Research services for the construction of a new public safety building. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE TO BE HELD DECEMBER 2, 2011

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the road closure request from the Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Christmas Parade to be held December 2, 2011. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 729 NORTH 4TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE OUTLOT C, LOT 9N2 (PT OF 42' X 225', (TRACT 13A)

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve requested additional time, that within two weeks the property will be cleaned up completely and 6 months to remodel the home. If the property doesn't comply with code enforcement regulations it will be brought back to the City Council members. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PAY ADJUSTMENTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS ON-CALL PERSONNEL

This agenda item was tabled.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF 2010 CHAPTER 59 ASSEST FORFEITURE REPORT AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the 2010 Chapter 59 Assest Forfeiture Report as required by State Law. Commissioner Gutierrez 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 REQUEST BY THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR USE OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE PARK LIGHTS FOR A COPS FOR TOTS KICKBALL FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD DECEMBER 8, 2011

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request by the Raymondville Police Department for use of the Little League Park Lights for Cops for Tots kickball fundraiser to be held December 8, 2011. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

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APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the vector truck needs a lot of repairs and they are costly.

Mayor Correa was appointed to the newly created Texas Rural Health and Economic Development Advisory Council.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Danny Cavazos, Police Investigator, reported to the Board of Commissioner that the fence around the carport has been installed today and that the only thing that is needed is the lighting. Chief Zamora also mentioned that he had applied for the Stone Garden Grant.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, presented to the Board of Commissioners pictures of water breaks and patch work that has been done on several streets.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners the drainage project and that Little Ceasars expects to be complete by April or May, 2012.

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