

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 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, September 27, 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
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary

Absent: 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes September 13, 2011. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION FOR OFFICE SPACE AT THE RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the office lease agreement between the City of Raymondville and Valley Federal Credit Union for office space at the Rural Technology Building. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM POLICE OFFICER DANIEL DURAN, JR.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to accept the resignation from police officer Daniel Duran, Jr. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM POLICE OFFICER MATHEW BETANCOURT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to accept the resignation from Police Officer Mathew Betancourt. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/ADVERTISE FOR POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve authorizing to advertise or select from pool of applicants to hire for Police Officer positions for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE TAX CLERK, FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve authorization to hire Leticia Muniz at \$8.00 an hour and after her six months probation period than it will be brought back to the city council meeting. 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 APPROVAL OF FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1154, NEW 2011-12 WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the final reading of Ordinance No. 1154, new 2011-12 Water and Sewer Rates for the City of Raymondville. 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

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON 2011-12 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Mr. Garcia, City Manager, presented to the Board of Commissioners the final budget that included a 2.5% salary increase across the board effective October 1, 2011.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1156, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2011-12 FISCAL YEAR, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the approval, passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1156, Adopting a budget for the 2011-12 Fiscal Year, waiving the three readings and approval on one reading. Commissioner Smith 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 APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1157, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL NECESSARY EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the approval, passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1157, Making Appropriations of Sums of Money for all necessary expenditures for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, waiving the three readings and approval on one reading. Commissioner Smith 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 APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1158, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF DEBT SERVICE TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENDITURES BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the approval, passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1158, providing for the Levy, Assessment and Collection of Debt Service Taxes for Debt Service Expenditures and Maintenance and Operation Taxes for Maintenance and Operation Expenditures by the City of Raymondville for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, waiving the three readings and approval on one reading. 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 READING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1159, AMENDING THE 2010-2011 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1145, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the approval, passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1159, Amending the 2010-2011 Budget Ordinance No. 1145, waiving the three readings and approval on one reading. 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 APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1160, AMENDING THE 2010-2011 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 1146, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the approval, passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1160, Amending the 2010-2011 Appropriations Ordinance No. 1146, waiving the three readings and approval on one reading. 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 APPROVAL OF THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF RAYMONDVILLE, INC., BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Development Corporation of Raymondville, Inc., Budget for Fiscal year 2011-12. 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 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO ADMINISTER THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE (COBRA)

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization for the Texas Municipal League to administer the City of Raymondville's Continuation of Coverage (COBRA). 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 REQUEST FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 390 FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT THEIR POPPY FUNDRAISER AND CITY INTERSECTIONS ON NOVEMBER 5, 2011

Commissioner Cavazos moved the request from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 390 for authorization to conduct their Poppy Fundraiser and City intersections on November 5, 2011. Commissioner Alexandre 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RE-ASSIGNING DUTIES, DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE (PUBLIC WORKS PERSONNEL)

The City Commissioners entered into Executive Session at approximately 5:55 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:52 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 16

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to reinstate Joel Soto effective September 28, 2011 to the Public Works Department. 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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No travel and training for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Alexandre 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, Gutierrez, Smith, Alexandre, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Catalina Ozuna, Interim Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on the Rural Technology Building incubators. She also mentioned that the high school would be offering GED classes.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that an investigation is being done in reference to the kidnapping and shooting at Dr. Sanchez's office. Chief Zamora also mentioned not to be believe rumors that are going around town.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR ANDY CHAVEZ

REPORTS

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the drainage project will begin on tomorrow. Mr. Chavez mentioned that the generator at the wastewater plant will get started up on Tuesday. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that VTCI that ground breaking has begun.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

John Henry Rodriguez, Assistant Fire Chief, reported to the Board of Commissioners fires have stopped and all city trucks are okay.

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.

ATTEST:

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary