

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

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 9, 2014, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

Absent: Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

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

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

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Temp Clifton Smith.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 26, 2014

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for August 26, 2014. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

AUDIENCE

Vanessa Tijerina, approached the Board of Commissioners with some concerns on the police department and city issues.

Coy Cisneros, approached the Board of Commissioners with some concerns with city issues.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for August, 2014. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Gutierrez and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Mayor Pro Temp Clifton Smith opened the public hearing at 5:38 p.m.

No comments were made.

Mayor Pro Temp Clifton Smith closed the public hearing at 5:39 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM OWNERS, ELDA RENTERIA AND EVA RENTERIA, FOR THE RE-ZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 8.72 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOT 15, BLOCK 1, RAYMONDVILLE TOWN AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY SUBDIVISION, RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO DESCRIBED AS THE 300 BLOCK OF FARM TO MARKET ROAD 3168, FROM COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL ZONE (R-1) TO MULIFAMILY ZONE (R-2), FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY (80) APARTMENT BUILDINGS ON THIS PROPERTY

Mayor Pro Temp Clifton Smith opened the public hearing at 5:40 p.m.

No comments were made.

Mayor Pro Temp Clifton Smith closed the public hearing at 5:46 pm.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNER, ELDA RENTERIA AND EVA RENTERIA, FOR THE RE-ZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 8.72 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOT 15, BLOCK 1, RAYMONDVILLE TOWN AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY SUBDIVISION, RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO DESCRIBED AS THE 300 BLOCK OF FARM TO MARKET ROAD 3168, FROM COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL ZONE (R-1) TO MULTIFAMILY ZONE (R-2), FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY (80) APARTMENT BUILDING ON THIS PROPERTY

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request from owner, Elda Renteria and Eva Renteria, for the re-zoning of approximately 8.72 acre tract of land out of Lot 15, Block 1, Raymondville Town and Improvement Company Subdivision, Raymondville, Willacy County, Texas, also described as the 300 Block of Farm to Market Road 3168, from Commercial/Residential Zone (R-1)

to Multifamily Zone (R-2), for the purpose of the construction and operation of approximately eighty (80) apartment building on this property. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MOU BETWEEN VALLEY GRANDE INSTITUTE FOR ACADEMIC STUDIES AND THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE REGARDING USING OFFICE AND CLASSROOM SPACE AT THE RAYMONDVILLE RURAL TECHNICAL CENTER

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the MOU between Valley Grande Institute for Academic Studies and the City of Raymondville regarding using office and classroom space at the Raymondville Rural Technical Center. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Pro Temp Smith
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM WING CHAMPS, A SPORTS THEME RESTAURANT AND BAR TO BE LOCATED AT 100 N. EXPRESSWAY 77, SUITE O, RAYMONDVILLE PLAZA

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request for financial assistance from Wing Champs, a sports theme restaurant and bar to be located at 100 N. Expressway 77, Suite O, Raymondville Plaza with the contingency of a 60 day notice and a performance agreement. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Pro Temp Smith
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST MADE BY JUAN FIGUEROA WITH FLOORING MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS REGARDING LEASING OFFICE SPACE IN THE RAYMONDVILLE SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR CENTER

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request made by Juan Figueroa with flooring management consultants regarding leasing office space in the Raymondville Small Business Incubator Center. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING HOSTING THE 2014 NATURE HERITAGE CULTURE ECO-AGRI TOURISM SUMMIT

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SPONSORING ADVERTISEMENT FOR WILD IN WILLACY IN THE VALLEY MORNING STAR TO RUN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the sponsoring advertisement for Wild in Willacy in the Valley Morning Star to run on Sunday, September 14, 2014. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY MR. MARIO A. CARDENAS THROUGH HIS ATTORNEY, MR. JOHN T. BLAYLOCK, FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO RESCIND THE MAY 14, 2013 MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF EIGHT-LINER PERMITS IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND ALLOW HIS CLIENT TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY PERMITS AND LICENSES

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request by Mr. Mario A. Cardenas for the City of Raymondville to rescind the May 14, 2013 moratorium on the issuance or renewal of eight-liner permits in the City of Raymondville and allow his client to obtain the necessary permits and licenses. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EIGHT-LINER ORDINANCE NO. 1142

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING AN IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION AND LOAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CASITAS

LOS OLMOS RENTAL HOMES PROJECT, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BROWNSVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution approving an in-kind contribution and loan for development of Casitas Los Olmos Rental Homes Project, within the city limits of Raymondville, Texas as recommended by the Community Development Corporation of Brownsville. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OBTAINING OF A LOAN FROM HUDSON HOUSING CAPITAL RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CASITAS LOS OLMOS RENTAL HOMES PROJECT, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF BROWNSVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution approving the obtaining of a loan from Hudson Housing Capital relating to the development of Casitas Los Olmos rental homes project, within the city limits of Raymondville, Texas as recommended by the Community Development Corporation of Brownsville. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 ON CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE 2014 STREET PAVING PHASE II PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the change order No. 4 on City of Raymondville 2014 Street Paving Phase II Project as recommended by the city engineers. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CERTIFICATION PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, JOEL PERALES

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the certification pay adjustment for water distribution employee, Joel Perales. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TERMINATION OF STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JAVIER GONZALEZ

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the termination of street department employee, Javier Gonzalez. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROMOTION OF STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JESUS GALLARDO, FROM TEMPORARY POSITION TO PERMANENT POSITION AND ADJUSTMENT OF PAY

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the promotion of street department employee, Jesus Gallardo, from temporary position to permanent position and adjustment of pay. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire a temporary employee for the Street Department. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Gutierrez, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A LIFT STATION OPERATOR FOR THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire a lift station operator for the Wastewater Collection Department. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY BID(S)/OFFER(S) RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF OUR TAX ATTORNEYS, LINEBARGER, GOGGAN, BLAIR & SAMPSON, L.L.P., FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES STRUCK OFF TO WILLACY COUNTY FOR ITSELF AND OTHER TAXING JURISDICTIONS:

Legal Description: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 4, OUTLOT 'E' TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 34, PAGE 18, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT. NO. 15838)

Legal Description: LOTS 12, 13, AND 14, BLOCK 14, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 114, PAGE 522, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT. NO. 13177)

Legal Description: LOTS 5 AND 6, BLOCK 10, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 855, PAGE 441, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT. NO. 13802)

Legal Description: LOTS 17 AND 18, BLOCK 1, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 122, PAGE 824, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 16919)

Legal Description: LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 2, BUENA VISTA ADDITION, SECTION 2, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 136, PAGE 776, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 15423)

Legal Description: RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 13, LOT 29 (Account #14995)

Legal Description: LOT 35, BLOCK 24, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 152, PAGE 423, DEED RECORDS OF WILLALCY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 16211)

Legal Description: TRACT 3: LOTS 21, 22 AND 23, BLOCK 24, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 167, PAGE 227, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT. NO. 13442)

Legal Description: THE NORTH 52.78 FEET OF LOT 11, CAMPBELL COMMERCIAL SUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 2, PAGE 36, MAP RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT. NO. 19624)

Legal Description: TRACT 1: LOTS 22 AND 23, BLOCK 7, SANTA ANNA ADDITION NO. 1 TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 2, PAGE 10, PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT. NO. 15835)

Legal Description: TRACT 1: LOT 29 AND 30, NEELY SEBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 548, PAGE 107, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT. NO. 10250)

Legal Description: LOTS 9 AND 10, BLOCK 16, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 58, PAGE 537, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 14968)

Legal Description: LOTS 13 AND 14, BLOCK 11, FAIRVIEW ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 85, PAGE 232, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 19915)

Legal Description: LOTS 27 AND 28, BLOCK 6, FAIRVIEW ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 123, PAGE 736, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT. NO. 10506)

Legal Description: LOTS 28 AND 29, BLOCK 6, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 70, PAGE 600, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 15244)

Legal Description: LOTS 27 AND 28, BLOCK 5, SANTA ANNA ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 174, PAGE 4, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT. NO. 13227)

Legal Description: LOTS 30, 31 AND 32 BLOCK 1, SANATA ANNA ADDITION, AN ADDITION

TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 469, PAGE 151, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT. NO. 15188)

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the offer(s) received in the office of our attorneys, Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, L.L.P., for the following properties struck off to Willacy County for itself and other taxing jurisdictions as approved by the delinquent tax attorneys. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BID(S)/OFFER RECEIVED ON PROPERTIES STRUCK-OFF TO THE WILLACY COUNTY

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution approving the bid(s)/offer received on properties struck-off to the Willacy County. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Denise Ledesma and Hilario Rivera, Jr.-Crime Scene Investigation-SPI, Texas-October 19-23, 2014
2. Joel Soto and Javier Rodriguez-Safe Water-McAllen, Texas-September 24, 2014
3. Andy Chavez-Ethics Course-Ft. Worth, Texas- December 10, 2014
4. Letty Muniz-TMRS-Austin, Texas-November 16-18, 2014

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR JULY, 2014

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for August, 2014.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

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 Gutierrez, Alexandre, Cavazos and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the city crews have been working on weedy lots and potholes.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Catalina Ozuna, EDC Executive Director, presented to the Board of Commissioners an update on current projects.

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