

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 8, 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 8, 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
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Absent: Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

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 OCTOBER 25, 2011

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes October 25, 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

Arnold Quientero, 729 North 4th Street, has request to be placed on the agenda for the next city meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Armin Martinez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for October, 2011. Total collected for October, 2011 was \$5,655.70.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for October, 2011.

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF BIDS ON COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS SECO STIMULUS AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT GRANT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to authorize Mr. Garcia, City Manager and Mr. Mondragon, Grant Writer to review the bid from Maintenance Engineering and bring it back to the next meeting.

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: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REQUEST BY WILLACY COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS FOR SITE TO HOST FUNDRAISER CIRCUS IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request by Willacy County Crime Stoppers to use the Industrial Park to host fundraiser circus in the City of Raymondville. 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 AMENDMENT TO INCUBATOR OFFICE LEASE AT THE RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND MAJADAS INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the amendment to incubator office lease at .50 per square foot at the Rural Technology Building between the City of Raymondville and Majadas Investment Corporation. 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 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH INDEPENDENT RESEARCH SERVICES TO ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE STATION AND FIRE HALL IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to table this agenda item. 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 REQUEST BY CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE YOUTH GROUPS FOR THE AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE LIGHTING SYSTEM AT EDDIE STARK LITTLE LEAGUE FOR PRACTICES, GAMES AND WEEKEND TOURNAMENTS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request by the Raymondville youth groups for the authorization to use the lighting system at Eddie Stark Little League for practices, games and weekend tournaments. 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 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION CASTING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S VOTES FOR A MEMBER TO THE WILLACY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution casting the City of Raymondville's 357 votes to Orlando A. Correa to the Willacy County Appraisal District's Board of Directors. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY THE VILLACANA FAMILY FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT A CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AT THE RAYMONDVILLE MEMORIAL CEMETERY ON NOVEMBER 26, 2011

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request by the Villacana family for authorization to conduct a candlelight vigil at the Raymondville Memorial Cemetery on November 26, 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD THE ANNUAL CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DINNER ON DECEMBER 16, 2011

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve authorization to hold the Annual City of Raymondville employee appreciation dinner on December 16, 2011. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY WILLACY COUNTY FOR THE CLOSING OF MAIN STREET, 3RD STREET AND 4TH STREET AROUND THE COURTHOUSE GROUNDS FOR THEIR UPCOMING COUNTY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION TO BE HELD DECEMBER 3, 2011

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request by Willacy County for the closing of Main Street, 3rd Street and 4th Street around the courthouse grounds for their upcoming County Centennial Celebration to be held December 3, 2011. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Cavazos, Gutierrez, 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 (BUILDING MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL)

The City Commissioners entered into Executive Session at approximately 6:05 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:17 p.m.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 10

Commissioner Alexandre moved to increase John Henry Rodriguez's salary with an additional dollar an hour with additional duties from public works department as assigned in the water or sewer department effective November 9, 2011. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Cavazos, 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.

1. Danny Cavazos and David Robles-Sex Offender Conference-Galveston, TX-November 14-17, 2011
2. Danny Cavazos and Chief Zamora-conference on Crime Justice –Austin, TX-November 29-Dec. 1, 2011
3. Tommy Gomez, Leo Munoz, Noemi Garza, Danny Cavazos, Joel Soto and Andy Chavez-TML Loss Prevention Training-Harlingen, TX-December 13, 2011

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR’S/COLLECTOR’S REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 2011

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary presented to the Board of Commissioner, for approval, the Tax Assessor’s/Collector’s report for October, 2011. Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor’s/Collector’s report as presented. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Cavazos approved and authorize payment of the City’s bills as presented. 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

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for the month of October, 2011. Mr. Garcia mentioned that Sierra Title is having their 12th Annual BBQ on November 17 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mr. Garcia invited the Board of Commissioners to the Raymondville Police Association 2nd Annual Cook Off and Car/Bike Show on December 2nd-3rd at the Sierra Title parking lot. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that on Wednesday there would be an Emergency Alert System at 1 o’clock and that it was only a test.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Danny Cavazos, Police Investigator, reported to the Board of Commissioner that the Halloween Safe Haven went very well and that they had a lot of children at the event.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, presented to the Board of Commissioners pictures of water breaks and plans on 360 ft of 2” pvc pipe to be installed to increase pressure on Business 77 and Riggs.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners drain ditch project, T.D.H.S. project and pictures of the home on 474 West San Francisco. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that Little Ceasar’s Pizza has also brought in the blue prints and construction will be underway soon.

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