

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 14, 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, October 14, 2014, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

Absent: Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

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

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

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Smith.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2014

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for September 23, 2014. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

AUDIENCE

Vanessa Tijerina approached the Board of Commissioners with concerns on City sidewalks.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Armin Martinez, Municipal Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for September 2014. Total collected for September 2014 was \$6,972.42.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM OWNER, MATIAS ALVARDO FOR A VARIANCE TO REDUCE THE SIDE SETBACK AT 400 E. EXCHANGE AVENUE, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS ALSO DESCRIBED AS LOTS 43 AND 44, BLOCK 3, HOWARD OUTLOT E, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS IN WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT A NEW DWELLING UNDER THE HURRICANE DOLLY DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Pro Tem Smith at 5:11 p.m.

No comments were made.

Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Pro Tem Smith at 5:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM OWNER, MATIAS ALVARDO FOR A VARIANCE TO REDUCE THE SIDE SETBACK AT 400 E. EXCHANGE AVENUE, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS ALSO DESCRIBED AS LOTS 43 AND 44, BLOCK 3, HOWARD OUTLOT E, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS IN WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT A NEW DWELLING UNDER THE HURRICANE DOLLY DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the variance to reduce the side setback at 400 E. Exchange Avenue, Raymondville, Texas also described as lots 43 and 44, Block 3, Howard Outlot E. as recorded in the map of plat records in Willacy County, Texas in order to construct a new dwelling under the Hurricane Dolly Disaster Recovery Assistance Program. Commission Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 152 NORTH 5TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 33, LOT 1 [TR 1], 84.9' & LOT 2 (W15'), RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS WILLACY COUNTY

Public hearing was opened by Mayor Pro Tem Smith at 5:15 p.m.

Vanessa Tijerina made a comment that the building is a safety hazard and it should be secured.

Public hearing was closed by Mayor Pro Tem Smith at 5:17 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNATION ORDER ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 152 NORTH 5TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE BLOCK 33, LOT 1[TR 1], 84.9 & LOT 2 (W15'), RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS WILLACY COUNTY

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the condemnation order on the property located at 152 N. 5th Street, Raymondville, Texas also described as Raymondville Original Townsite Block 33, Lot 2 [TR 1], 84.9' & Lot 2(W15'), Raymondville, Texas Willacy County. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL THE APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY, RICHARD D. SCHELL, AS CLOSING ATTORNEY FOR THE USDA RBEG AND IRP SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the appointment of Attorney, Richard D. Schell as the Closing Attorney for the USDA RBEG and IRP Small Business Revolving Loan funds as approve by the City of Raymondville EDC. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING USDA RBEG SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN APPLICANT, IRMA AMBRIZ, OWNER OF RAYMONDVILLE ADULT DAYCARE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SAML BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the USDA RBEG Small Business Revolving Loan applicant, Irma Ambriz, owner of Raymondville Adult Daycare, as recommended by the Small Business Revolving Loan Review Committee and the City of Raymondville EDC. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING USDA RBEG SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN APPLICANT, BELINDA GUZMAN, OWNER OF HEAVEN LEE SENT HOME HEALTH CARE LLC, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the USDA RBEG Small Business Revolving Loan Applicant, Belinda Guzman, owner of Heaven Lee Sent Home Health Care LLC, as recommended by the Small Business Revolving Loan Review Committee and the City of Raymondville EDC. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING FUNDING REQUEST MADE BY THE RAYMONDVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR REMODELING OF THE L.E. FRANKS TOURIST CENTER, LOCATED AT 501 S. 7TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, IN ORDER TO ENHANCE A FACILITY THAT SERVES AS A TOURIST AND CONVENTION CENTER FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the funding request made by the Raymondville Chamber of Commerce for remodeling of the L.E. Franks Tourist Center, located at 501 S. 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas, in order to enhance a facility that serves as a tourist and convention center for the City of Raymondville as approved by the City of Raymondville EDC. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADVERTISING OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT, CHAPTER 505 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.159 (A) TO HEAR COMMENTS FOR OR AGAINST FUNDING THE REMODELING OF THE L.E. FRANKS TOURIST CENTER, LOCATED AT 501 S. 7TH ST., RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, IN ORDER TO ENHANCE A FACILITY THAT SERVES AS A TOURIST AND CONVENTION CENTER FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve advertising of public notice and setting of public hearing by the City of Raymondville EDC in accordance with the development corporation act,

chapter 505 of the local government code, section 505.159 (a) to hear comments for or against funding the remodeling of the L.E. Franks Tourist Center, located at 501 s. 7th St., Raymondville, Texas, in order to enhance a facility that serves as a tourist and convention center for the City of Raymondville and as approved by the City of Raymondville EDC. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1190, “AMENDING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE’S EIGHT-LINER ORDINANCE NO. 1142, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING”

This agenda item was tabled.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1191, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING SANITATION AND POLLUTION CONTROL OF THE AREAS IN PROXIMITY TO THE CITY’S PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY WELLS, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING”

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Ordinance No. 1191, “An Ordinance of the City of Raymondville, Texas, establishing rules and regulations regarding sanitation and pollution control of the areas in proximity to the City’s Public Water Supply Wells. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES FOR THE ANNUAL RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT’S SAFE HAVEN PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve authorization to purchase supplies for the annual Raymondville Police Department's Safe Haven Project. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF A CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEMBER

Commissioner Alexandre moved to appoint Felicita Gutierrez to replace Gloria Cantu for a City of Raymondville Planning and Zoning Commission Member. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CERTIFICATION PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, ANTHONY GARCIA

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the certification pay adjustment of \$1.00 for Water Distribution Employee, Anthony Garcia. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER, JUAN A. TREJO, JR.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve acceptance of resignation from Raymondville Police Officer, Juan A. Trejo, Jr. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A NEW POLICE OFFICER FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve authorization to hire a new police officer for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER/ADVERTISE/HIRE A CUSTODIAN FOR RAYMONDVILLE CITY HALL AND THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to authorize transfer/advertise/hire a custodian for Raymondville City Hall and the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FIRST QUARTERLY SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSFER TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the First Quarterly Supplemental Transfer to the City of Raymondville Municipal Golf Course. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY VANESSA TIJERINA REGARDING CONDUCT OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS

No action taken on this agenda item.

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

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Tax Assessor's/Collector's Report for September 2014. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, J r., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for the month of September, 2014.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the front entrance to the Police Department has been closed due to construction and the entrance is through the fire hall.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the city crew have been spraying for mosquitoes. They have also been working on pot holes and weedy lots.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Holiday Inn should be completed by February, 2015. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that the Movie at the Park would be on October 24, 2014.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT-REPORTS

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 Pro Tem Smith declared this regular meeting adjourned.

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary