

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

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, February 24, 2015, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Absent: William Wepfer, City Attorney

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 FEBRUARY 10, 2015

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for February 10, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

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

CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 480 WEST SAN FRANCISCO, DESCRIBED AS SANTA ANNA SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 6, LOTS 5 THRU 8, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

Mayor Correa opened the public hearing at 5:11 p.m.

No comments were made.

Mayor Correa closed the public hearing at 5:12 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNATION ORDER ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 480 WEST SAN FRANCISCO, DESCRIBED AS SANTA ANNA SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 6, LOTS 5 THRU 8, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, recommended to the Board of Commissioners to allow a 30 day period to secure the property, repair, demolish and clean up.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO PROVIDE WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of a grant to the Texas Department of Agriculture to provide wastewater system improvements 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 REQUEST MADE BY ATTORNEY RICK SCHELL TO WIRE FUNDS FOR CLOSING ON LOAN FROM RBEG REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT TO BELINDA GUZMAN DBA HEAVEN LEE SENT HOME HEALTH CARE LLC FOR THE APPROVED AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request made by attorney Rick Schell to wire funds for closing on loan from RBEG Revolving Loan Account to Belinda Guzman dba Heaven Lee Sent Home Health Care LLC for the approved amount of \$50,000.00. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AMENDING THE FOLLOWING RBEG REVOLVING LOAN REQUESTS TO INCLUDE THE AMOUNT AWARDED AND TERMS:

- a. *Frank Solis dba Solis Realty awarded amount \$125,000.00 @ 3% for 10 years*
- b. *Irma Ambriz dba Raymondville Adult Daycare awarded amount \$50,000.00 @ 3% for 10 years*
- c. *GinMarInvestments, LLC (Wing Champs) awarded amount \$100,000.00 @ 6% for 10 years*

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the amending RBEG Revolving Loan request from Frank Solis dba Solis Realty awarded amount \$125,000.00 @ 3% for 10 years. Commissioner Alexandre 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

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the amending RBEG Revolving Loan request from Irma Ambriz dba Raymondville Adult Daycare awarded amount \$50,000.00 @ 3% for 10 years. Commissioner Gutierrez 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

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the amending RBEG Revolving Loan request from GinMarInvestments, LLC (Wing Champs) awarded amount \$100,000.00 @ 6% for 10 years. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST MADE BY DR. JUAN VILLARREAL FOR JOB CREATION AS OUTLINED IN THE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND RAYMONDVILLE FAMILY DENTISTRY FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$70,718.00

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the reimbursement request made by Dr. Juan Villarreal job creation as outlined in the performance agreement between the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation and Raymondville Family Dentistry for the amount of \$70,718.00. Commissioner Alexandre 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 APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 022415A, APPROVING FUNDING BY THE COREDC FOR THE EXPANSION AND REMODELING OF THE RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, LOCATED AT 13839 EMMA ROSS ROAD, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 022415A, approving funding by the COREDC for the expansion and remodeling of the Raymondville Municipal Golf Course, located at 13839 Emma Ross Road, Raymondville, Texas 78580, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 022415B, APPROVING FUNDING BY THE COREDC FOR THE REPAIRS AND REMODELING OF THE L.E. FRANKS TOURIST CENTER, LOCATED AT 501 S. 7TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 022415B, approving funding by the COREDC for the repairs and remodeling of the L.E. Franks Tourist Center, located at 501 S. 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas 78580, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 022415C, APPROVING FUNDING BY THE COREDC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW AIR CONDITION UNIT AT THE L.E. FRANKS TOURIST CENTER, LOCATED AT 501 S. 7TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000.00

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 022415C, approving funding by the COREDC for the purchase of a new air condition unit at the L.E. Franks Tourist Center, located at 501 S. 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas 78580, in the amount not to exceed \$13,000.00. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION NO. 022415D, APPROVING FUNDING BY THE COREDC FOR THE EXPANSION AND REMODELING OF WING CHAMPS RESTAURANT, LOCATED AT 100 N. EXPRESSWAY 77, SUITE D, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$80,000.00

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 022415D, approving funding by the COREDC for the expansion and remodeling of Wing Champs Restaurant, located at 100 N. Expressway 77, suite D, Raymondville, Texas 78580, in the amount not to exceed \$80,000.00. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, BEN ESTRADA

Commissioner Smith moved to accept the resignation from Raymondville Police Department Communications Officer, Ben Estrada. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER FOR THE RAMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to hire communications officer for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING NOMINATION OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY WALK OF FAME

Commissioner Smith moved to approve Dr. George Cantu for the City of Raymondville representative for the Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the change order No. 1 on the City of Raymondville Police Department Building Project. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE RAYMONDVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2015

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the joint election agreement between the City of Raymondville and the Raymondville Independent School District for the General Election to be held on May 9, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Ben Taliancich-active shooter class-Weslaco, Texas-March 3-5, 2015
2. Yesenia Hernandez-Texas Municipal Courts Education Center-SPI, Texas-April 27-29, 2015

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the financial report for the month of January, 2015. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that he had meet with the warrant from the prison and was given an update on plans to reopen at a later date.

Mayor Correa addressed the Board of Commissioners thanking everyone for their support during his 16 years in politics.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, presented to the Board of Commissioners an update on the riot that occurred last week at the prison. Chief Zamora also mentioned that they had severed two search warrants and resulted in arrests.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the crew has been working on weedy lots and waterline project.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners the city would start up with Movie Night again. March 13 is the schedule day to show Big Hero 6.

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