

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 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, January 13, 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  
William Wepfer, City Attorney  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

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 DECEMBER 9, AND DECEMBER 16, 2014**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for December 9 and December 16, 2014. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, Gutierrez, 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.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:**

- A. **482 West San Francisco Avenue, described as Santa Anna Subdivision, Block 6, Lots 3 thru 4, Raymondville, Texas (INCORRECT ADDRESS AND WAS NOT VOTED ON)**
- B. **343 West Durham Avenue, described as Raymondville Original Townsite, Block 19, Lot 14, Raymondville, Texas**
- C. **984 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, described as Colonia Victoria Subdivision, Block 2, Lots 1 thru 2, Raymondville, Texas**
- D. **958 West Tampico Avenue, described as Colonia Hidalgo Subdivision, Block 8, Lots 32 thru 33, Raymondville, Texas**
- E. **504 West San Francisco Avenue, described as Santa Anna Subdivision, Block 1, Lots 17 thru 19, Raymondville, Texas**

Mayor Correa opened the Public Hearing at 5:16 p.m.

There were no comments from the audience.

Mayor Correa closed the Public Hearing at 5:19 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNATION ORDERS ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:**

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**E. 504 West San Francisco Avenue, described as Santa Anna Subdivision, Block 1, Lots 17 thru 19, Raymondville, Texas**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve 30 days to vacate, secure, repair, remodel or demolish the structure on the above mentioned addresses except for item A. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE, RYAN GUILLEN, FOR OFFICE SPACE AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE RURAL TECHNICAL CENTER TO SERVE CONSTITUENTS IN THE RAYMONDVILLE AREA**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the request from Texas State Representative, Ryan Guillen, for office space at the City of Raymondville Rural Technical Center to serve constituents in the Raymondville area. Commissioner Gutierrez 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 NOMINATION OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S WILLACY COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB BOARD MEMBER**

This agenda item was passed.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDER FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S OFFICER REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2015**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the order for the City of Raymondville's officer regular election to be held on May 9, 2015. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTION NOTICE FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S OFFICER REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2015**

Commissioner Smith moved to accept the election notice for the City of Raymondville's officer regular election to be held on May 9, 2015. Commissioner Alexandre 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 ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S OFFICER REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 9, 2015**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the order establishing procedures for the City of Raymondville's officer regular election to be held on May 9, 2015. 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 APPROVAL OF ELECTION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND WILLACY COUNTY TO CONDUCT THE UPCOMING MAY 9, 2015 CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S OFFICER REGULAR ELECTION**

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the election contract between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County to conduct the upcoming May 9, 2015 City of Raymondville's officer regular election. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT REQUEST FROM WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR, ROBERTO PEREZ**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the retirement request from Water Treatment Plant Operator, Roberto Perez. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER (TTBH), ANDRES MALDONADO**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Raymondville Police Officer (TTBH), Andres Maldonado. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER/HIRE TO FILL RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER (TTBH) POLICE OFFICER POSITON**

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the authorization to transfer/hire to fill Raymondville Police Officer (TTBH) Police Officer Positon. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, SHARI PETERSON**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Raymondville Police Department Telecommunications Officer, Shari Peterson. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE NEW**

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to hire new Raymondville Police Department Telecommunications Officer. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S POLICE BODY CAMERA DIGITAL RECORDING POLICY**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the City of Raymondville Police Department's Police Body Camera Digital Recording Policy. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, JOEL PERALES, TO WATER PLANT OPERATOR WITH ADJUSTMENT IN PAY**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to transfer Water Distribution employee, Joel Perales, to Water Plant Operator with adjustment in pay. Mr. Perales will go to \$11.83 an hour and a dollar increase when he gets his surface water license. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, DUSTIN RODRIGUEZ, TO WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT WITH ADJUSTMENT IN PAY**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to transfer street department employee, Dustin Rodriguez, to water distribution department with adjustment in pay. Mr. Rodriguez new hourly rate will be \$7.85. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire street department employee. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEE UNIFORMS**

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the contract for City of Raymondville employee uniforms with Unifirst. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION MADE BY TODD BRELAND GENERAL MANAGER REGARDING PURCHASING ADVERTISEMENT IN THE VALLEY BUSINESS REPORT**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the presentation made by Todd Breland General Manager regarding purchasing advertisement in the Valley Business Report. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION MADE BY ELMA CHAVEZ REGARDING PURCHASING AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE RAYMONDVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2015-2016 TOURISM GUIDE**

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Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the purchasing an advertisement in the Raymondville Chamber of Commerce 2015-2016 Tourism Guide. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION MADE BY ALMA Z. VILLARREAL DBA “LET’S ROLL” DRIVING SCHOOL, INTERESTED IN LEASING OFFICE SPACE AT THE RAYMONDVILLE SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR CENTER**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve “Let’s Roll” driving school, in leasing office space at the Raymondville Small Business Incubator Center. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GINMAR INVESTMENTS, LLC (WING CHAMPS) AND THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (COREDC)**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the performance agreement between GinMar Investments, LLC (Wing Champs) and the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation (COREDC). Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REPOSTING OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND RESETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING DATE (OCTOBER 15, 2014) ON PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COREDC TO EXPEND 4B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE A/C UNIT AT THE L.E. FRANKS TOURIST CENTER LOCATED AT 501 SOUTH 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT, CHAPTER 505 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.152 TO HEAR COMMENTS FOR OR AGAINST FUNDING OF PROJECT**



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Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve reposting of public notice and resetting of public hearing date (October 15, 2014) on proposed economic development project being considered by the COREDC to expend 4B Economic Development funds for the replacement of the A/C Unit at the L.E. Franks Tourist Center located at 501 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Raymondville, Texas 78580, in accordance with the development corporation act, Chapter 505 of the Local Government Code, Section 505.152 to hear comments for or against funding of project. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADVERTISING OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT, CHAPTER 505 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.152 TO HEAR COMMENTS FOR OR AGAINST FUNDING THE REMODELING OF THE RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC GOLF COURSE, LOCATED AT 13839 EMMA ROSS ROAD, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the advertising of public notice and setting of public hearing by the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation in accordance with the Development Corporation Act, Chapter 505 of the Local Government Code, Section 505.152 to hear comments for or against funding the remodeling of the Raymondville Municipal Public Golf Course, located at 13839 Emma Ross Road, Raymondville, Texas 78580. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING FUNDING PROJECT 2015-1 CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC GOLF COURSE AT 13839 EMMA ROSS ROAD, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00, IN ORDER TO ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the funding project 2015-1 construction and improvements to the Raymondville Municipal Public Golf Course at 13839 Emma Ross Road, in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, in order to enhance quality of life. Commissioner Alexandre 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 APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 2014**

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**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 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 an update on the park project. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that he had 12 teams show up for the Adult & Coed Softball Season meeting.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the department had 5 search warrants and came up with 12 arrests. Chief Zamora also mentioned that 80 citations were given out to an eight liner operating business.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the crew has been working on water leaks and pot holes. Mr. Chavez mentioned an update on homes that have been demolished.

**RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ**

**REPORTS**

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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 updated activity report.

**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.

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Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr.  
City Manager/Secretary