

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 13, 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, December 13, 2011, 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
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Absent: Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

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

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

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Pro-Tem Clifton Smith.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2011 AND NOVEMBER 29, 2011

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes November 22, 2011 and November 29, 2011. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Orlando A. Correa

AUDIENCE

Roel Gomez, Acting Area Director, for USDA introduced himself to the Board of Commissioners.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Armin Martinez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for November, 2011. Total collected for November, 2011 was \$6,337.63.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for November, 2011. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Orlando A. Correa

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO ENTER INTO AN EQUIPMENT
FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH FROST BANK (FROST LEASING) FOR THE
PURCHASE OF A NEW VACTOR TRUCK**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution authorizing the City of Raymondville to enter into an equipment financing agreement with Frost Bank (Frost Leasing) for the purchase of a new vactor truck. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY WILLACY COUNTY FOR AN AMENDMENT TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES/HOMES ASSOCIATED WITH CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY CONTRACT NO. 70090018 FROM NINE TO FIVE TO COMPENSATE FOR THE UNFORESEEN COSTS OF REHABILITATION DUE TO EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE HOMES, THE HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS DEFICIENCIES AND THE INCREASE IN MATERIAL AND LABOR COSTS

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request by Willacy County for an amendment to decrease the number of activities/homes associated with CDBG Disaster Recovery Contract no. 70090018 from nine to five to compensate for the unforeseen costs of rehabilitation due to extensive damage to the homes, the housing quality standards deficiencies and the increase in material and labor costs. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Orlando A. Correa

CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 405 W. WHITE STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS RIO GRANDE SUBDIVISION BLOCK 2, LOTS 7 THRU 8, RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith opened the Condemnation Hearing at 5:16 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith closed the Condemnation Hearing at 5:19 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 405 W. WHITE STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS RIO GRANDE SUBDIVISION BLOCK 2, LOTS 7 THRU 8, RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve to allow 30 days to secure, clean or demolish the property located at 405 W. White Street. If the land owners don't comply the city will continue with the demolishing process. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF RAYMONDVILLE, INC. BOARD MEMBER, VIRGINIA SHUEY

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Development Corporation of Raymondville, Inc. Board member, Virginia Shuey. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Orlando A. Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER TO THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF RAYMONDVILLE, INC.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the appointment Neil Patel as the new board member to the Development Corporation of Raymondville, Inc. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE NEW TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to hire new temporary employees for the City of Raymondville Public Works Department. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Orlando A. Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE NO. 1142, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF COIN-OPERATED MACHINES COMMONLY DESCRIBED AS EIGHT-LINER MACHINES

No action taken on this agenda item.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF 2012 HOLIDAYS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the 2012 Holidays for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Orlando A. Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S NOMINATION TO THE 2012 RIO GRANDE VALLEY WALK OF FAME

No action taken on this agenda item.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1, ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S DRS-8010152 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the change order No. 1, on the City of Raymondville's DRS-8010152 Drainage Improvements Projects. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Orlando A. Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S DRS-8010152 GRANT IN ORDER TO USE THE REMAINING FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the amendment No. 2 to the City of Raymondville's DRS-8010152 Grant in order to use the remaining funds for additional projects. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Orlando A. Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY RETIRED MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK, REBECCA SANCHEZ, FOR A GIFT CARD TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR HER RETIREMENT WATCH

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request by retired Municipal Court Clerk, Rebecca Sanchez, for a gift card to be substituted for her retirement watch. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Orlando A. Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD DECEMBER 27, 2011

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to cancel the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners scheduled to be held December 27, 2011. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Orlando A. Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXTENSION OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION FOUNDATION, INC., AS APPROVED BY THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the extension of lease agreement with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc., as approved by the Development Corporation of Raymondville. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Orlando A. 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. Chief Zamora-drop off evidence-Austin, TX-December 15, 2011

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 2011

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for November, 2011.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Orlando A. Correa

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 Cavazos, Gutierrez, Alexandre, and Mayor Pro-Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for November, 2011. Mr. Garcia updated the Board on the Disaster Relief Money. Mr. Garcia reminded the Board of Commissioners that CCA was having a luncheon on December 14, 2011.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioner that burglaries are currently high. Chief Zamora mentioned that they have recovered stolen property at pawn shops and metal companies.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, presented to the Board of Commissioners pictures of the new basketball back board that have been installed at the park. Mr. Soto also reported several paving projects that have been completed. Mr. Soto also mentioned that the city crew have begun to clean curbs and will continue.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, presented to the Board of Commissioners pictures of the fiber room at VTCL. Mr. Chavez also mentioned the condemnation properties.

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