

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 10, 2012**

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 10, 2012, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor
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

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 13 AND DECEMBER 19, 2011

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes December 13 and December 19, 2011. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Armin Martinez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for December, 2011. Total collected for December, 2011 was \$8,107.70.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for December, 2011. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 783 WEST MAIN STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 29, LOTS 1 THRU 3, RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

Mayor Orlando A. Correa opened the Condemnation Hearing at 5:06 p.m.

Mayor Orlando A. Correa closed the Condemnation Hearing at 5:09 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 783 WEST MAIN STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 29, LOTS 1 THRU 3, RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, recommended to the Board of Commissioners to allow a 30 day period to secure the property and 30 day period to repair or demolish and clean up. After the 60 day period the city will have to go in and demolish and clean up.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the recommendation made by the City Manager, Eleazar Garcia, Jr. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to accept Hector Ramirez as the nominee to the Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1162, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1142, THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF COIN-OPERATED MACHINES COMMONLY DESCRIBED AS EIGHT-LINER MACHINES"

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Ordinance No. 1162, "An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1142, The City of Raymondville's Ordinance providing for the regulation of coin-operated machines commonly described as eight-liner machines" and to waive the three readings. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATORIES FOR THE TCDP GRANT NO. 711391 WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution authorizing the signatories for the TCDP Grant No. 711391 Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project. Commissioner Smith 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 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO FUND A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution in support of grant applications to fund a new public safety building for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Smith 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 AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TEXAS FLEET FUEL UNDER HGAC CONTRACT NO. FF074-09, TO PROVIDE FUEL CARD SERVICES TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to enter into an agreement with Texas Fleet Fuel under HGAC Contract No. FF074-09, to provide fuel card services to the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, 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. Benito Estrada and Bildad Rodriguez-Telecommunications-Harlingen, TX-January 25, 2012
2. Benito Estrada and Bildad Rodriguez-TLETS/Basic Procedures-Austin, TX-February 2nd 7 3rd, 2012
3. Noemi Garza and Hector Tijerina-OEC All-Hazards Communication Tech.-Weslaco, TX-February 27th-March 3, 2012
4. Letty Muniz-Intro to the TPTS: Prop Tax Admin-Austin, TX-February 6-8, 2012
5. Letty Muniz-Property Tax Law-Austin, TX-February 13-16, 2012
6. Andy Chavez-Substantial Structure Class-Alamo, TX-January 26, 2012

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

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

Commissioner Cavazos 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 Cavazos, Gutierrez, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Smith approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, Alexandre, Smith 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 December, 2011. Mr. Garcia updated the Board of Commissioners on current projects and projects that are coming up in the future.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioner that everything went every smooth during the holidays.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, was absent and had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, presented to the Board of Commissioners an updated on the following projects:

Drainage Project
Texas Department of Health & Human Service
Little Ceasars Project
Condemnation Projects

**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