

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 12, 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, May 12, 2015, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

Absent: Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner

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 Correa.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Correa.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 28, 2015

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for April 28, 2015. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

AUDIENCE

Vanessa Tijerina, approached the Board of Commissioners with some concerns on some allegations having to do with the P.D. officers.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Armin Martinez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for April, 2015. Total collected for April, 2015 was \$15,682.46.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-14, BY INDEPENDENT AUDITOR, BUFFO & BERKMAN, CPA'S

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the presentation of the City of Raymondville's Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2013-14, by Independent Auditor, Buffo & Berkman, CPA's. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE USE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FUNDS FOR THE 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, AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the use of Economic Development Corporation funds for the 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, as approved by the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY AS "OLDER AMERICAN MONTH," IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming May as "Older American Month," in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH DELA POOL SERVICE FOR SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the contract with Dela Pool Services to be performed at the City of Raymondville Municipal Swimming Pool. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICERS:

- a. Police Corporal Edward A. Garcia
- b. Police Officer Juan A. Trego
- c. Police Officer Daniel Garcia

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of resignations from the above mentioned employees. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/ADVERTISE FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire/advertise for City of Raymondville Police Officer positions. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CERTIFICATION PAY INCREASE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, MARCO TIJERINA

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the certification pay increase of a \$1.00 raise for Police Department Communications Officer, Marco Tijerina. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD NEW WATER WELL PROJECT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to advertise for bids on the Texas Water Development Board New Water Well Project. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF A NON-BINDING LETTER OF INTENT TO LCNG/ECO FUELS INTERNATIONAL TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH AN ANAEROBIC DIGESTER/CHEMICAL PROCESSING PLANT IN OUR REGION

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the issuance of a non-binding letter of intent to LCNG/Eco fuels international to support efforts to establish an Anaerobic Digester/Chemical Processing Plant in our region. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVIEW OF TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY'S (TGS) COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT (COSA) TARIFF; APPROVING OF A JOINT REVIEW OF TGS' APPLICATION ALONG WITH OTHER CITIES SERVED BY TGS; HIRING LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; REQUIRING TGS TO REIMBURSE ALL REASONABLE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CITIES' EFFORTS IN THIS RATEMAKING EFFORT; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO TGS AND LEGAL COUNSEL

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution authorizing review of Texas Gas Service Company's (TGS) Cost of Service Adjustment (COSA) Tariff; approving of a joint review of TGS' application along with other cities served by TGS; hiring legal and consulting services to negotiate

with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; requiring TGS to reimburse all reasonable costs associated with citites' efforts in this ratemaking effort; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to TGS and legal counsel. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY EMPLOYEE POOL PARTY AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL ON JUNE 5, 2015

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization for city employee pool party at the City of Raymondville Municipal Swimming Pool on June 5, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

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. 2 officers- pick up prison at Jim Wells County
2. John Molina-Operation of Activated Sludge Plants-San Antonio, Texas-June 9-11, 2015
3. Andy Chavez-Hydraulic Pump & Motors-Houston, Texas-May 28, 2015
4. Mayor Correa and City Manager-meet with BOP & ICE officials regarding prison situation- Washington D.C.- May 19-21, 2015
5. Olga Fadely-Property Tax Law State Laws & Rules Update-Austin, Texas-June 15-17, 2015

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR APRIL, 2015

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for April, 2015.

Commissioner Smith 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 Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the canvassing of the election votes will be on Monday, May 18, 2015. Mr. Garcia also mention that there would be a runoff election on June 27, 2015 for Mayor and Municipal Court Judge.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the police department building is coming along.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the crew have been working on potholes, weedy lots and have begun working on the swimming pool.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the major cave in on 10th street took 5 days complete the repairs. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that Church's chicken will be demolished and a new will be built in the same area.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

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 update on the VGI project and that two franchise stores are inquiring about Raymondville.

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