

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2011**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at City Hall, 142 South 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, 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
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 14, 2010

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes December 14, 2010. 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

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Eleazar Garcia, City Manager, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for November 2010. Total collected for December, 2010 was \$10,324.80.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for December 2010. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

PRESENTATION OF CHECK BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AFFAIRS-DISASTER FUND

The Texas Department of Rural Affairs presented the Board of Commissioners a check in the amount of \$2,003,225.00 for Disaster Recovery Fund.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF CONTRACT ON TCDP#729649 GALVANIZED WATER STORAGE TANKS INTERIOR COATING PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY ENGINEERS

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve awarding the contract to Whitehead Brothers Painting Inc. on the TCDP#729649 Galvanized Water Storage Tanks Interior Coating Project as recommended by City Engineers. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the

following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE COUNTY OF WILLACY PERTAINING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF CITY STREETS AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville and the County of Willacy pertaining to the maintenance of City Streets and right-of-ways. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY THE WILLACY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO BUILD A NEW APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUILDING IN LIEU OF CASH PAYMENT AS APPROVED BY PREVIOUS RESOLUTION

No action taken on this agenda item.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDER FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2011

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Order for the City of Raymondville Officers regular election to be held on May 14, 2011. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF NOTICE FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2011

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Notice for the City of Raymondville Officers Regular Election to be held on May 14, 2011. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Gutierrez, Smith, Cavazos, 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 OFFICERS REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2011

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Order establishing procedures for the City of Raymondville Officers Regular Election to be held on May 14, 2011. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY EMPLOYEE HOLIDAYS FOR THE 2011 CALENDAR YEAR

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the City employee holidays for the 2011 Calendar Year. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire/advertise a Communications Officer for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S 2011 RIO GRANDE VALLEY WALK OF FAME NOMINATION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve Paul Whitworth as the nominee for the City of Raymondville's 2011 Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS GROUP CHARTER

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Rio Grande Valley Communications Group Charter. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR ANDRES CHAVEZ

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve a \$1.50 increase per hour for Public Works Supervisor Andres Chavez. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR FUEL, OFFICE SUPPLIES AND JANITORIAL SUPPLIES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to advertise for fuel, office supplies and janitorial supplies for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RE-ASSIGNING DUTIES, DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE. (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)

The City Commissioners entered into Executive Session at approximately 6:08 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:45 p.m.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 14

Commissioner Smith moved to approve for Catalina Ozuna to become Interim Director for the Raymondville Economic Development Corp., for six months with an increase in salary. The annually salary will be \$36,000 and after six months she would be re-evaluated. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Patrol Officers-Basic Investigators Course-Tourist Center Raymondville, TX-Jan. 31- Feb. 1, 2011
2. Communications Officers-Mandatory Course-Brownsville, TX-Feb. 7, 2011
3. Julian Cortez-Water & Wastewater Course-South Padre Island, TX-Jan. 25-27, 2011

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 2010

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for December, 2010. Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor's/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Cavazos, Smith, Alexandre, Gutierrez 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 Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners an update on the drain project.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that there has been an increase in gang activity during the holidays. The police officers have been called out to multiple fights between as many as 10-15 gang members on the northside.

**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR ANDY CHAVEZ
REPORTS**

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that all alleys in the city are now clean. Mr. Chavez mentioned that he is now going to focus on cleaning weedy lots and the cemeteries. He also mentioned that any burned out street lights are going to be replaced by AEP within 48 hours of a complaint. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that 5 units would be demolished in a couple of weeks.

**RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ
REPORTS**

Frank Torres, Fire Chief, reported to the Board of Commissioners that they have been called out to five fires in the city and 25 in the surrounding area during the past week. Chief Gutierrez also mentioned that he was going to pressure tested a fire hose to determine damages. Chief Gutierrez also reported that the Army truck is at the fire station and the fireman are working on it.

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