

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 11, 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, October 11, 2011, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor  
Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner  
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner  
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner  
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney  
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary  
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 SEPTEMBER 27, 2011**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes September 27, 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: Commissioner Alexandre

**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 September, 2011. Total collected for September, 2011 was \$5,947.00.

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

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND DELTA LAKE IRRIGATION DISTRICT PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S DIVERSION OF DRAINAGE WATER INTO DELTA LAKE IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S DRAINAGE DITCHES**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville and Delta Lake Irrigation District pertaining to the City's diversion of drainage water into Delta Lake Irrigation District's Drainage ditches. Commissioner Smith 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 APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1161, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS AMENDING GARBAGE ORDINANCE NO. 977, ORDINANCE NO. 1102, ORDINANCE NO. 1113, AND ORDINANCE NO. 1133, TO SET NEW SERVICE FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL UNITS AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE," WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve of Ordinance No. 1161, "An Ordinance of the City of Raymondville, Texas amending Garbage Ordinance No. 977, Ordinance No. 1102, ordinance No. 1113, and Ordinance No. 1133, to set new service fees for residential and small commercial units and setting an effective date, "waiving the three readings and approval on one reading. 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 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF RAYMONDVILLE, INC., PERTAINING TO THE RENTAL OF OFFICE SPACE AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Raymondville and the Development Corporation of Raymondville, Inc., pertaining to the rental of office space at the City of Raymondville's Rural Technology Building. 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE, PERTAINING TO THE EXTENSION OF THE TERMINATION OF THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT TO JUNE 30, 2012**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Raymondville and the University of Texas at Brownsville, pertaining to the extension of the termination of the original agreement to June 30, 2012. 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, JOHN PETER SOSA**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Water Distribution employee, John Peter Sosa. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/ADVERTISE FOR NEW WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve authorization to hire/advertise for new Water Distribution employee. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROMOTION OF WASTEWATER COLLECTION OPERATOR, DISIDORO CAVAZOS TO HEAD OPERATOR AND ADJUST OF SALARY**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the promotion for Wastewater Collection Operator, Disidoro Cavazos to head operator and adjust his salary to \$9.00 an hour. Commissioner Alexandre 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 INCLUDE STEEL TOE BOOTS AS PART OF CITY UNIFORM FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve authorization to include steel toe boots as part of city uniform for City of Raymondville Public Works employees. Commissioner Cavazos 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 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE TWO NEW PICKUP TRUCKS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve authorization to purchase two new pickup trucks for the City of Raymondville Public Works Department. Commissioner Alexandre 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE POLICE OFFICERS FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve authorization to hire Adrian Hooks and Eulalio Mendez as police officers for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM CAMERON-WILLACY COUNTIES COMMUNITY PROJECTS, INC. (CWCCP) FOR THE RENTAL OF OFFICE SPACE ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR OF RAYMONDVILLE CITY HALL**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request from Cameron-Willacy Counties Community Projects, Inc. (CWCCP) for the rental of office space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Raymondville City Hall. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES FOR THE ANNUAL RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S HALLOWEEN SAFE HAVEN PROJECT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve authorization to purchase supplies for the Annual Raymondville Police Department's Halloween Safe Haven Project. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY THE RAYMONDVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE AUTHORIZATION TO ADD TWO NEW VOLUNTEER FIREMEN POSITIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request by the Raymondville Volunteer Fire Department for the authorization to add two new Volunteer Firemen positions to the department. Commissioner Alexandre 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 AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE RAYMONDVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S INVESTMENT ACCOUNT TO BUY ADDITIONAL FIRE GEAR FOR THE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve authorization to use the Raymondville Volunteer Fire Department's investment account to buy additional fire gear for the department. Commissioner Cavazos 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 REQUEST BY MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE OPERATOR, LUPE SERNA, FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE REPAIR/PURCHASE OF GREENS MOWER AT THE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE**

This agenda item was passed.

**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. Andrew Maldonado-TML Conference-Houston, TX-October12-14, 2011
2. Virginia Torres-9<sup>th</sup> Annual Domestic Violence Conference-Harlingen, TX-October 20, 2011
3. 3 Police Officers-Narcotic Officers Association South Region training-San Antonio, TX-October 19-20<sup>th</sup>, 2011
4. Police Officer-Drop off evidence-Austin, TX
5. Disidoro Cavazos-Basic Wastewater Operations-Rio Hondo, TX-October 25-27, 2011

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

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary presented to the Board of Commissioner, for approval, the Tax Assessor's/Collector's report for September, 2011. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor's/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Alexandre 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

**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, Smith, Alexandre, 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 Animal Control Officer Report for the month of September, 2011.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the project at the Police Department has been finished and Albert Perez, warehouse employee did a great job.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that there were 13 homes with low water pressure on the 300 block of East Norman and next week it would be replaced with a new 2" PVC pipe. Mr. Soto also mentioned the city crew would be cleaning curbs, filling pot holes and storm drains are dirty. Mr. Soto explained to the Board that a fire hydrant on South 7<sup>th</sup> Street was hit and the city crew fixed it.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners VTX Telecom has installed fiber optic cables in 20% of Raymondville. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that they are no longer having problems with the generator at the wastewater plant. He also reported that with the grant the panels at the liftstations will be brought up to ground level and no longer have underground panels.

**RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ**  
**REPORTS**

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John Henry Rodriguez, Assistant Fire Chief, reported to the Board of Commissioners that Edinburg would be having a rescue training for the fire department. Mr. Rodriguez also mentioned that sugar cane has started to burn.

**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