

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

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, February 11, 2014, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor
Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora-City Attorney

Absent: Clifton Smith, Commissioner
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney

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 JANUARY 28, 2014

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for January 28, 2014. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, Gutierrez and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for January, 2014. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC PARK FACILITY (SPORTS COMPLEX) LOCATED AT 901 DURANGO AVENUE, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE NEW OR EXPANDED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the first reading of resolution authorizing the construction of a new Public Park Facility (Sports Complex) located at 901 Durango Avenue, Raymondville, Texas in order to promote new or expanded business development. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADVERTISING OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT, CHAPTER 505 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.159 (a) TO HEAR COMMENTS FOR OR AGAINST FUNDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF A NEW PUBLIC PARK FACILITY (SPORTS COMPLEX) LOCATED 901 DURANGO AVENUE, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS AS APPROVED BY THE EDC

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the advertising of public notice and setting of public hearing by the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation in accordance with the Development Corporation Act, Chapter 505 of the local government code, section 505.159 (a) to hear comments for or against funding of the (Sports Complex) located 901 Durango Avenue, Raymondville, Texas as approved by the EDC. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S CONDEMNATION ORDINANCE NO. 1032:

- a) 411 West White Avenue, described as Rio Grande Subdivision, Block 2, Lots 5 thru 6, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County
- b) 1054 North 1st Street, described as Colonia Hidalgo Subdivision, Block 5, Lots 1 thru 2, Tract 1, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County
- c) 930 West Durango Avenue, described as Colonia Hidalgo Subdivision, Block 10, Lots 38 thru 39, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County, Texas

Mayor Orlando A. Correa opened the public hearing at 5:12 p.m.

No comments were made.

Mayor Orlando A. Correa closed the public hearing at 5:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNATION ORDER ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES AS REQUIRED THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S CONDEMNATION ORDINANCE NO. 1032:

- a) 411 West White Avenue, described as Rio Grande Subdivision, Block 2, Lots 5 thru 6, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County
- b) 1054 North 1st Street, described as Colonia Hidalgo Subdivision, Block 5, Lots 1 thru 2, Tract 1, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County
- c) 930 West Durango Avenue, described as Colonia Hidalgo Subdivision, Block 10, Lots 38 thru 39, Raymondville, Texas, 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, repair, demolish and clean up. On the 31st day the city will have to go in and demolish and clean up.

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

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

Denise Blanchard and community committee members presented the Board of Commissioners an update on the projects status.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE REYNA NETWORK LLC AND THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (COREDC) CORPORATION TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE COREDC REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM APPLICANTS AS APPROVED BY THE COREDC

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the contract between the Reyna Network LLC and the City of Raymondville Economic Development (COREDC) Corporation to provide management services for the COREDC Revolving loan program applicants as approved by the COREDC. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE SARMA DATA SYSTEM AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REYNA NETWORK LLC GROUP TO ACCESS THE TRANSUNION CREDIT REPORTS ON REVOLVING LOAN APPLICANTS AS APPROVED BY THE COREDC

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the purchase and installation of the Sarma Data System as recommended by the Reyna Network LLC Group to access the transunion credit reports on revolving loan applicants as approved by the COREDC. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING UPDATES FROM RSB INCUBATOR TENANT, OFFICE OF DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS AS APPROVED BY THE COREDC

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the updates from RSB Incubator Tenant, Office of Dispute Resolutions as approved by the COREDC. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING HOUSING APPLICATION FOR AMIGOS DEL VALLE'S HUD SECTION 202/SECTION 8 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY CAPITAL ADVANCE PROGRAM

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE COUNTY OF WILLACY ON BASEBALL PARK LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PROPOSED CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S SPORTS COMPLEX

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville and the County of Willacy on baseball park lighting improvements at the proposed City of Raymondville's Sports Complex. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which

carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DICUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 20% MATCHING PORTION OF THE MOBILE AND PORTABLE RADIO GRANT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the City of Raymondville volunteer fire department's 20% matching portion of the mobile and portable radio grant. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK, YESENIA HERNANDEZ, AS THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S MUNICIPAL COURT ASSOCIATE JUDGE IN THE ABSENCE OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE, ARMIN MARTINEZ

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the appointment of Municipal Court Clerk, Yesenia Hernandez, as the City of Raymondville's Municipal Court associate Judge in the absence of Municipal Court Judge, Armin Martinez. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

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

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to nominate Orlando A. Correa to the Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY V.A.I.L. ON ASSISTANCE TO CITIZENS APPLYING FOR THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the presentation by V.A.I.L. on assistance to citizens applying for the affordable Health Care Program. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES:

- a) Juan P. Castillo (Street Department)
- b) Ramiro Rocha (Water Distribution Department)

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from the following employees Juan P. Castillo and Ramiro Rocha. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TRANSFER OF WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, ARISTIO GARCIA, TO THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the transfer of water distribution employee, Aristio Garcia, to the Street Department. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TRANSFER OF METER READER EMPLOYEE, JOEL PERALES, TO THE WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the transfer of meter reader employee, Joel Perales, to the water distribution department. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER/HIRE/ADVERTISE FOR METER READER POSITION AND WATER DISTRIBUTION POSITION

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to transfer/hire/advertise for meter reader position and water distribution position. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL APPLICATION FEE OF \$100

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve of Keep Texas Beautiful application fee of \$100.00. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO SPONSOR A CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEE TEAM FOR THE ANNUAL AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT AND APPROVAL OF EXPENSES FOR THE CITY'S RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to sponsor a City of Raymondville employee team for the Annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event and approval of \$300.00 expense for the City's Relay for Life team. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CERTIFICATION PAY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION OFFICERS

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve a \$1.00 certification pay adjustment for City of Raymondville Police Department Communication Officers. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF BIDS ON HURRICANE DOLLY PW 14 PROPOSED LIFT STATION NO. 18 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to accept the bid and have city engineer review the bid and bring back to the next city meeting. Only one bid was submitted by Saenz Utility. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

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. Cat Nieto-Excavation, Trenching & Soil Mechanics-McAllen, Texas-3/25-3/27/14
2. Rudy Torres-16 hr. Backhoe/Loader Operator-McAllen, TX-3/24-3/25/14
3. Armando Herrera-Confined Space Entry-McAllen, TX-3/24-3/26/14
4. Daniel Rodriguez-Confined Space Entry-McAllen, TX- 3/26-3/28/14
5. Javier Rodriguez and John Molina-Strategic Overview of Disaster Management for Water and Wastewater utilities-McAllen, TX-3/26/14
6. Andy Chavez-Storm Water Management- McAllen, TX-3/36-3/27/14

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2014

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for January, 2014.

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 Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

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: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for January, 2014.

Joe Munoz, City engineer, presented the blue prints for the new Raymondville Police Department.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that there had been an arm robbery on Sunday and that within a couple of hours an arrest had been made. Chief Zamora complimented the department on a job well.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the city crew have been working on changing water meters, putting up speed signs and patching holes.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

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 the Board of Commissioners with a project report for the month of January, 2014.

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