

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 27, 2013**

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, August 27, 2013, 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
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

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 AUGUST 13, 2013 AND AUGUST 20, 2013

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for August 13, 2013 and August 20, 2013. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING UPDATE BY DENISE BLANCHARD ON THE RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC SUMMIT

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF RFQ'S ON FINANCIAL ADVISOR FOR THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Smith moved to approval awarding the RFQ's on financial advisor to Estrada & Hinojosa for the Texas Water Development Board Water Plant Improvement Project. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF RFQ'S ON BOND COUNSEL FOR THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve awarding the RFQ's on bond counsel to Fullbright & Jaworski for the Texas Water Development Water Plant Improvement Project. Commissioner

Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM POLICE OFFICER GUSTAVO GUERRA AND AUTHORIZATION TRANSFER HIM BACK TO RESERVE OFFICER STATUS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Police Officer Gustavo Guerra and authorization to transfer him back to reserve officer status. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TRANSFER OF RESERVE POLICE OFFICER, SAMUEL SALAZAR, JR., TO REGULAR PATROL OFFICER

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to transfer of Reserve Police Officer, Samuel Salazar, Jr., to regular Patrol Officer. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TRANSFER OF POLICE INVESTIGATOR, EDWARD GARCIA, TO PATROL CORPORAL POSITION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the transfer of Police Investigator, Edward Garcia, to Patrol Corporal position. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO HIRE/TRANSFER FOR A FULL TIME STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the request for approval to hire/transfer for a full time street department employee. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF PROPOSALS ON GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to award the proposal to Valley Baptist Health Plan for the group health insurance for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD-SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Texas Water Development Board-Sewer Improvements Project Change Order No. 1. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE GARBAGE AND DEBRIS ORDINANCES NO. 1123, AND NO. 977

No action taken.

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the proposed budget for review.

No action taken on this agenda item.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No travel and training for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, asked the Board of Commissioners if the vacation leave and sick leave policy had been reviewed and if so it would be on the next city agenda for approval.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the city crew had been working on water breaks, valve replacements and cleaning curbs.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor reported to the Board of Commissioners that the old Elias Store, 694 E. Gem, was almost completely demolished. Mr. Chavez mentioned that he has several other homes that we be demolished.

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