

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 10, 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, December 10, 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
Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary

Absent: 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 NOVEMBER 26, 2013

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for November 26, 2013. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 11, 2013 AS "RAYMONDVILLE BEARKAT BAND DAY," IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Mayor Orlando A. Correa presented the Raymondville Bearkat Band a proclamation proclaiming December 11, 2013 as "Raymondville Bearkat Band Day."

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY RISD ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION FACILITATOR, ANDREA I. MUNGIA, ON FOOTSTEPS2 BRILLIANCE PROGRAM WHICH WILL PROVIDE EBOOKS AND EDUCATIONAL GAMES TO EVERY FAMILY WITHIN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Ms. Mungia made a presentation to the Board of Commissioners on Footsteps2 Brilliance Program.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY OF RAYMODVILLE'S INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CREATION OF A

REINVESTMENT ZONE AND TAX ABATEMENTS

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution stating the City of Raymondville’s intent to participate in the creation of a reinvestment zone and tax abatements. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE ENTIRE AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF RAYMONDILLE, TEXAS TO BE INCLUDED AS A REINVESTMENT ZONE AS PER TAX CODE SECTION 312.201

Mayor Orlando A. Correa opened the public hearing at 5:22 p.m.

No comments were made.

Mayor Orlando A. Correa closed the public hearing at 5:23 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1182, “ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, NOMINATING AN AREA AS A REINVESTMENT ZONE PURSUANT TO THE PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT AN TAX ABATEMENT ACT (TEXAS TAX CODE, CHAPTER 312); PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SAID TAX INCENTIVES; DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE NOMINATION AND DESIGNATION A LIAISON TO ACT ON ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE REINVESTMENT ZONE ONCE DESIGNATED, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to waive the three readings. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Ordinance No. 1182, “An Ordinance of the City of Raymondville, Texas, nominating an area as a reinvestment zone pursuant to the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act (Texas Tax Code, Chapter 312); providing tax incentives; providing terms and conditions for said tax incentives; designating an authorized representative to act in all matters pertaining to the nomination and designation of all the area within the City herein as a reinvestment zone; and further designating a liaison to act on all matters pertaining to the reinvestment zone once designated. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND MG GROUP, LLC, OWNER OF THE PROPOSED HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS TO BE LOCATED AT 220 N. EXPRESSWAY 77, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the tax abatement agreement between the City of Raymondville and MG Group, LLC, owner of the proposed Holiday Inn Express to be located at 220 N. Expressway 77, Raymondville, Texas. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF CONSULTANT CONTRACT WITH BLANCHARD & ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (COREDC) AS APPROVED BY THE COREDC

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the renewal of consultant contract for 6 months and an office with Blanchard & Associates to provide Economic Development Assistance to the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation (COREDC) as approved by the COREDC. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT CONTRACT WITH REYNA & ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING AND MANAGING A SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM TO ASSIST LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AS APPROVED BY THE COREDC

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the consultant contract with Reyna & Associates to provide assistance in establishing and managing a Small Business Revolving Loan Program to assist local business development as approved by the COREDC. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Alexandre, Cavazos, Smith 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 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE REGARDING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CITIZENS OF RAYMODNVILLE AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the memorandum of understanding between the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation and Texas State Technical College regarding educational services provided to the citizens of Raymondville as approved by the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation and authorized the city manager to meet with county officials in reference to the services. Commissioner Smith 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM POLICE OFFICER, EULALIO MENDEZ IV

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Police Officer, Eulalio Mendez IV. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, JAIME'S ELECTRIC INC., TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the electrical contractor, Jaime's Electric Inc., to conduct business in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072, DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY(ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:55 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 13

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve for the city manager to hire professional services for EDC prospect at the Industrial Park. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 6:01 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:17 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 15

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR, BARTOLO CRUZ AND AUTHORIZATION FOR RETIREMENT PARTY

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of retirement for water treatment plant operator, Bartolo Cruz and authorization for retirement party. Commissioner Alexandre seconded

the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to hire new water treatment plant operator. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL THE DECEMBER 24, 2013 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to cancel the December 24, 2013 regular city commission meeting. 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

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Cavazos 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, Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for November, 2013 and the Animal Control Officer Report.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that TXDOT had completed the project of 7th and Wood.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that movie at the park will be held on December 21st the movie that will be showing is Polar Express. Mr. Chavez reported that 2,200 tires have been removed from the city and have been disposed. Mr. Chavez also reported that the clean up on the Brashear house on Wood Street would begin on next week.

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