

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

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 10, 2015, 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
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
William Wepfer, City Attorney
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
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 JANUARY 27, 2015

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for January 27, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

AUDIENCE

Joey Sosa, approached the Board of Commissioners with an update on the F & R Packing project.

Jesse Franco, approached the Board of Commissioners with some concerns with the city meetings.

Vanessa Tijerina, approached the Board of Commissioners with some concerns on city issues and the police department.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for January, 2015. 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 APPOINTMENT OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, HECTOR TIJERINA, AS THE LOCAL RABIES CONTROL AUTHORITY

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the appointment of Raymondville Police Department Animal Control Officer, Hector Tijerina, as the local rabies control authority. Commissioner Gutierrez 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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Letty Muniz-RTA/C Review-Austin, Texas-July 20-23, 2015
2. Rigoberto Reyes-Ground Water-Corpus Christi, Texas-March 1-4, 2015
3. Andy Chavez-Advance Floodplain Management-Houston, Texas-June 22-26, 2015

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

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2015

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for January, 2015.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. 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 OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2014 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the City of Raymondville Police Department's 2014 Racial Profiling Report. Commissioner Alexandre 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 PRESENTATION MADE BY SANDRA NIETO, PH.D, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT AT TSTC REGARDING SUPPORTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR 2015 GED CLASSES

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the presentation made by Sandra Nieto, PH.D, associate Vice President at TSTC regarding supporting additional funding for 2015 GED classes. Commissioner Gutierrez 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 FUNDING REQUEST MADE BY RAYMONDVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR REMODELING OF THE L.E. FRANK TOURIST CENTER LOCATED AT 501 SOUTH 7TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TX 78580, IN ORDER TO ENHANCE A FACILITY THAT CONTINUES TO SERVE AS AN ENTERTAINMENT, TOURIST CONVENTION CENTER

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the funding request made by Raymondville Chamber of Commerce for remodeling of the L.E. Frank Tourist Center located at 501 South 7th Street, Raymondville, TX 78580, in order to enhance a facility that continues to serve as an entertainment, Tourist Convention Center. In the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 as recommended by the EDC. Commissioner Smith 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 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 505.152 TO HEAR COMMENTS FOR OR AGAINST FUNDING THE REMODELING OF THE L.E. FRANK TOURIST CENTER LOCATED AT 501 SOUTH 7TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TX 78580, IN ORDER TO ENHANCE A FACILITY THAT CONTINUES TO SERVE AS AN ENTERTAINMENT, TOURIST CONVENTION CENTER

Commissioner Smith 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 505.152 to hear comments for or against funding the remodeling of the L.E. Frank Tourist Center located at 501 South 7th Street, Raymondville, TX 78580, in order to enhance a facility that continues to serve as an entertainment, Tourist Convention Center. Commissioner Alexandre 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 CONSULTANT CONTRACT WITH REYNA & ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING AND MANAGING A SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM TO ASSIST LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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. Commissioner Alexandre 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 USDA RBEG SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN APPLICANT, EDUBIJEN ORTIZ LAURA'S FLORAL DESIGN, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the USDA RBEG Small Business Revolving Loan Applicant, Edubijen Ortiz Laura's Floral Design, as recommended by the Small Business Revolving Loan Review Committee. 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 USDA RBEG SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN APPLICANT, ALMA Z. VILLARREAL P.C. DBA "LET'S ROLL" DRIVING SCHOOL, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the USDA RBEG Small Business Revolving Loan Applicant, Alma Z. Villarreal P.C. DBA "Let's Roll" Driving School, as recommended by the Small Business Revolving Loan Review Committee. Commissioner Smith 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

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Cavazos approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Smith 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

REPORTS

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

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 the crew has been working on patch work, weedy lots and replacing stop signs.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, was absent and had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
REPORTS

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Catalina Ozuna, EDC Executive Director, presented to the Board of Commissioners an update on current projects.

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