

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 28, 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, October 28, 2014, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Clifton Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary

Absent: Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Smith declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Smith.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Smith.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 4, 2014

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for October 4, 2014. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

AUDIENCE

Vanessa Tijerina approached the Board of Commissioners with concerns on item placed on the agenda.

Dina Salinas-MGMS-Drug Awareness

Ms. Vento-Synthetic marijuana (dead) to the student population. Death caused by drugs.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1192, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS ADOPTING PROVISIONS RELATED TO ILLEGAL SMOKING PRODUCTS, TO PROHIBIT THE USE, PURCHASE, POSSESSION AND SALE OF SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS AS IDENTIFIED IN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, CHAPTER 481, TEXAS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PURPOSES, PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, PROVIDING DEFENSES TO PROSECTUTION, PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE, PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE, PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR PENALTY AND FINE NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (2,000) AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE", "WAIVING THE THREE READING REQUIREMENT AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING"

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE OPERATING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND LUPE SERNA

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve Raymondville Municipal Golf course operating contract between the City of Raymondville and Lupe Serna. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Cavazos, Gutierrez, Alexandre and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to accept the bids and authorize the Commission to review, score and make a recommendation on the following city meeting. . Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS, ZITRO ELECTRIC AND APEX AIR ELECTRIC SERVICES

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve Electrical Contractors, Zitro Electric and Apex Air Electric Services to do business in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Alexandre, Cavazos, Gutierrez and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RESCHEDULING OF THE NOVEMBER 11, 2014 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING TO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014 DUE TO VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve rescheduling of the November 11, 2014 regular City Commission meeting to Wednesday, November 12, 2014. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Alexandre, Cavazos, Gutierrez and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING USDA RBEG SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN APPLICANT, FRANK SOLIS, DBA SOLIS REALTY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the USDA RBEG Small Business Revolving Loan applicant, Frank Solis, DBA Solis Realty, as recommended by the Small Business Revolving Loan

Review Committee and the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Alexandre, Cavazos, Gutierrez and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT CONTRACT WITH THE REYNA NETWORK TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN APPLYING FOR ROUND 2 OF USDA RBEG SMALL BUSINESS REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST LOCAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve consultant contract with the Reyna Network to provide assistance in applying for Round 2 of USDA RBEG Small Business Revolving Loan Program to continue to assist local business development as approved by the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation.

Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Cavazos, Cavazos, Gutierrez and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING ON NOVEMBER 18 THRU 19, FOR THE 2014 TEXAS WOMEN IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE, BY TEDC FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CATALINA OZUNA AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Gutierrez moved approve travel and training on November 18 thru 19, for the 2014 Texas Women in Economic Development Conference, by TEDC for Executive Director Catalina Ozuna as approved by the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation.

Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Alexandre, Cavazos, Gutierrez and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

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. Andrew Maldonado-Leadership Institute-New Braunfels, TX-November 3-7, 2014
2. Hector Tijerina-Basic ACO & Euthanasia Tech Course-Giddings, TX-November 18-21, 2014
3. Marcelino Flores-Drug In-San Antonio, TX-November 5-6, 2014
4. Virginia Torres-Victim Asst. Training-McAllen, TX-October 30, 2014

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioner Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Pro Tem Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Safe Haven will be Friday, October 31, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that

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 Pro Tem Smith declared this regular meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor