

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 24, 2011**

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, May 24, 2011, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor
Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary

Absent: Clifton Smith, Commissioner
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 MAY 10, 2011

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes May 10, 2011. 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

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CANVASSING ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' ELECTION HELD ON MAY 14, 2011

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager, read the election results for Early Voting and for the Election Precincts 1, 2 and 3 for election held May 14, 2011 with the results being:

Mayor	Orlando "Lonnie" Correa	266
	Ruben Rodriguez	166
Commissioner, Place 1	Yolanda Alexandre	305
Commissioner, Place 2	Mary Gutierrez	326
Municipal Court Judge	Armin "Mino" Martinez	341

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve and accept the canvassing of the election results for the City of Raymondville's Regular Officers' Election on May 14, 2011 for Mayor, Commissioner Place 1 and Commissioner Place 2. 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 ORDER DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' ELECTION HELD ON MAY 14, 2011

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the order declaring the results of the City of Raymondville Officers' Election held on May 14, 2011. Commissioner Cavazos 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 APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' ELECTION HELD ON MAY 14, 2011

The oaths of office for the elected city officials were administered as follows:

Mayor Orlando A. Correa was sworn in by Judge Migdalia Lopez

Commissioner Place 1 Yolanda Alexandre was sworn in by Armando Villalobos

Commissioner Place 2 Mary Gutierrez was sworn in by Terry Flores

Municipal Court Judge was sworn in by Judge Migdalia Lopez

After the elected officials were sworn in, Commissioner Cavazos moved to accept the oaths of office. 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 OPTION TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF RAYMONDVILLE, INC. AND MUNICIPAL CAPITAL MARKETS CORPORATION AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the option to purchase real property between the Development Corporation of Raymondville, Inc. and Municipal Capital Markets Corporation at the City of Raymondville Industrial Park pending city attorneys' legal review. 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 AWARDING OF BIDS ON WASTEWATER FORCE MAIN GRANT PROJECT (TCDP #729649)

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to award the Wastewater Force Main Grant Project (TCDP# 729649) to the lowest bidder Saenz Utility. 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, RAMIRO GARCIA

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Rural Technology

Building maintenance department employee, Ramiro Garcia. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/ADVERTISE FOR MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL AT THE RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the authorization to hire/advertise for maintenance personnel at the Rural Technology Building. 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 REQUEST BY THE VFW LADIES AUXILIARY FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT ANNUAL "BUDDY POPPY" FUNDRAISER AT CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE INTERSECTIONS ON SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2011

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary for authorization to conduct annual "Buddy Poppy" fundraiser at City of Raymondville intersections on Saturday, May 28, 2011. 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 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REVIEW OF THE TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY'S COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT (COSA) AND THE HIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND CONSULTANTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LRGVDC

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the electrical contractor license/bond for Circle R Electric & Air Conditioning. 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 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S BOND FOR JESSE'S ENTERPRISE ELECTRIC, INC.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the electrical contractor's bond for Jesse's Enterprise Electric, Inc. 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 TCEQ AGREED ORDER ON ACTION AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the TCEQ agreed order on action at the City of Raymondville's Wastewater Treatment Plant. 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 REQUEST FROM AMERICAN LEGION 15TH DISTRICT COMMANDER, GEORGE SOLIS, FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE LZ:RGV WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY EVENT HELD IN MCALLEN, TEXAS ON APRIL 9, 2011

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY EMPLOYEES' "FAMILY DAY" AT THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the City Employees' "Family Day" at the City's Municipal Swimming Pool. 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 THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING SWIMMING POOL SEASON:

- a) *Hiring of lifeguards*
- b) *Official opening date-6/4/11*
- c) *Pool party rental rates-2 hours \$75.00 & 3 hours \$100.00*

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve all of the above items for the upcoming swimming pool season. 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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

1. David Robles and Leo Munoz-Tazer- Houston, TX-June 27th & 28th 2011
2. 2 Police Officers-pick up inmate-Limon County-June 5, 2011

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for April, 2011.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, was absent and had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR ANDY CHAVEZ

REPORTS

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

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