

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 25, 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, October 25, 2011, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

Absent: Clifton Smith, Commissioner

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 OCTOBER 11, 2011

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes October 11, 2011. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND MAJADAS INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR OFFICE SPACE AT THE RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the office lease agreement between the City of Raymondville and Majadas Investment Corporation for office space at a 1.00 per square foot at the Rural Technology Building. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LRGVDC) REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (RICP)

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) Regional Interoperable Communications Plan (RICP). Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOP'S)

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution adopting the Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Interoperable Communications Plan Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's). Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF GROUP CONTRACT WITH BLOCK VISION OF TEXAS, INC., TO PROVIDE VISION CARE COVERED SERVICES FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES THROUGH PAYROLL DEDUCTION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the group contract with Block Vision of Texas, Inc., to provide vision care covered services for City of Raymondville employees through payroll deduction. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND WORK PERIODS/PAY PERIODS FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH DIRECT DEPOSIT PROGRAM

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the authorization to amend work periods/pay periods for City of Raymondville employees in order to comply with direct deposit program. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BUY CANDY FOR THE UPCOMING HALLOWEEN SAFE HAVEN PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request by the Raymondville Police Department to buy three hundred for the police department and an additional two hundred for city hall to buy candy for the upcoming Halloween Safe Haven Project. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 729 NORTH 4TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE OUTLOT C, LOT 9N2 (PT OF 42' X 225', (TRACT 13A)

Commissioner Cavazos moved to proceed with the condemnation process on the property located at 729 North 4th Street, Raymondville, Texas, described as Raymondville Outlot C, Lot 9N2 (PT of 42'

X 225", (Tract 13A). Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH UNIFIRST FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEE UNIFORMS

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve a 2 year contract with Unifirst for City of Raymondville employee uniforms. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE NEW PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve authorization to hire Ramiro Rocha to work in the Public Works Department. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND CAMERON-WILLACY COUNTIES COMMUNITY PROJECTS, INC. (CWCCP)

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the office lease agreement between the City of Raymondville and Cameron-Willacy Counties Community Projects, Inc. at two hundred dollars a month. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

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. Joel Soto and Andy Chavez-American Public Works-Harlingen, TX-November 4, 2011
2. John Molina-Operations of Activated Sludge Plants-Corpus Christi, TX-November 15-16, 2011
3. Andy Chavez-Coastal Construction-Houston, TX-November 15-16, 2011

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, Alexandre, 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 the month of September, 2011. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that the Feast of Sharing would be on November 17, 2011 at the Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall. Mr. Garcia reported to the Board of Commissioners that he had been approached by the Raymondville Crimestoppers in wanting to have a circus and is asking the City to lead them a piece of property in which the event will be taking place.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that a holding cell will be built at the Police Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, presented to the Board of Commissioners pictures of water breaks, before and after pictures of curbs that had been cleaned and pot holes that had been filled.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners the current projects in the City of Raymondville.

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