

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 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, September 23, 2014, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Clifton Smith, Mayor Pro Temp  
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

Absent: Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Temp Clifton Smith.

**INVOCATION:** Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Temp Clifton Smith.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 9 AND SEPTEMBER 16**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for September 9 and September 16, 2014. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

**AUDIENCE**

Vanessa Tijerina, approached the Board of Commissioners requesting to be placed on the next city agenda. Ms. Tijerina also had some concerns on city issues.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BIDS ON DR-1780 HURRICANE DOLLY PW 14 PROPOSED LIFT STATION NO. 18 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the recommendation of the city engineers to award the bid to the lowest bidder Balch Machine Company with two alternates. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1190, "AMENDING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S EIGHT-LINER ORDINANCE NO. 1142, "WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

No action taken.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS AS AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 552, PUBLIC INFORMATION, SUBCHAPTER F, CHARGES FOR PROVIDING COPIES OF PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to comply with state law and establish a fee schedule for public information requests as authorized by government code, chapter 552, public information, subchapter F, charges for providing copies of public information. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

**BUDGET WORKSHOP ON 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

No action taken.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1185, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2014-15 FISCAL YEAR, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to waive the three readings and approval on one reading. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the approval, passage and adoption on Ordinance No. 1185, Adopting a Budget for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year with the recommendation of a 2.5% salary change for city employees and an addition raise for utility clerk and meter readers. 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, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1186, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL NECESSARY EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to waive the three readings and approval on one reading. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the approval, passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1186, Making Appropriations of Sums of Money for all Necessary Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

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ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1187, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF DEBT SERVICE TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENDITURES BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to waive the three readings and approval on one reading. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the approval, passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1187, Providing for the Levy, Assessment and Collection of Debt Service Taxes for Debt Service Expenditures and Maintenance and Operation Taxes for Maintenance and Operation Expenditures by the City of Raymondville for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1188, AMENDING THE 2013-2014 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1176, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to waive the three readings and approval on one reading. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the approval, passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1188, amending the 2013-2014 Budget Ordinance No. 1176. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1189, AMENDING THE 2013-2014 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 1177, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to waive the three readings and approval on one reading. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the approval, passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1189, amending the 2013-2014 appropriations Ordinance No. 1177. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation's Budget for Fiscal year 2014-2015 with a 2.5% salary increase. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gutierrez, Cavazos, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE DEPARTMENTS**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the budget amendments for City of Raymondville Departments. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES**

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

1. 4 communications officer-Amber Alert-McAllen, Texas-Oct. 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014
2. Javier Gonzales-Wastewater Collections-Baytown, Texas-Oct. 14-16, 2014

**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 Gutierrez, Alexandre, Cavazos and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

**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 city crews have been working on weedy lots and have been spraying for mosquitos.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that they will be starting the police department building 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.

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Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr.  
City Manager/Secretary