

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 28, 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, April 28, 2015, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

Absent: Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, 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 Correa.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Correa.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 14, 2015

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for April 14, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Gutierrez

AUDIENCE

Vanessa Tijerina, approached the Board of Commissioners with some concerns on the Municipal Court Department.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 ON CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE DR-1780 HURRICANE DOLLY LIFT STATION #18 PROJECT

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the change order No. 2 on City of Raymondville DR-1780

Hurricane Dolly Lift Station #18 Project. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez and Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION ON “MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH,” IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Mayor Correa presented a proclamation on “Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month,” to members of the RGV Patriot Guards Riders.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION PAY INCREASES FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES:

- a) Leroy Gomez-Class I Wastewater Collection Operator
- b) Javier Gonzales-Class I Wastewater Collection Operator

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the \$1.00 certification pay increase for the following City of Raymondville employees:

Leroy Gomez
Javier Gonzales

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

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT AND APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT PARTY FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES:

- a) Jose Charles-Water Treatment Plant Operator
- b) Robert M. Cantu-Street Department Vactor Truck Operator

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of retirement and approval of retirement party for the following City of Raymondville employees Jose Charles and Robert M. Cantu. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, ARISTIO GARCIA

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Street Department employee, Aristio Garcia. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez and Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR AND VACTOR TRUCK OPERATOR

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for Street Department employee, Water Treatment Plant Operator and Vactor Truck Operator. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION INSTALLMENT TO RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE AS OUTLINED IN THE OPERATING LEASE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the payment of maintenance and operation installment to Raymondville Municipal Golf Course as outlined in the operating lease. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Gutierrez

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. Edward Garcia and Officer Rivera-meal reimbursement pick up prison at Edna, Texas

2. Rigo Reyes-on-line TRWA Water Utility Safety
3. Joel Soto and Catalino Nieto-Mobile Product Training-Edinburg, Texas-May 7, 2015
4. Mayor Correa, City Officials and City Manager-Mayor Correa will be honored at the Capital on May 14, 2015, by State Rep. Ryan Guillen
5. Anthony Garcia and Rudy Torres-Mobile Product Training-Edinburg, Texas-May 6, 2015

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez and Alexandre

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners that early voting has begun and Little League has started. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that in the next couple of city meeting different designs of the skate park will be brought to the commissioners for viewing. Mr. Garcia is waiting for the contract for the walking trail.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that there will be a rabies clinic at the fire department on May 16. Chief Zamora also mentioned that Officer Garza ran the Boston Marathon in 2 hours and 55 minutes.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the crew have been working on potholes and weedy lots. Potholes will be filled by Friday with weather permitting.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that a sewer line will be replaced with pipe bursting method.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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

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