

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2011**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at City Hall, 142 South 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, February 22, 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
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 FEBRUARY 8, 2011

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes February 8, 2011. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Commissioner Smith

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF FUEL BIDS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to go with the lowest bidder Oil Patch Fuel & Supply. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Gutierrez, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE AN OFFER FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND REQUIRED FOR THE CITY'S DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to make an offer for the purchase of land required for the city's drainage improvement project. Commissioner Gutierrez 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 BUDGET AMENDMENT AND RESOLUTION ON TCDP GRANT #729649-WATER & SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the budget amendment and resolution on TCDP Grant #729649-Water & Sewer Improvement Project. 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 REQUEST BY THE WILLACY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) ACRE OF LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to proceed with the request by the Willacy County Appraisal District for the purchase of one (1) acre of land owned by the City of Raymondville. 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 REQUEST BY VIJAY JHAVERI, OWNER OF THE SUPER 8 HOTEL IN HARLINGEN, TEXAS FOR A TAX ABATEMENT ON A PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE LOCATED IN RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to authorize City Manager to come up with a time line for next meeting. 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 THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2010 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT AS REQUIRED

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the City of Raymondville Police Department's 2010 Racial Profiling Report as required. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICERS TO WORK AT THE UPCOMING SOUTH PADRE ISLAND SPRING BREAK 2011

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to allow City of Raymondville Police Officers to work at the upcoming South Padre Island Spring Break 2011. Commissioner Gutierrez 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 SELL SURPLUS AND SALVAGE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve authorization to sell surplus and salvage property owned by the City of Raymondville. 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 OPENING OF BLOCK 30 AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve opening of Block 30 and surveying the next block by the engineers at the City of Raymondville Memorial Cemetery. 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

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. Olga Fadely-Assessment & Collections-Austin, TX-April 11-13, 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, 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 that next Monday the city officials were invited to the Child Awareness Dinner.

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, reported to the Board of Commissioners that Workforce has assigned 10 more employees to the City making it a total of 17 employees. The employees are assigned to pick up tires from the residents of the city. This is a one time deal. The excavation behind the Gateway RV Park, FM 3168, and Washington Street have been completed.

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