

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 10, 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, May 10, 2011, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

Absent: 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 APRIL 26, 2011

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes April 26, 2011. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

Commander of the American Legion, George Solis spoke on the graffiti abatement policy. Mr. Solis provided his phone number to the Board of Commissioners 689-1903.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Armin Martinez, Municipal Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for April, 2011. Total collected for April, 2011 was \$9,957.00.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF BIDS ON TCDP CONTRACT NO. 729649 WASTEWATER FORCE MAIN PROJECT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve for the engineers to review bids and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S ANNUAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,

2010 BY BUFFO AND BERKMAN CPA'S

Mr. John Buffo with Buffo & Berkman, Certified Public Accounts, presented to the Board of Commissioners the City's 2010 Fiscal Year Audit Report.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the City's 2010 Fiscal Year Audit Report. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT CHLORINE DIOXIDE SERVICING CONTRACT WITH SIEMENS WATER TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Water Treatment Plant Chlorine Dioxide servicing contract with Siemens Water Technologies Corporation. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER ON TDRA DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT CONTRACT NO. DRS010152 PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the change order on TDRA Disaster Recovery Grant Contract No. DRS010152 Project. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WILLACY COUNTY PRECINCT NO. 2 FOR THE POSSIBLE PAVING OF SAN FRANCISCO STREET FROM BUSINESS 77 TO 11TH STREET

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve authorization to enter into an interlocal agreement with Willacy County Precinct No. 2 for the possible paving of San Francisco Street from Business 77 to 11th Street. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF VTX TELECOM, LLC'S APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO USE THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE RIGHT-OF-WAYS FOR THE NEW FIBER OPTIC PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the VTX Telecom, LLC's application for consent to use the City of Raymondville right-of-ways for the new fiber optic project. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

CONDEMNATION HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S CONDEMNATION ORDINANCE NO. 1032:

- a.) 205 Sunset Avenue
- b.) 486 Van Eaton Avenue

Mayor Orlando A. Correa opened the Condemnation Hearing at 5:47 p.m.

Mayor Orlando A. Correa closed the Condemnation Hearing at 5:49 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING FOLLOWING PROPERTIES AS DISCUSSED IN THE CONDEMNATION HEARING REQUIRED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S CONDEMNATION ORDINANCE NO. 1032:

- a.) 205 Sunset Avenue
- b.) 486 Van Eaton Avenue

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, recommended to the Board of Commissioners to allow a 30 day period to secure the properties and 30 day period to repair or demolish and clean up. After the 60 day period the city will have to go in and demolish and clean up.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the recommendation made by City Manager, Eleazar Garcia, Jr. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR LICENSE/BOND FOR CIRCLE R ELECTRIC & AIR CONDITIONING

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the electrical contractor license/bond for Circle R Electric & Air Conditioning. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE, CHRIS RAMIREZ

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request for temporary leave of absence for Public Works Employee, Chris Ramirez. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE AN ADDITIONAL PART-TIME EMPLOYEE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire an additional part-time employee for the Public Works Department. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve for Mr. Garcia to seek for legal council from City Attorney, William Wepfer and come back next city meeting with recommendation. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR APRIL, 2011

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for April, 2011. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor's/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for March 2011. Mr. Garcia also presented the Animal Control Division Monthly Activity Sheet for the month of April 2011.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that two arrests had been made in connection to graffiti.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR ANDY CHAVEZ

REPORTS

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the sweeper is in good working condition. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that the swimming pool is ready. Mr. Chavez also reported that ten oak trees were donated to the city.

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