

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 9, 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, December 9, 2014, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Clifton Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Absent: Orlando A. Correa, Mayor
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Smith.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Smith.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 25, 2014

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for November 25, 2014. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Armin Martinez, Municipal Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for November 2014. Total collected for November 2014 was \$8,984.54.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST BY OWNER, MR. JOHN ROBERTS, SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOTS 1 THRU 8, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO DESCRIBES AS 200 BLOCK OF S. 16TH STREET, FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE R-1 TO COMMERCIAL ZONE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A DOCTOR'S OFFICE/CLINIC ON THIS PROPERTY

Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Pro Tem Smith at 5:03p.m.

No comments were made.

Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Pro Tem Smith at 4:04p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNER, MR. JOHN ROBERTS, FOR THE REZONING OF JOHN ROBERTS SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOTS 1 THRU 8, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO DESCRIBED AS 200 BLOCK OF S. 16TH STREET, FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE R-1 TO COMMERCIAL ZONE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A DOCTOR'S OFFICE/CLINIC ON THIS PROPERTY

Commissioner Cavazos move to approve the request from owner, Mr. John Roberts, for the rezoning of John Roberts Subdivision, Block 1, Lots 1 thru 8, as recorded in the map of plat records of Willacy County, Texas, also described as 200 Block of S. 16th Street, from residential Zone R-1 to commercial zone for the purpose of construction and operation of a Doctor's Office/Clinic on this property. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COREDC TO EXPEND 4B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR THE REMODELING OF EXISTING BUILDING FOR WING CHAMPS

RESTAURANT TO BE LOCATED AT 100 N. EXPRESSWAY 77, SUITE O & P

Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Pro Tem Smith at 5:06 p.m.

No comments were made.

Public Hearing was closed by Mayor Pro Tem Smith at 5:07 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BIDS ON CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE SPORTS COMPLEX CONCESSION BUILDING AND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY ENGINEER

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the recommendation from the City Engineers of either re-solicitation of bids for this project or evaluation other procurement options. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR 2015 TEXAS CDBG ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PLANNING/CAPACITY BUILDING FUND

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve resolution to apply for 2015 Texas CDBG assistance under the Planning/Capacity Building fund. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE TEXAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION FOUNDATION ON LAND OWNED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve authorization to execute lease agreement between the City of Raymondville and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation on land owned by the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDIING OPENING AND AWARDDING OF BIDS ON TWDB-WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to accept the bids on TWDB-Waterline Replacement Project and have the City of Raymondville engineers to review the bid packets and come back to the next city meeting with a recommendation. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No travel and training at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO CANCEL THE DECEMBER 23, 2014 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to cancel the December 23, 2014 regular City Commission meeting. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 2014

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor's/Collector's monthly report for November, 2014. Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Tax Assessor's/Collector's Report for November, 2014. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Gutierrez approved and authorized payment for the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Correa

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, advised the Board of Commission that the 2013-2014 annual audit had already started.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, advised to homeowners to secure their homes during the holiday season, due to high thefts during this time.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT-REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director updated the Board of Commission of the Asphalt on 16th St. Andres Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, updated the Board of Commission on the demolishing projects on 783 W. Main and 835 W. Hidalgo. He also showed a slideshow on the house being refurbished at 535 W. Rodriguez. In January, 2015 there will be another 6 homes demolished.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT-REPORTS

Catalina Ozuna, EDC Executive Director, was absent and had no reports.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Mayor Pro Tem Smith declared this regular meeting adjourned.

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary