

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 8, 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, April 8, 2014, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

Absent: Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary

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 MARCH 25, 2014

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

AUDIENCE

Denise Blanchard made a presentation to the Board of Commissioners on community projects.

Ms. Blanchard thanked the Commissioners for their support. Stephanie Garcia addressed the Board of Commissioners with a concern.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for March, 2014. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 870 W. DURANGO AVENUE, DESCRIBED AS COLONIA HIDALGO SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 10, LOTS 47 THRU 48, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, WILLACY COUNTY

Mayor Orlando A. Correa opened the public hearing at 5:29 p.m.

No comments were made.

Mayor Orlando A. Correa closed the public hearing at 5:31 p.m.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNATION ORDER ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 870 W. DURANGO AVENUE, DESCRIBED AS COLONIA HIDALGO SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 10, LOTS 47 THRU 48, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, WILLACY COUNTY

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, recommended to the Board of Commissioners to allow a 30 day period to secure the property, repair, demolish and clean up. If the owners do not comply the city will demolish and submit a lien on the property.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADVERTISING OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT, CHAPTER 505 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.159 (A) TO HEAR COMMENTS FOR OR AGAINST FUNDING OF THE CLEANUP AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC REFRIGERATED WAREHOUSE DRY AND COLD STORAGE WITH PACKING AND REPACKING SERVICES, TO BE LOCATED AT 240 W. SAN FRANCISCO, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580 AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the recommendation to allow the advertising of a public notice and setting of a public hearing to propose the funding of the demolition and cleanup of existing structures for the construction of a new public refrigerated warehouse dry and cold storage unit to be located at 240 W. San Francisco, Raymondville, Texas. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACTION TAKEN BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON CISNEROS PACKING, INC., MANUFACTURER OF FINE FOOD PRODUCTS, SECOND AMENDED PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the recommendation from the EDC board to begin the process for foreclosure and to hire an appraiser to appraise the pledge property at 471 W. Main, Raymondville, Texas as stated on the First Amendment Performance Agreement. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, ADAN MARTINEZ

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Street Department employee, Adan Martinez. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, JUAN SUAREZ

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Water Distribution employee, Juan Suarez. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE LIFEGUARDS FOR UPCOMING SWIMMING POOL SEASON

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire lifeguards for upcoming swimming pool season. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DICUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 1183, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S DOG AND CAT ORDINANCE NO. 1033

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 1183, "An Ordinance amending the City of Raymondville's Dog and Cat Ordinance No. 1033. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY PASTOR DEVLON GOODMAN, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHRUCH, TO USE THE PARK PAVILION FOR THEIR ANNUAL COMMUNITY-ORIENTED "PALM SUNDAY IN THE PARK," ON APRIL 13, 2014, FROM 3 P.M. UNTIL 7 P.M. AND WAIVING OF PAVILION RENTAL FEES

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request by Pastor Devlon Goodman, First United Methodist Church to use the park pavilion for their annual community-oriented "Palm Sunday in the Park," on April 13, 2014, from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. and waiving of pavilion rental fees. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR STREET LIGHT AT THE 700 BLOCK OF WEST WOOD AVENUE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request for street light at the 700 Block of West Wood Avenue. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072, TO DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 6:11 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:17 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 12

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to authorize the city manager to hire an appraisal company to do an appraisal on the 50 acres site located at the southeast corner of the Industrial Park. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No travel and training at this meeting.

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

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for March, 2014.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioner the Financial Report for March, 2014. Mr. Garcia also went over the Animal Control Report for the month of March, 2014.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, advised the Board of Commissioners of the Family Crisis Fair is to be held on April 17, 2014 at the city park pavilion.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, presented a power point on street work that had been done on Wells Fargo entrances. Mr. Soto also mentioned that pot holes had been filled.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that “Movie Night at the Park” would be held on April 17, 2014.

**RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ
REPORTS**

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

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Catalina Ozuna, EDC Executive Director, presented to the Board of Commissioners the project report for the month.

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