

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 22, 2012**

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, May 22, 2012, 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, Chief of Police
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Mayor 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 MAY 8, 2012

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for May 8, 2012. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY OWNER, VTX TELECOM, LLC FOR THE APPROVAL OF VTX 1 BUSINESS COMPLEX SUBDIVISION, DESCRIBED AS BEING 9.70 ACRES BEING THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE EAST TEN ACRES (E. 10 A.C.) OF LOT NINE (9), SECTION FORTY-SIX (46), GULF COAST IRRIGATION COMPANY SUBDIVISION, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 489, TRANSCRIBED RECORDS FROM CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS TO WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PART THEREOF, WHICH WAS CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR ROADWAY PURPOSES OF RECORD IN VOLUME 76, PAGES 563-565, DEED RECORDS, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the request by owner, VTX Telecom, LLC for the approval of VTX1 Business Complex subdivision, described as being 9.70 acres being the remaining portion of the east ten acres (E. 10 A.C.) of lot nine (9), section forty-six (46), Gulf Coast Irrigation Company Subdivision, Willacy County, Texas, according to the official map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 1, Page 489, transcribed records from Cameron County, Texas to Willacy County, Texas, less and except that part thereof, which was conveyed to the State of Texas for roadway purposes of record in Volume 76, pages 563-565, deed records, Willacy County, Texas as approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COOPERATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY AEP TCC TO REVIEW AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY'S REQUESTED APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENT TO ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR AND HIRING LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution approving the cooperation with the Steering Committee of cities served by AEP TCC to review AEP Texas Central Company's requested approval of adjustment to its energy efficiency cost recovery factor and hiring legal and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gutierrez, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TERMINATE RURAL TECHNICAL CENTER INCUBATOR LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND ALL AMERICAN CARPET CARE PLUS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to terminate Rural Technical Center Incubator lease agreement between the City of Raymondville and All American Carpet Care Plus. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM THE VFW POST AND LADIES AUXILIARY TO CONDUCT A BUDDY POPPY FUNDRAISER AT SPECIFIC CITY INTERSECTIONS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request from the VFW Post and Ladies Auxiliary to conduct a Buddy Poppy fundraiser at specific city intersections. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE DE LA POOL SERVICE FOR THE UPCOMING RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL POOL SEASON

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to hire De La Pool service for the upcoming Raymondville Municipal Pool season. Commissioner Alexandre 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 APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL POOL SEASON:

- a) *Hiring of lifeguards*
- b) *Official opening date*
- c) *Pool party rental rates*

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the hiring of lifeguards, the official opening date, and pool party rental rates. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Gutierrez, Smith and Mayor Correa
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT ANNUAL "CITY FAMILY DAY," AT THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to conduct annual "City Family Day," at the Municipal Swimming Pool. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Gutierrez, Smith and Mayor Correa
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to participate in the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Gutierrez, Smith and Mayor Correa
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HIRE A TEMPORARY POLICE OFFICER DUE TO MILITARY OBLIGATIONS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization for the Raymondville Police Department to hire a temporary police officer due to military obligations. 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 REQUEST BY LASARA ISD AND SAN PERLITA ISD ACE PROJECT DIRECTOR, RAUL GONZALEZ, TO CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FOR THE USE THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL IN ORDER TO CONDUCT THEIR SUMMER SWIMMING PROGRAM

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request by LaSara ISD and San Perlita ISD Project Director, Raul Gonzalez, to contract with the City of Raymondville for the use of the Municipal Swimming Pool in order to conduct their summer swimming program. Commissioner Cavazos 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 APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE FOR GONZALEZ ELECTRIC

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the electrical contractor's license for Gonzalez Electric. Commissioner Alexandre 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 ANNUAL "HURRICANE AWARENESS DAY," AND AUTHORIZING NECESSARY EXPENDITURES

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the annual "Hurricane Awareness Day," and authorizing necessary expenditures. 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 AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES TO CONDUCT AN ELECTION FOR THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S 4A SALES TAX CORPORATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE 4B SALES TAX CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES IF NECESSARY

Commissioner Eziquiel Cavazos moved to authorize the City Manager, Eleazar Garcia, Jr., to proceed in cooperation with the City Attorney to prepare the ballot language necessary to abolish the City of Raymondville's current one-half (1/2) cent 4A Sales Tax and create a new one-fourth (1/4) 4B Sales Tax and new one-fourth (1/4) Street Maintenance Tax and that this ballot language be brought back to the next City Commission meeting for review and approval. Commissioner Yolanda Alexandre second the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gutierrez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR PAVING BIDS FOR CEMETERY PAVING PROJECT PHASE II

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to advertise for paving bids for cemetery paving project phase II. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Gutierrez, Smith and Mayor Correa
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY INCUBATOR OCCUPANT, VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, FOR SIGNAGE AT THE RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request by incubator occupant, Valley Federal Credit Union, for signage at the Rural Technology Building with the condition that the lettering is same as the one on the sign. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Gutierrez, Smith and Mayor Correa
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS PERTAINING TO USDOJ-JAG 2012 GRANT APPLICATION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the memorandum of understanding between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County, Texas pertaining to USDOJ-JAG 2012 Grant Application. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Gutierrez, Smith and Mayor Correa
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the travel and training for City of Raymondville employees.

1. Danny Cavazos-Child Death & Homicide Investigation- Georgetown, TX-July 10th & 11th, 2012

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 Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre, Smith and Mayor Correa
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for the month of April, 2012. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that he would be attending a Hurricane Conference in Weslaco on Wednesday.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that there had been a major accident over the weekend. The driver was driving wreckless and lost control of the vehicle causing damage to a trail house on 3rd and San Francisco. On Tuesday, the driver turned himself in.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that after the storm the crew did go out and cleaned up the town.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Trash Bash went every well eight containers had been filled. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that the swimming pool has been filled.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ
REPORTS

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, was absent and report was given.

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