

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR JULY 9, 2013**

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, July 9, 2013, 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  
Joel Soto, Public Works Director  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

Absent: Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Delma C. 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 JUNE 25, 2013**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for June 25, 2013. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Clifton Smith

**AUDIENCE**

Salvador Villegas spoke to the Board of Commission regarding his son, Daniel Villegas is going to a Baseball Camp in Florida. A softball tournament fundraiser is planned at the Pony League Park on July 20, 2013.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

Yesenia Hernandez, Municipal Court Clerk, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for June, 2013. Total collected for June, 2013 was \$8,611.05. Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for June, 2013. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Gutierrez, Cavazos, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Clifton Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF CHEMICAL BIDS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the low bids as presented from the bidders. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

The bids are as listed:

- Siemens was awarded the Purate
- Valley Solvents was awarded the Sulfuric Acid 78%
- Brenntag was awarded 12.5% Trade Industrial Bleach
- General Chemical was awarded Liquid Ammonium Sulfate
- Valley Solvents was awarded Caustic Soda Solution 50%
- Brenntag was awarded Aluminum Sulfate/Polymer & Copper Sulfate

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY ENGINEER TO PROCEED WITH FEMA APPROVED LIFTSTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, advised the Board of Commissioners the funds of \$160,000.00 from Hurricane Dolly Pilot Project were left over and wants authorization to use the funds to eliminate Liftstation #3 and improve Liftstation #18.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to authorize the City Engineers proceed with the FEMA approved liftstation improvement project. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM MARY JANE SORIA FOR THE CLOSING OF THE 700 BLOCK OF S. 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET FROM 6 PM TO 10 PM IN ORDER TO CONDUCT A COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS OUTREACH SERVICE**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary read a letter from Ms. Soria requesting the closure of the street. Mr. Garcia advised the Board of Commission the liability issues of closing a dark street. Mr. Garcia suggested they use the S.W. corner of the Little League.

Commission Alexandre moved to approve the use of the S. W. corner of the Little League. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**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 CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY TO BE LOCATED AT 523 W. HIDALGO AVENUE, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580 AS APPROVED BY EDC**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve authorization 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 construction of a new Public Safety facility to be

located at 523 W. Hidalgo Avenue, Raymondville, Texas 78580 as approved by EDC.  
Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADVERTISING OF PUBLIC NOTICE BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT, CHAPTER 505 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.160(A) AND SECTION 505.159(B) TO PROPOSE THE EXPANSION, PAVING, UTILITIES, CURB AND GUTTER OF STREET ON 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET, FROM GEM STREET TO WOOD STREET FOR NEW INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION LOCATED AT 652 SOUTH EXPRESSWAY 77, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580 AS APPROVED BY THE EDC**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve authorization to advertise public notice by the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation in accordance with the Development Corporation Act, Chapter 505 of the Local Government Code, Section 505.160(a) and Section 505.159(b) to propose the expansion, paving, utilities, curb and gutter of street on 16<sup>th</sup> Street, from Gem Street to Wood Street for new infrastructure construction located at 652 South Expressway 77, Raymondville, Texas 78580 as approved by the EDC. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING FUNDING THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC**

- a. Construction of new Public Safety Facility at 523 W. Hidalgo Avenue (1,800,000), in order to promote new or expanded business development.
- b. Request made by Dr. Juan Villarreal and Bricy Martinez with Harlingen Family Dentistry for Economic Development Assistance for the expansion, paving, utilities, curb and gutter of street for new construction at 652 South Expressway 77 (75,000), in order to promote new or expanded business development.
- c. Continuing of expansion, paving, utilities, curb and gutter of street for new construction to connect from Gem Street to Wood Street at 652 South Expressway 77 (75,000), in order to promote new or expanded business development.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve all three items, Construction of new Public Safety Facility, Assistance from EDC for the expansion, paving, utilities, curb and gutter of street and continuation of expansion, paving, utilities, curb and gutter of street for new construction to connect from Gem Street to Wood Street at 652 South Expressway 77 (75,000), in order to promote new or expanded business development. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY AT 523 W. HIDALGO AVENUE, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE NEW OR EXPANDED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the first reading of resolution authorizing the construction of a new Public Safety Facility at 523 W. Hidalgo Avenue, in order to promote new or expanded business development. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

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 JUNE, 2013

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for June, 2013.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

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: Commissioner Gutierrez, Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for the month of June, 2013. Mr. Garcia also presented to the Board of Commissioners the Animal Control Division Monthly Activity Report for the month of June, 2013.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners the Fourth of July Events were a success. He also advised there will be a Kickball Tournament sponsored by CASA on July 20, 2013 at the Little League Park and advised the City will have a team. There will also be a Softball Tournament sponsored by CASA on August 3, 2013 and will also have a City team.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that they have been working on weedy lots, potholes and street signs have been replaced. Also advised the Board of Commissioners that the sweeper broke down and the new one has been ordered.

Commissioner Alexandre asked if there have been complaints about mosquitos. Commissioner Cavazos asked if the tire rolloffs were still at the warehouse and if the City Workers can pick up tires around 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.

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Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr.  
City Manager/Secretary