

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 27, 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, March 13, 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 MARCH 13, 2012

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for March 13, 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2012
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX BUDGET**

Mayor Correa opened the Public Hearing at 5:03 p.m.

There were no comments from the audience.

Mayor Correa closed the Public Hearing at 5:07 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE WILLACY COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2012 HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX BUDGET**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Willacy County Chamber of Commerce 2012 Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Budget with the change of 1,000.00 per quarter for the museum fund and to take it out of the tourism fund. Commissioner Cavazos 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 APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNER,
MARIO A. CARDENAS, FOR A VARIANCE ON ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 201, TO
CONSTRUCT A NEW 2,700 SQ. FT. BRICK VENEER HOME ON GCIC SUBDIVISION,**

BLOCK 46, LOT 9C (N1/2) & 9D (N1/2), TRACT 1, ACRES, 7.5, RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS IN WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request from owner, Mario A. Cardenas, for a variance on Zoning Ordinance No. 201, to construct a new 2,700 sq. ft. brick veneer home on GCIC Subdivision, Block 46, Lot 9C (N1/2) & 9D (N1/2), Tract 1, Acres, 7.5, recorded in the Map of Plat Records in Willacy County, Texas as approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROCEDURES TO ABOLISH THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S 4A SALES TAX CORPORATION AND ESTABLISH A NEW 4B SALES TAX CORPORATION

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2012, AS CHILD ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming April 2012, as Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 2012, AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming April 2012, as Fair Housing Month in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM WASTEWATER COLLECTION EMPLOYEE, XAVIER GARCIA

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from wastewater collection employee, Xavier Garcia. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE NEW PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire new public works department employee. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF NEW CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE WORKPLACE POLICY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the new City of Raymondville Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy for City Employees. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Chief Zamora-Texas Public Information Act- Austin, TX-April 17 & 18, 2012
2. Commissioner Gutierrez and Commissioner Alexandre-City of McAllen TML Region 12 City Officials –South Padre Island, TX-May 18 & 19, 2012

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 Gutierrez, Cavazos, Smith, 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 that the Little League opening ceremony would be on Saturday at 3 p.m.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the burglaries are down compared to last year.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, presented to the Board of Commissioners pictures showing the replanting of a tree at the park and the removal of a tree stump.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners an update on the Little Ceasars Project, VTCI. And the FM 3168 project.

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