

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 8, 2011**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at City Hall, 142 South 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor
Mary Gutierrez, Commissioner
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary

Absent: Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

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 Orlando A. Correa.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Father George Kerketta.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2011

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes February 22, 2011. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Gutierrez, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Armin Martinez, Municipal Judge, present to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for February 2011. Total collected for February, 2011 was \$10,782.90.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ENGINEERING CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO THE TCDP WATER AND WASTEWATER GRANT CONTRACT NO. 729649

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the engineering contract amendment to the TCDP water and wastewater grant contract no. 729649. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Gutierrez, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM THE WILLACY COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BUSINESS HIGHWAY 77 AT THE HARRIS AVENUE, RIGGS AVENUE AND GEM AVENUE INTERSECTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING HISTORICAL MUSEUM FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD ON MARCH 13, 2011 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request from the Willacy County Historical Museum for the temporary closure of business Highway 77 at the Harris Avenue, Riggs Avenue and Gem Avenue intersections for the upcoming Historical Museum fundraiser to be held on March 13, 2011

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 9, 2011, AS LZ:RGV-WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY TO PROPERLY WELCOME HOME AND SALUTE OUR VIETNAM VETERANS FROM SOUTH TEXAS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming April 9, 2011, as LZ:RGV-welcome home Vietnam Veterans Day to properly welcome home and salute our Vietnam Veterans from South Texas. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM AMERICAN LEGION 15TH DISTRICT COMMANDER, GEORGE SOLIS, FOR ASSISTANCE IN HELPING DEFRAY THE COSTS OF THE SOUTH TEXAS VIETNAM ERA VETERANS EVENT TO BE HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2011, FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. AT THE MCALLEN CONVENTION CENTER

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM THE WILLACY COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD FOR THE AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT A "FILL THE HEART" FUNDRAISER AT INTERSECTIONS IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ON APRIL 2, 2011

Commissioner Gutierrez moved to approve the request from the Willacy County Child Welfare Board for the authorization to conduct a "Fill the Heart" fundraiser at intersections in the City of Raymondville on April 2, 2011. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM TEAM CARDENAS FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT A "FILL THE BOOT COLLECTION" FUNDRAISER FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY/RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT IN WILLACY COUNTY

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the request from Team Cardenas for authorization to conduct a "Fill the Boot Collection" fundraiser for the American Cancer Society/Relay for Life event in Willacy County. Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Chief Zamora-Police Chief Leadership Series-Corpus Christi, TX-April 4-8, 2011
2. Andy Chavez-International Residential Code-Rosenberg, TX-April 18-21, 2011
3. John Molina, Javier Rodriguez, Luis Renaud-Water Utilities Safety-Edinburg, TX-March 28-30, 2011
4. Catalino Nieto-Water Surface Production I-Pharr, TX-April 19-21, 2011
5. Eleazar Garcia, Jr. and City Officers-2011 Emergency Managers-San Antonio, TX-April 26-29, 2011

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2011

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's report for February, 2011. Commissioner Smith moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor's/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Gutierrez, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Gutierrez, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for the month of January, 2011. Mr. Garcia mentioned that the City of Raymondville now has a website. Mr. Garcia thanked the Board of Commissioners for being at the Little League ceremony.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, was absent and had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR ANDY CHAVEZ

REPORTS

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that two houses have been demolished. The project on 6th street has been completed. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that the Texaco sign has been moved to the back of the building and that it has been cleaned up.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the department has had eighty-five calls this month. Mr. Gutierrez mentioned that it has been a very active two months.

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.

ATTEST:

Orlando A. Correa, Mayor

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary