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Driscoll City Commission issues evaluations, raises

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Three of the City of Driscoll's chief administrators received positive evaluations and subsequent pay increases during a special Driscoll City Commission meeting held Monday.

Driscoll Police Chief Eric Zuniga, City Secretary Isabel Chapa and Judge Roberto Rodriguez received positive performance evaluations.

Zuniga received praise from Driscoll Mayor John Aguilar.

"The chief has done an outstanding job for us," Aguilar said. "We haven't had a chief like this as long as I've lived in the city."

Aguilar said Zuniga is very professional and understanding.

"He's leading by example," Aguilar said. "I hope you are here for a very long time."

Chapa began her employment as the city accountant and has advanced to city secretary.

"She has done an outstanding job as a city secretary and an accountant," Aguilar said. "There have been more projects lately and she has handled them very well."

Newly elected Commissioner Elisa Molina said Chapa was an asset to the city.

"I think the city is very fortunate to have you here," Molina said.

Chapa said she was humbled by the support she has received during her two-year employment with the city.

"Working for the city, I've learned so much," Chapa said. "Every day, I've made it a point to learn something new."

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Rodriguez also received a positive evaluation and pay raise. Chapa praised Rodriguez on his dedication to his job.

"As far as the judge, any request that comes to the court, that day he looks at it," Chapa said.

Aguilar commented on Rodriguez's professionalism and understanding attitude with the public.

"He works well with the public," Aguilar said. "He's kept the peace."

In other business, commissioners approved the purchase of a tool that will help Driscoll police with drug searches.

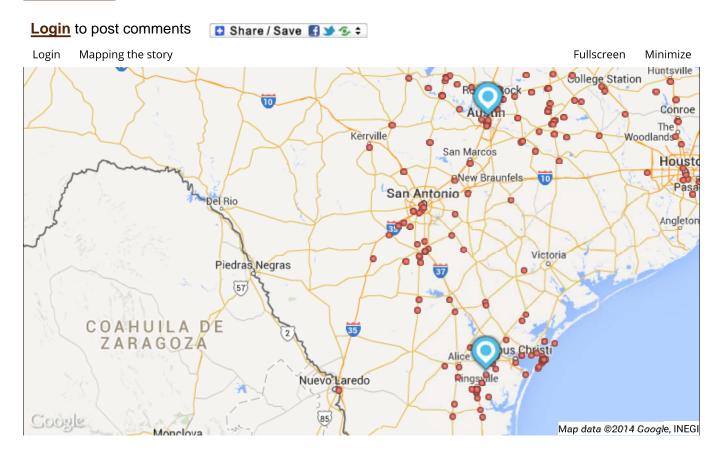
The tool, a 6mm diameter two-way articulating fiberscope with internal LED light source, has a cost of \$7,195 and will be paid for by a Drug Fund Account.

"This (tool) would be used to scope the gas tanks of vehicles and also the air conditioning vents," Zuniga said adding that it would help considerably in searches.

Zuniga said the scope would not be used for every vehicle that is stopped. He added it was the same scope being used by the U.S. Custom and Border Protection Agency, as well as the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Commissioners also approved a schedule for upcoming city council meetings. Driscoll City Commission meetings will now take place every second Monday of the month at 8 a.m.

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