

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

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, November 10, 2015, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Mayor Gilberto Gonzales declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gilberto Gonzales.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilberto Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 27, 2015

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for October 27, 2015. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

AUDIENCE

Monique Cavazos, thanked the Board of Commissioners for supporting VIDA.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for October, 2015. Total collected for October, 2015 was \$6,402.63.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for October, 2015.

Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST BY OWNER, ELIAS JUAREZ, FOR THE REZONING OF COLONIA HIDALGO SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 4, LOTS 9 THRU 16, SN12000031; TITLE#TXS-0542583, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO DESCRIBED AS 746 W. SONORA, FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO COMMERCIAL ZONE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF OPERATING A DRIVING SCHOOL AT THE ABOVE STATED LOCATION

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:06 p.m.

No comments were made.

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNER, ELIAS JUAREZ, FOR THE REZONING OF COLONIA HIDALGO SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 4, LOTS 9 THRU 16, SN12000031; TITLE# TXS-0542583, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO DESCRIBED AS 746 W. SONORA, FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO COMMERCIAL ZONE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF OPERATING A DRIVING SCHOOL AT THE ABOVE STATED LOCATION

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request from owner, Elias Juarez, for the rezoning of Colonia Hidalgo Subdivision, Block 4, Lots 9 thru 16, SN12000031; Title#TXS-0542583, as recorded in the Map of Plat Records of Willacy County, Texas, also described as 746 W. Sonora, from residential zone to commercial zone for the sole purpose of operating a driving school at the above stated location. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Tamez, Alexandre, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING POPPY PIN PRESENTATION BY THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 390, RAYMONDVILLE, TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 390 presented Mayor Gonzales with the first Poppy Pin.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1204, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1142, COIN-OPERATED AMUSEMENT MACHINES, TO REVISE RE-NUMBERED SECTION VII., "NUISANCE DECLARED," WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to waive the three readings and approve on one. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Ordinance No. 1204, "An Ordinance of the City of Raymondville, Texas, amending Ordinance No. 1142, Coin-Operated amusement machines, to revise re-numbered section VII., "Nuisance Declared." Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS NO. 2, NO. 3 AND NO. 4 FOR THE SPORTS COMPLEX CONCESSION BUILDING PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Change Orders No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 for the Sports Complex Concession Building Park Improvement Project. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS NO. 5 FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EXISTING WATER WELL REHABILITATION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT PHASE II

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Change Orders No. 5 for the Texas Department of Agriculture existing Water Well Rehabilitation Improvements Project Phase II. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RE-APPOINTMENT/APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to appoint David Wittenbach and re-appoint Eleazar Garcia, Jr., George Solis and Virginia Torres as board members to the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, RIO GRANDE VALLEY ELECTRICAL INC.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the electrical contractor, Rio Grande Valley Electrical Inc. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Alexandre, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, JORGE SALINAS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resignation from Raymondville Police Department Communications Officer, Jorge Salinas. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to hire communications officer for the Raymondville Police

Department. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ANNUAL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DINNER TO BE HELD DECEMBER 18, 2015

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Annual Employee Appreciation Dinner to be held December 18, 2015. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION MADE BY COMMUNITIES UNLIMITED, INTERESTED IN LEASING OFFICE SPACE AT THE RAYMONDVILLE SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR CENTER

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the leasing office space at the Raymondville Small Business Incubator Center. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY TRACTOR SUPPLY CO REPRESENTATIVE TO THE RAYMONDVILLE EDC PERTAINING TO REQUEST FOR INCENTIVES

This agenda item was passed.

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 505.152 TO HEAR COMMENTS FOR OR AGAINST FUNDING VALLEY INITIATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCEMENT (VIDA) IN THE AMOUNT

NOT TO EXCEED \$28,000 FOR JOB-RELATED SKILLS TRAINING AS A SUBCHAPTER D, SECTION 501.163 PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the 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 505.152 to hear comments for or against funding Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement (VIDA) in the amount not to exceed \$28,000 for job-related skills training as a Subchapter D, Section 501.163 project. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROJECT VIDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT, CHAPTER 505 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.158 (b), GIVING THE RESOLUTION AT LEAST TWO SEPARATE READINGS, TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the City of Raymondville to adopt a resolution authorizing project VIDA in accordance with the Development Corporation Act, Chapter 505 of the local government code, section 505.158 (b), giving the resolution at least two separate readings, to undertake projects exceeding the amount of \$10,000. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND GRANT FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT, CHAPTER 505 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.158. (b), GIVING THE RESOLUTION AT LEAST TWO READINGS, TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000, AS DEFINED BY SUBCHAPTER C, CHAPTER 501

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorizing the City of Raymondville to adopt a resolution authorizing a Planning and Capacity Building Fund Grant for the City of Raymondville in accordance with the Development Corporation Act, Chapter 505 of the Local Government Code, Section 505.158. (b), giving the resolution at least two readings, to undertake projects exceeding the amount of \$10,000, as defined by Subchapter C, Chapter 501. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the

motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

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. David Osorio-Global Training-November 16-20, 2015-Somerset, Texas
2. Dennise Ledesma-Sex Offender-November 16-19, 2015-Galveston, Texas
3. Javier Rodriguez-online course

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 2015

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for October, 2015.

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: Commissioners Tamez, Alexandre, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Alexandre, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Halloween Safe Haven was a success.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the crew has been spraying for mosquitoes. Mr. Soto also mentioned that they have been working on pot holes and weedy lots.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that they are conducting a pipe bursting behind city hall and that the company would be placing a manhole as well in the area.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Lonnie Flores, from Reyna and Associates gave the Board of Commissioners an update on loan applications and business owners.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Mayor Gilberto Gonzales declared this regular meeting adjourned.

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary