

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 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, September 8, 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 AUGUST 18 AND AUGUST 25, 2015

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for August 18 and August 25, 2015. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

No audience participation.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for August, 2015. Total collected for August, 2015 was \$11,521.44.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for August, 2015.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:09 p.m.

No comments were made.

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 4, ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the change order no. 4 on the City of Raymondville Police Department Building Project. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF BIDS ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TWDB NEW WATER WELL PROJECT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve for the city engineers to review the bids and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) ADJUSTED RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE SERVICED BY REPUBLIC SERVICES

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjusted rates for residential and small commercial customers in the City of Raymondville serviced

by Republic Services. Commissioner Smith 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN WILLACY COUNTY'S APPLICATION TO DEVELOP A COUNTYWIDE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND CONTRIBUTE A PORTION OF THE MATCH TO WILLACY COUNTY'S FEMA MITIGATION GRANT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the interlocal agreement to participate in Willacy County's application to develop a countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan and contribute a portion of the match to Willacy County's FEMA Mitigation Grant. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PETITION OF VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION SUBMITTED BY OWNER, JUAN L. ESCAMILLA, TO ANNEX THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE:

A 20.006 acre tract of land, more or less, out of Lot Number Six (6), Block Number One (1), and Lot Number Five (5), Block Number Two (2), of the Raymond Hallam Land Company Subdivision, San Juan de Carricitos Grant, Willacy County, Texas as per the plat thereof recorded in Volume Q, page 416, Map Records, Cameron County, Texas

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve and proceed with legal requirements to annex a 20.006 acre tract of land, more or less, out of Lot Number Six (6), Block Number One (1), and Lot Number Five (5), Block Number Two (2), of the Raymond Hallam Land Company Subdivision, San Juan de Carricitos Grant, Willacy County, Texas as per the plat thereof recorded in Volume Q, page 416, Map Records, Cameron County, Texas. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING UPDATE PRESENTATION BY CITY ENGINEERS, GUZMAN AND MUNOZ ENGINEERING, ON POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING PROJECT AND SPORTS COMPLEX PROJECT

Michelle Noriega, Designer/Project Manager, for Guzman & Munoz Engineering made a presentation to the Board of Commissioners with an update on the Police Department Building and Sports Complex Project.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM TEMPLO NUEVA VIDA EN CRISTO CHURCH PASTOR, ABEL GONZALEZ, FOR THE USE OF THE SMILEY FACE PARK PAVILION TO CONDUCT AN OUTREACH EVENT AT THE PAVILION ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve and to waive the fees for the use of the pavilion as requested by Templo Nueva Vida En Cristo Church Pastor, Abel Gonzalez, for the use of the Smiley Face Park Pavilion to conduct an outreach event at the pavilion on September 15, 2015. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF LYFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING ASSISTANCE TO BOTH DEPARTMENTS

This agenda item was tabled.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE DEPARTMENTS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the budget amendments for City of Raymondville departments. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 BUDGET

No action taken.

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 AUGUST, 2015

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

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Cavazos 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 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 Cavazos, Alexandre, Smith, 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, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the crew had been working on weedy lots and potholes.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, updated the Board of Commissioners on Church's Chicken, CVS, and the 80 apartment units.

Mr. Chavez also mentioned that movie night will be on Oct. 30th (Friday night).

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, was absent and had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Catalina Ozuna, EDC Executive Director, presented to the Board of Commissioners an update on current projects.

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