

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 12, 2016**

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, April 12, 2016, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

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 MARCH 22, 2016

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for March 22, 2016. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

AUDIENCE

Priscilla Alvarez approached the Board of Commissioners with an update on VIDA.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF BIDS ON THE FIRE HALL AND THE COMMUNITY ROOM PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve for the city engineers to review the bid packets and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Smith 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 AWARDING OF BIDS ON THE GOLF COURSE RENOVATION PROJECT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve for the city engineers to review the bid packets and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. 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 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GRANT APPLICATIONS:

(a) Resolution for Body Camera Project

(b) Resolution for Local border Security Program-2017

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the above resolutions for the Office of the Governor Grant applications. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES FOR TDA GRANT NO. #7215411

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution authorizing signatories for TDA Grant No.#7215411. 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 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REQUIRED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES TDA GRANT NO. #7215411

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution adopting the required Community Development Block Grant Civil Rights Policies TDA Grant No. #7215411. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WILLACY COUNTY FOR PARTICIPATION IN WILLACY COUNTY'S RESTORE ACT APPLICATION FOR DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the interlocal agreement with Willacy County for participation in Willacy County's RESTORE Act application for drainage system improvements. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING WILLACY COUNTY'S RESTORE ACT APPLICATION FOR DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND COMMITMENT OF ANY MATCH FUNDS, IF APPLICABLE

- a. Small Drainage Laterals Project Improvements
- b. Expressway Drainage Lateral Project Improvements

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolutions supporting Willacy County's RESTORE Act application for drainage system improvements and commitment of any match funds, if applicable

- a. Small Drainage Laterals Project Improvements
- b. Expressway Drainage Lateral Project Improvements

Commissioner Alexandre 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 APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO BE PAID FOR UNUSED VACATION TIME EARNED BY YESENIA HERNANDEZ, MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request to be paid for 17 hours unused vacation time earned by Yesenia Hernandez, Municipal Court Clerk. Commissioner Tamez 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM POLICE OFFICER, DAVID OSORIO

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Police Officer, David Osorio. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER POSITION

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire for City of Raymondville Police Officer Position. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR THE WATER UTILITY DEPARTMENT AT CITY HALL

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve authorization to hire temporary employee for the Water Utility Department at City Hall. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY FAMILY CRISIS CENTER FOR A WAIVER OF PARK PAVILION FEES FOR ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARENESS FAIR TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request by Family Crisis Center for a waiver of park pavilion fees for Annual Community Awareness Fair to be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016. Commissioner Tamez 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 APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY INSTALLMENT TO LUPE SERNA FOR OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE AS PER LEASE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the quarterly installment to Lupe Serna for operation of the Municipal Golf Course as per lease agreement. Commissioner Alexandre 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 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 A 3RD USDA RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT, A FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROJECT THROUGH A CONTINUATION OF A REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00

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 a 3rd USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant, a financial incentive project through a continuation of a revolving loan program in the amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING UPDATE OF FIRST RBEG REVOLVING LOAN RECIPIENTS:

- a. Juan Figueroa Floor Management Consultant-*foreclosure*
- b. Heaven Lee Sent Home Health Care LLC-*foreclosure*
- c. Frank Solis-*no action*
- d. Irma Ambriz Raymondville Adult Daycare-*no action*
- e. GinMar Investment, LLC Wing Champs-*pay \$100.00 a day for 20 days and also 1,200 monthly*
- f. Laura's Floral Design-*no action*
- g. Lets Roll Driving School-*no action*

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve on the above update/action of the first RBEG Revolving Loan Recipients. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RE-ASSIGNING DUTIES, DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE (WATER DISTRIBUTION)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:45 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:55 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 16

Commissioner Alexandre moved to terminate Kerry Garcia for violation of probationary period. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 18

Commissioner Alexandre moved to terminate Martin Garcia for violation of probationary period. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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 MARCH, 2016

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for March, 2016.

Commissioner Smith 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, Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners that the skate

park is done and that the walking trail is more than half done.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that he is planning to have the grand opening for the public safety building on May 4. Chief Zamora also mentioned that he had passed out a copy of the holding cell policy and if they had a questions please call him.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners they have been doing asphalt patches and sludge is being removed from the water plant.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that Relay for Life would be this Saturday. Mr. Chavez gave the board an update on opening on dates for Dollar Tree, Holiday Inn and CVS. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that the Trash Bash has been scheduled for May 21 & 22, 2016.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Catalina Ozuna, EDC Executive Director, gave the Board of Commissioners an update on different projects around the city.

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