

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 26, 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 26, 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 APRIL 12, 2016

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for April 12, 2016. Commissioner Alexandre 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

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDED OF BIDS ON THE GOLF COURSE RENOVATION PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY ENGINEER

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve that the award be made to RG Enterprises as recommended by City Engineer. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION BY CITY ENGINEER ON THE FIRE HALL AND COMMUNITY ROOM PROJECT BIDS

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to reject all bids as recommended by the city engineer. 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 AUTHORIZING ASBESTOS REMOVAL ON THE GOLF COURSE RENOVATION PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY ENGINEER

Commissioner Smith moved to approve RGV Asbestos Removal, LLC for asbestos abatement and Texas Consulting Services for asbestos abatement air monitoring and registration consulting services for the Golf Course Renovation Project. Commissioner Cavazos 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 AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY TO PROCEED WITH PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO PERFORM ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY METHODS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION OF THE FIRE HALL AND COMMUNITY ROOM PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization for the city to proceed with procedures necessary to perform alternative delivery methods for the construction/renovation of the Fire Hall and Community Room Project. 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 TRANSFER OF STREET

DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JOHN OLVERA, TO THE WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the transfer of Street Department employee, John Olvera, to the Water Distribution Department. 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 PROMOTION FOR TEMPORARY STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JUAN ANGUIANO, TO PERMANENT FULL TIME POSITION

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the promotion for temporary Street Department employee, Juan Anguiano, to permanent full time 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 STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire temporary employee for Street Department. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for Water Distribution Department employee. 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 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (COREDC) TO ACCELERATE LOANS THAT ARE OR MAY BE IN DEFAULT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECUPERATING ANY ALL FINANCIAL INVESTMENT AS APPROVED BY THE COREDC

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution authorizing the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation (COREDC) to accelerate loans that are or may be in default for the purpose of recuperating any all financial investment as approved by the COREDC.

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 AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE REPRESENTATIVE TO PARTICIPATE IN PROPERTY TAX SALE/RESALE AUCTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2016

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization for City of Raymondville representative to participate in property tax sale/resale auction to be held on May 3, 2016.

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

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. Joel Soto and Rudy Torres-Valve and Hydrant Maintance-Harlingen, Texas-July 26 -28, 2016
2. Andy Chavez-Flood Plain Management Course-SPI, TX-May 17, 2016

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Smith approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. 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

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Grand Opening for the Veterans' Park would be on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 10 a.m.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Grand Opening for the Public Safety Building would be May 4th at 5:30 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the sewer project behind city hall is complete.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

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

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