

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 23, 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, August 23, 2016, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
William Wepfer, City Attorney
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 9, 2016

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for August 9, 2016. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Commissioner Tamez

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

CONDEMNATION HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:

- a) 259 E. Petra, described as Howard Outlot E-Subdivision, Block 2, Lots 26 thru 27, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County

- b) 502 W. Sonora, described as Santa Anna Subdivision, Block 3 Lots 18 thru 19, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County

- c) 871 E. Wood, described as Fairview Subdivision, Block 3, Lots 17 thru 18, 19, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County
- d) 835 N. Monterrey, described as Colonia Victoria Subdivision, Block 1, Lots 22 thru 23, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales opened the Condemnation Hearing at 5:01 p.m.

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales closed the Condemnation Hearing at 5:05 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNATION ORDER ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, recommended to the Board of Commissioners to allow a 30 day period to secure the property, repair, demolish and clean up. On the 31st day the city will have to go in and demolish and clean up.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the recommendation made by the City Manager, Eleazar Garcia, Jr. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE/HIRE FOR A TAX CLERK POSITION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to advertise/hire for a Tax Clerk position. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF BIDS ON TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANT NO. 7215411 SCADA SYSTEM PROJECT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve for Ameo Tech. 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 Tamez, Alexandre, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the above the budget amendments for City of Raymondville Departments. 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 APPOINTMENT OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO THE AMIGOS DEL VALLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to appoint Commissioner Tamez as the City of Raymondville representative and Eleazar Garcia, Jr. as the alternate for the Amigos del Valle Board of Directors. 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 PROPOSED 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR FUNDING OF STREET PAVING PROJECT

No action taken on this agenda item.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, OBADIAH VILLARREAL

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to accept the resignation from water distribution employee, Obadiah Villarreal. Commissioner Smith 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 TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT POSITION

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for water distribution department position. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

No action taken on this agenda item.

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. Officer Martinez-Tazer Course-Pharr, TX-Sept. 13 & 14, 2016
2. City Officials, Mr. Garcia, and Chief Zamora-TML Conference-Austin, TX-Oct. 5-7, 2016
3. Rick Moreno-Basic Wastewater Treatment Course-San Antonio, TX-Oct. 11-13, 2016

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, 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 the financial report for July, 2016. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that they did the final walk thru at the golf course.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that they had a good turnout in giving out school supplies at the Veterans' Park. Mr. Zamora also mentioned that the Gala raised over 5,000.00 for school supplies.

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 CVS would open in the second week of October. Mr. Chavez also mentioned the Los Olmos project which would be opening the first 20 units within the next three weeks.

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