

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 13, 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, December 13, 2016, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor  
Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Eziquiel Cavazos, 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

Absent: Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner

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 NOVEMBER 22, 2016**

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

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

The Municipal Court monthly report for November, 2016 was presented to the Board of Commissioners. Total collected for November, 2016 was \$11,364.08.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Municipal Court Report for the month of November, 2016. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST BY OWNER, STELLA DE LOS REYES, FOR THE REZONING OF RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 52, LOTS [TR2] THRU 15 (S90') AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO DESCRIBED AS 236 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE (R-1) TO MULTIFAMILY ZONE (R-2), FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A TWO (2) FAMILY DUPLEX BUILDING ON THIS PROPERTY**

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:01 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:03 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNER, STELLA DE LOS REYES FOR THE REZONING OF RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 52, LOTS [TR2] THRU 15 (S90') AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO DESCRIBED AS 236 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE (R-1) TO MULTIFAMILY ZONE (R-2), FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A TWO (2) FAMILY DUPLEX BUILDING ON THIS PROPERTY**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request from owner, Stella De Los Reyes for the rezoning of Raymondville original townsite, Block 52, Lots [TR 2] thru 15 (S90') as recorded in the map of plat records of Willacy County, Texas, also described as 236 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, from residential zone (R-1) to multifamily zone (R-2), for the purpose of the construction and operation of a two (2) family duplex building on this property. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACTION APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD PERTAINING TO RBEG REVOLVING LOAN RECIPIENT, GINMAR INVESTMENTS, LLC WING CHAMPS**

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Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve loan as approved by EDC Board pertaining to RBEG Revolving Loan Recipient, Ginmar Investments, LLC Wing Champs. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, and Cavazos

NAYS: Mayor Gonzales

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BIDS ON PICKUP TRUCKS TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM VACTOR TRUCK OPERATOR, ALBERTO A. ALFARO**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Vactor Truck Operator, Alberto A. Alfaro. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR VACTOR TRUCK OPERATOR EMPLOYEE**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for Vactor Truck operator employee. 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING GRANT PROJECTS:**

- a) Firing Range Equipment Project

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b) Body Camera Equipment Project

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the resolutions for the Firing Range Equipment Project. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the resolutions for the Body Camera Equipment Project. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR, JOEL H. PERALES**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the certification pay adjustment of a \$1.00 increase for Water Treatment Plant operator, Joel H. Perales. 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

**DICUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT FOR MUNICIPAL COURT WARRANT OFFICER PROGRAM**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the contract adjustment for Municipal Court Warrant officer program. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM CRICKET WIRELESS FOR THE USE OF THE CITY PARKING LOT LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIDALGO AVENUE AND WEST OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS FOR A COMMUNITY WIDE PROMOTIONAL EVENT**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request from Cricket Wireless for the use of the city parking lot located on the north side of Hidalgo Avenue and west of the railroad tracks for a community wide promotional event. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL BONDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- a) Tivie's Electric
- b) Garcia's Electric

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the electrical bond for Tivie's Electric. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the electrical bond for Garcia's Electric. Commissioner Tamez 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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RE-ASSIGNING DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR)**

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:46 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 12**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to accept the recommendation from the EDC board to hire Rina Castillo as the EDC Director with a 6 month probation period. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 27, 2016 CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to cancel the December 27, 2016 City Commission meeting. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS FOR 2017-2018 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM**

a) Management Services

b) Engineering Services

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve awarding the contract of management service to Business Services for 2017-2018 Texas Department of Agriculture Grant Program. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve awarding the contract of Engineering Services to Guzman and Munoz. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the travel and training for City of Raymondville employees.

1. Chief Zamora, Officer Martinez, & Officer Rivera-pick up 2 vehicles-Austin, Texas-

December 14, 2016

2. Yesenia Hernandez-Regional Clerk Seminar-San Antonio, Texas-Jan. 9-11, 2017
3. Joel Soto & Oscar Garcia-Water Distribution-SPI-Jan.24-26, 2017
4. George Galvan-Wastewater Collection-SPI-Jan.24-26, 2017

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 2016**

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

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

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

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the October, 2016 financial report. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that the Annual Appreciation Dinner would be on Friday.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that during the holidays we should be aware of your surroundings and secure our property.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that there has been several water breaks and pot holes have been filled.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that on Wednesday the city would be hosting Movie Night at the Veterans' Park.

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**RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ**  
**REPORTS**

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

**RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Ms. Reyna presented to the Board of Commissioners an activity report.

**ADJOURN**

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

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Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr.  
City Manager/Secretary