

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 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, February 23, 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
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 FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for February 9, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2016 HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX BUDGET

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

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:06 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2016 HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX BUDGET

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Willacy County Chamber of Commerce 2016 Hotel/Motel occupancy tax budget. 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 OPENING OF BUILDING AND CAPACITY GRANT BID PROPOSALS TXCDBG CONTRACT 7215154

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve for the committee to review, score and come back to the next city meeting with a recommendation. 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 CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE SPORTS COMPLEX CONCESSION BUILDING/PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND PARK PAVILION PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the change order no. 7 on the City of Raymondville Sports Complex Concession Building/Park Improvements and park pavilion project. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR, JESUS CARRILLO

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to accept the resignation from Raymondville Water Treatment Plant Operator, Jesus Carrillo. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, ANTHONY A. GARCIA, TO WATER PLANT OPERATOR

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to transfer water distribution department employee, Anthony A. Garcia, to water plant operator. Employee's hourly salary will increase to \$11.83 an hour. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/ADVERTISE/TRANSFER FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire/advertise/transfer for water distribution department personnel. 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

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 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 the Financial Report for the month of January, 2016. Mr. Garcia gave an update on the skate park. He also

mention that the games have started and that there will be a warrant round up on March 5th.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that several officer went to Forest City, Iowa to pick up a prisoner.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

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