

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JULY 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, July 26, 2016, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
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

Absent: Clifton Smith, 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 JULY 12, 2016

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for July 12, 2016. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Commissioner Smith

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF BIDS ON CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S FIRE DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to have engineers to review and make recommendation at the next meeting. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ON THE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE REMODELING PROJECT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Change Order No. 1 on the Municipal Golf Course Remodeling Project. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF BIDS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND COMPUTER MAINTENANCE SERVICES

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

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCE WAIVER REQUEST BY THE THOMAS RAINS, SR. FAMILY, TO REPLACE CONCRETE MAUSOLEUM AT THE RAYMONDVILLE MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the ordinance waiver request by the Thomas Rains, Sr. Family, to replace concrete mausoleum at the Raymondville Memorial Cemetery. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROMOTION OF STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JAVIER GONZALES, TO FULL TIME POSITION AND ADJUSTMENT OF PAY

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the above the promotion of street department employee,

Javier Gonzales, to full time position and adjustment of pay. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE EMPLOYEE FOR THE TEMPORARY STREET DEPARTMENT POSITION

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to hire employee for the temporary Street Department position. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JESUS BELLA

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from street department employee, Jesus Bella. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR STREET DEPARTMENT FULL TIME POSITION

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to hire/transfer/advertise for street department full time position. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE EMPLOYEE FOR THE TEMPORARY WATER DISTRIBUTION POSITION

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire employee for the temporary water distribution position. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following

vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF A CONTINUATION OF A REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT, CHAPTER 505 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.158 (b), GIVING THE RESOLUTION ITS SECOND READING, TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the second reading of the resolution authorizing the funding of a continuation of a revolving loan program in accordance with the development corporation act, Chapter 505 of the Local Government Code, Section 505.158 (b), giving the resolution its second reading, to undertake projects exceeding the amount of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JOHN RODRIGUEZ

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Maintenance Department employee, John Rodriguez. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT POSITION

Commission Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for maintenance department position. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

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 DEPARTMENT)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:40 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:20 p.m.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 13

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to reinstate Federico Villanueva back to work in the Water Distribution Department. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos Alexandre, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

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ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 13

No action taken on this agenda item.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No travel and training at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners the financial report for June 2016. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that the first budget workshop would be on August 9, 2016.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the street sweeper has been running through town.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the CVS would open in October.

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