

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 9, 2017**

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, May 9, 2017, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, 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 APRIL 25, 2017

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for April 25, 2017. Commissioner Smith 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

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for April, 2017. Total collected for April, 2017 was \$13,507.62.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Municipal Court Report for the month of April, 2017. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE OUTLOT C, LOT 7 (96.8' x 125' {14C} & 9N2 {PT OF 42' X 225' {13A}, ALSO DESCRIBED AS 729 N. 4TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales opened the Condemnation Hearing at 5:03 p.m.

Mr. Quintero approached the Board of Commissioners with a plan to remodel his house if he was granted more time to work on his home.

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales closed the Condemnation Hearing at 5:28 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE OUTLOT C, 7 (96.8' x 125' {14C} & 9N2 {PT OF 42' X 225' {13A}, ALSO DESCRIBED AS 729 N. 4TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to allow Mr. Quintero 60 days to repair secure, or demolish his home. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- a) Request from owner, Alma Cruz Lopez, for the rezoning of Rio Garnde Subdivision, Block 3, Lots 3 thru 4, as recorded in the Map of Plat Records of Willacy County, Texas, also described as 417 W. Wood Avenue, from residential zone to commercial zone for the sole purpose of operating a boutique/thrift store.
- b) Request from owner, Antonio Arriaga, Jr., for a variance on the height of a privacy fence located at Arriaga Subdivision, Block 2, Lot 12 as recorded in the Map of Plat Records of Willacy County, Texas, also described as 396 W. Wood Avenue

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:33 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:35 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- a) Request from owner, Alma Cruz Lopez, for the rezoning of Rio Garnde Subdivision, Block 3, Lots 3 thru 4, as recorded in the Map of Plat Records of Willacy County, Texas, also described as 417 W. Wood Avenue, from residential zone to commercial zone for the sole purpose of operating a boutique/thrift store.
- b) Request from owner, Antonio Arriaga, Jr., for a variance on the height of a privacy fence located at Arriaga Subdivision, Block 2, Lot 12 as recorded in the Map of Plat Records of Willacy County, Texas, also described as 396 W. Wood Avenue

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request from Alma Cruz Lopez, for the rezoning of the above location. 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

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request from Antonio Arriaga, Jr., for a variance on the height of a privacy fence on the above location. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Alexandre, Cavazos, Smith, and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER HECTOR L. LEIJA

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to accept the resignation from Police Department Communications Officer Hector L. Leija. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Alexandre, Cavazos, Smith, and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER POLICE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE, ADELAIDO ALFARO, TO COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER POSITION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to transfer police department maintenance employee, Adelaido Alfaro, to Communications Officer position with an adjustment of pay. Commissioner Tamez 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE POSITION

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, NAZARIO BELLA, TO THE STREET DEPARTMENT

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM MTC FOR THE USE OF THE SMILEY FACE PARK PAVILION AND WAIVING OF RENTAL FEE TO CONDUCT THEIR ANNUAL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY AND FAMILY PICNIC

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the request from MTC for the use of the Smiley Face Park Pavilion and waiving of rental fee to conduct their Annual Employee Appreciation Day and Family Picnic. 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 RESOLUTION FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS INC.'S APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE

MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MOU BETWEEN TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE FOR ACADEMIC STUDIES AND THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE REGARDING USING OFFICE AND CLASSROOM SPACE AT THE RAYMONDVILLE RURAL TECHNICAL CENTER AS APPROVED BY THE EDC

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the MOU between Texas Southmost College for Academic Studies and the City of Raymondville regarding using office and classroom space at the Raymondville Rural Technical Center as approved by the EDC. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A BUSINESS REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM AS APPROVED BY THE EDC

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RBEG LOAN RECIPIENTS; GINMAR INVESTMENTS (WING CHAMPS), FRANK SOLIS (SOLIS REALTY), RRZV & TCZV BRO, LLC (LET'S ROLL DRIVING SCHOOL), EDUBIJEN ORTIZ (LAURA'S FLOWER SHOP), CECILA INFANTE & JESUS RODOLFO INFANTE (TUCKER'S), MARIO CASTILLO (BUBBA'S WESTERN WEAR), RAYMONDVILLE ADULT DAY CARE AS APPROVED BY THE EDC

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to ratify with EDC meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 6:05 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 15

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve a .75 cent pay increase per hour for addition duties for Jessica Rojas as approved by the EDC. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Tommy Gomez-SOARD Solutions, LLC.-Mc Allen, TX-June 5-9, 2017
2. Rick Moreno-Waste Water Treatment-Harlingen, TX-May 30-June 1, 2017

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR APRIL, 2017

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for April, 2017.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported that the fire hall is pretty much done and that the elections were held at the community room. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that the ribbon cutting would be soon.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Livestock cat and dog ordinance for review and possible changes.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Rina Castillo, EDC Executive Director, 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