

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 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, September 27, 2016, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor  
Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner  
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner  
Chris Tamez, Commissioner  
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
William Wepfer, City Attorney

Absent: Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary  
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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for September 13, 2016. Commissioner Tamez 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

**AUDIENCE**

Vanessa Tijjerina

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION THAT ESTABLISHES THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S HISTORIC COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution that establishes the boundaries of the City of Raymondville's Historic Commercial District. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion

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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 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION THAT DESIGNATES AREAS WITHIN THE DESIGNATED HISTORIC COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AS SLUM/BLIGHTED AND IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENTS**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution that designates areas within the designated Historic Commercial District as slum/blighted and in need of improvements. Commissioner Smith 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 RESOLUTION THAT AUTHORIZES THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR A 2016 TEXAS CAPITAL FUND-DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT TO CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK, LIGHTING AND HANDICAP-ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DESIGNATED HISTORIC COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution that authorizes the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a 2016 Texas Capital Fund-Downtown Revitalization Program Grant to construct sidewalk, lighting, and handicap-accessibility improvements in the designated Historic Commercial District. 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION THAT ADOPTS A PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN TO BE TO BE UTILIZED DURING INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH THE TEXAS CAPITAL FUND-DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the resolution that adopts a public access plan to be to be utilized during infrastructure construction projects funded through the Texas Capital Fund-Downtown Revitalization Program. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by

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the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AND CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED DURING IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM TEXAS CAPITAL FUND PROJECTS**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the adoption of a citizen participation plan and citizen complaint procedures to be followed during implementation of Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Texas Capital Fund Projects. 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS FOR THE 2016 TEXAS COMMUNITY DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM FUND AWARD**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to award administration to Grantworks and engineering services to Naismith for the 2016 Texas Community Downtown Revitalization Program Fund Award. 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 APPROVAL OF PROMOTION AND PAY INCREASE FOR THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES:**

- a) Water Distribution Serviceman Oscar Garcia to Backhoe Operator
- b) Vector Truck Assistant Jorge Galvan to Mechanic

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the promotion and pay increase of the above mentioned employees. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

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NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**BUDGET WORKSHOP ON 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

No action taken on this agenda item.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE, AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1205, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the passage, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1205, adopting a budget for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year, waiving the three readings and approval on one reading. 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1206, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL NECESSARY EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the passage, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1206, Making Appropriations of sums of money for all necessary expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016-17, waiving the three readings and approval on one reading. 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 APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1207, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF DEBT SERVICE TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENDITURES BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the passage, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1207, providing for the Levy, Assessment and collection of debt service taxes for debt service expenditures and maintenance and operation taxes for maintenance and operation expenditures by the City of

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Raymondville for Fiscal Year 2016-17, waiving the three readings and approval on one reading. 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1208, AMENDING THE 2015-16 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1196, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1208, amending the 2015-16 Budget Ordinance No. 1196, waiving the three readings and approval on one reading. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1209, AMENDING THE 2015-16 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 1197, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1209, amending the 2015-16 Appropriations Ordinance No. 1197, waiving the three readings and approval on one reading. 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

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ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DICUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED BY THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR-CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE FOLLOWING APPROVED GRANTS:**

- a) Firing Range Equipment Grant \$125,000
- b) Body Cameras Equipment Grant \$5,000
- c) National Incident Based Reporting System Grant \$5,000

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution as required by the Office of the Governor-Criminal Justice Division for the above approved grants. 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 APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE DEPARTMENTS**

Commissioner Cavazos approved the budget amendments for City of Raymondville departments. 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

**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. Tommy Gomez-Crimestoppers Training-Montgomery, TX-Oct. 9, 2016
- 2. Anthony Garcia-Surface Water Production-Harlingen, TX-Oct. 11-13, 2016

**APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

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

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

NAYS: None

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ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the financial report for Aug., 2016.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

**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 third week of 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.

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Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr.  
City Manager/Secretary