

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 22, 2017**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at City of Raymondville City Hall, 142 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor  
Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner  
Chris Tamez, Commissioner  
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner  
Eleazar Garcia, Commissioner  
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary  
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

ABSENT: Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney

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 AUGUST 8 AND AUGUST 15, 2017**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for August 8 and August 15, 2017. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSALS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the recommendation from Pete Jaramillo to award the insurance proposal to Entrust. 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 PROPOSED 2017 EFFECTIVE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to advertise the proposed 2017 effective tax rate for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Tamez 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 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE CITY OF LYFORD PERTAINING TO THE HOUSING OF THE CITY OF LYFORD PRISONERS IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE CITY JAIL**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the memorandum of understanding between the City of Raymondville and the City of Lyford pertaining to the housing of the City of Lyford prisoners in the City of Raymondville City Jail. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion 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 TO APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND WILLACY COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE SHOOTING RANGE DRIVEWAY AND ACCESS BY THE WILLACY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County for the purpose of maintaining the shooting range driveway and access by the Willacy County Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Cavazos 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 OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S BOND FOR LUCIO'S ELECTRIC**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the electrical contractor's bond for Lucio's Electric. 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 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET WORKSHOP**

No action taken.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE DEPARTMENTS**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the amendments for the City of Raymondville departments. 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 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE BG 18 RIFLE-RESISTANT BODY ARMOR GRANT PROGRAM TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application for the BG 18 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant program to the Office of the Governor.

Commissioner Alexandre 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 TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES**

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

- 1. Olga Fadely-State Laws and Rules (online course)

**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 Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos, Tamez, 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 July, 2017.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, was absent and had no reports.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the FEMA project has begun.

Andy Chavez, Assistant Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the city crew have been cleaning the storm drains.

**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