

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 12, 2017**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at Raymondville City Hall, 142 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor  
Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Chris Tamez, Commissioner  
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner  
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
William Wepfer, City Attorney  
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 NOVEMBER 28, 2017**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for November 28, 2017. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this city meeting.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for November, 2017. Total collected for November, 2017 was \$7,774.82.

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

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO CONDEMNATION ORDINANCE NO. 1032 ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 398 S. 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE PARKLOTS {RR Property}, BLOCK PARKLOT, N. ACRES .34, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, WILLACY COUNTY**

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:15 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO CONDEMNATION ORDINANCE NO. 1032 ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 398 S. 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE PARKLOTS (RR PROPERTY), BLOCK PARKLOT, N. ACRES .34, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, WILLACY COUNTY**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to allow 90 days to secure, demolish or repair the property located at 398 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER, HILARIO RIVERA, JR.**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to accept the resignation from Raymondville Police Officer, Hilario Rivera, Jr. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE POLICE OFFICER FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to hire police officer for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Alexandre, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER, VICTOR ESTRADA, TO THE NEWLY CREATED CRIME VICTIMS OFFICER POSITION AND AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE NEW POLICE OFFICER**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to transfer Raymondville Police Officer, Victor Estrada, to the newly created crime victims officer position and authorization to hire new police officer. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 1099, CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE SIGN ORDINANCE**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the amendment to Ordinance No. 1099, City of Raymondville Sign Ordinance. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTING OF APPLICATIONS AND SCHEDULING INTERVIEWS FOR RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION DIRECTOR POSITION**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the accepting of application and scheduling interviews for Raymondville Economic Development Corporation Director position. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INCUBATOR TENANT CONTRACT EXTENSIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND INCUBATOR TENANTS**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the incubator tenant contract extensions between the City of Raymondville and incubator tenants. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES**

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

1. Yesenia Hernandez-Regional Conference San Antoino, TX-Jan. 8-10, 2017

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

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

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

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

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

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Alexandre, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Annual Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, December 15, 2017.

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales mentioned that the December 26, 2017 council meeting would be canceled due to the holidays.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Cops for Tots would be held on December 21 from 5-8 pm.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the weedy lots have slow down and the city crew have been working on potholes.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners the plans on the hole on 10<sup>th</sup> street.

**RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ**

**REPORTS**

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

**RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

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