

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at Raymondville City Hall, 142 South 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 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
William Wepfer, City Attorney
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Absent: Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

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 JANUARY 23, 2018

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for January 23, 2018. 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

Steven Salinas, New York Life, introduced himself and thanked the Board of Commissioners for allowing them to work with the City of Raymondville employees.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felcita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for January, 2018. Total collected for January, 2018 was 11,435.00.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Municipal Court Report for the month of January, 2018. 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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2018
HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX BUDGET**

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:06 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:08 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2018 HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX BUDGET

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Willacy County Chamber of Commerce 2018 Hotel/Motel Occupancy Budget. Commissioner Smith 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CANVASSING OF ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2018

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the canvassing of election results for the City of Raymondville Officers' Special Election held on February 3, 2018. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDER DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2018

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the order declaring the results of the City of Raymondville Officers' special election held on February 3, 2018. Commissioner Smith 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 APPROVAL OF ORDER FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 24, 2018

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the order for the City of Raymondville Officers' Special Runoff election to be held on March 24, 2018. 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 APPROVAL OF ELECTION NOTICE FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 24, 2018

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the election notice for the City of Raymondville Officers' Special Runoff Election to be held on March 24, 2018. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 24, 2018

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the order establishing procedures for the City of Raymondville Officers' Special Runoff Election to be held on March 24, 2018. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS BY RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR-CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR THE FOLLOWING GRANTS:

- a) Local Border Security Program
- b) General Victims Assistance Direct Services Program
- c) Justice Assistance Grant Program
- d) Body Worn Camera Program
- e) State Homeland Security Program-LETPA
- f) State Homeland Security Program-Regular
- g) NB-National Incident Based Reporting System

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to submit grant applications by resolution to the Office of the Governor-Criminal Justice Division for the above named grants. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, ALBERT GONZALES, TO THE TEMPORARY STREET DEPARTMENT POSITION WITH PAY ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the transfer of Animal Control Officer, Albert Gonzales, to the temporary Street Department position with pay adjustment. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE/HIRE/TRANSFER FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER POSITION

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to advertise/hire/transfer for Animal Control Officer position. 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, ADRAIN GARIBAY

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the resignation from Street Department employee, Adrain Garibay. 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

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

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to advertise/hire/transfer for Street Department position. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR BOND FOR ANDRES TOVAR, dba ANDY'S ELECTRIC

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the electrical contractor bond for Andres Tovar, dba Andy's Electric. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EDC DIRECTOR POSITION AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2017 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the City of Raymondville Police Department's 2017 Racial Profiling Report. 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

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. Kassie Romo-Analyzing a Real Property Appraisal-Edinburg, TX-3/5-8, 2018
2. Chief Zamora.-Chief training course-McAllen, TX-Feb. 12-16, 2018
3. Daniel Conde-on-line course-Public Health Pest Control Category Training

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2018

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for January, 2018.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. 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 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 Tamez, Alexandre, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, gave an update on the run-off election and the street and sidewalk projects to the Board of Commissioners.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

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

Marcelino Flores, Detective, reported to the Board of Commissioners that arrests have been made in two different cases.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the parks are being worked and getting them ready for baseball season.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, presented to the Board of Commissioners before and after pictures of two properties that had been condemned.

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.

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary