

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 9, 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, January 9, 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
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 DECEMBER 12, 2017

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for December 12, 2017. 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

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 December, 2017. Total collected for December, 2017 was \$9,618.10.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Municipal Court Report for the month of December, 2017. 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 THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S NOMINATION TO CITY OF HIDALGO'S RIO GRANDE WALK OF FAME CEREMONY

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the nomination of Mayor Gilbert and Rosie Gonzales for the City of Hidalgo's Rio Grande Walk of Fame Ceremony. 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 BUDGET AMENDMENT OF THE RAYMONDVILLE EDC BUDGET AS APPROVED BY THE EDC

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the budget amendment of the Raymondville EDC Budget as approved by the EDC. 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 TO TRANSFER MATCHING FUNDS FROM RAYMONDVILLE EDC BUDGET TO THE FOLLOWING GRANTS AS APPROVED BY THE EDC:

- a) Downtown Revitalization Grant (Sidewalk Grant) \$75,000.00
- b) Planning Grant \$26,385.00

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the transfer matching funds from Raymondville EDC budget for the Downtown Revitalization Grant (Sidewalk Grant) \$75,000.00. 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

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the transfer matching funds from Raymondville EDC budget for the Planning Grant \$26,385.00. 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 APPROVAL OF RURAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER INCUBATOR EXTENSION FOR LA JARRA PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Rural Technology Center Incubator extension for La Jarra Project until January 31, 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, HECTOR TIJERINA

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to accept the resignation from Raymondville Police Department Animal Control Officer, Hector Tijerina. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE, ALBERT GONZALES, TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL POSITION WITH PAY ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the transfer Raymondville Police Department Maintenance employee, Albert Gonzales, to the Animal Control position. No pay adjustment was given at this time. 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK, YESENIA HERNANDEZ

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Municipal Court Clerk, Yesenia Hernandez. 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 HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- a) Municipal Court Clerk position
- b) Police Department Maintenance position

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for the Municipal Court Clerk position. 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

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for the Police Department Maintenance 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 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH AQUA METRIC TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE SENSUS METERING SYSTEMS USED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the contract with Aqua Metric to provide Technical Support Services for the Sensus Metering Systems used by the City of Raymondville. 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 CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH MARY H. ROMO TO TRAIN NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS CLERK

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the contract for services with Mary H. Romo to train new police department records clerk. 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 APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY WILLACY COUNTY REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY TO HOLD CLASS TRAINING FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES AT THE RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the request by Willacy County Regional Detention Facility to hold class training for their employees at the Rural Technology Building. 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 PRESENTATION BY CITY ENGINEERS, AMBIOTEC ENGINEERING, ON PROPOSED 2018 CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE STREET PAVING PROJECT

Commissioner Smith moved to approve for the city manager and the engineer to proceed with the paving project and get with financial advisor. 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. Diana Chavez-Texas Workforce Commission Training-McAllen, TX-Feb. 9, 2018
2. Armin Martinez and Denise Ledesma.-Tazer Course-Harlingen, TX-Feb. 6, 2018
3. Albert Gonzales-Rabies Clinic-Harlingen, TX-Jan. 16, 2018
4. Jose Gonzales and Adrain Garibay-Waste Water Collection-SPI, TX-Jan. 23-25, 2018
5. Andy Chavez-Floodplain Mgt. 101-Corpus Christi, TX-Jan. 25, 2018

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

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

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented with corrections. 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 Alexandre 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, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Raymondville Police Department assisted the county with the 8-liner raid.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that repairs to the water tower at the high school are being made.

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

Mayor Gonzales reported to the Board of Commissioners that they have only had a couple of applications apply for EDC Director.

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