

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 24, 2017**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at City of Raymondville City Hall, 142 South 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, October 24, 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, Commissioner
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

ABSENT: 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 OCTOBER 10, 2017 AND OCTOBER 16, 2017

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for October 10, 2017 and October 16, 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 meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM AND THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN, LOCAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, AVAILABLE FUNDING, ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES, PAST USE OF FUNDS AND DEVELOPMENT OF APPLICATIONS

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:02 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:05 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SELECTION OF BRICK PAVERS FOR DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK PROJECT

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the selection of brick pavers for Downtown Sidewalk Project. 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 ADDITIONAL PAY CERTIFICATION FOR CLASS I WASTEWATER COLLECTION OPERATOR, DANIEL CONDE

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the additional \$1.00 increase pay for certification for Class I Wastewater Collection Operator, Daniel Conde. Commissioner Alexandre 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF EXPENSES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEE ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the expenses for the City of Raymondville Employee Annual Appreciation Dinner. Commissioner Alexandre 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S ARTICLES OF FORMATION, ARTICLE TEN, SUBSECTIONS (A) AND (B), AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the amendments to the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation's Articles of Formation, Article Ten, Subsections (A) and (B), as

approved by the City of Raymondville EDC. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to appoint Chris Tamez in the place of Zeke Cavazos as a board member for the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, Tamez 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 Smith moved to approve the travel and training for City of Raymondville employees.

1. Hector Tijerina-LRCA training- Kingsville, TX-Nov. 3, 2017
2. Chief Zamora-Acid training-Austin, TX-Nov. 28, 2017
3. Judge Gutierrez-Omni Base-Oct. 13, 2017

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, 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 September, 2017.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, invited the Board of Commissioners to the Halloween Safe Haven

which will be held at the Smiley Face Park.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

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

Andy Chavez, Assistant Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the prisoners from CCA are working on the street signs.

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.

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary