

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 11, 2017**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at Raymondville Rural Technology Center, 700 FM 3168, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
William Wepfer, City Attorney

Absent: 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 MARCH 28, 2017

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for March, 2017. Total collected for March, 2017 was \$36,984.94.

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

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR CASTCON CONSTRUCTION ON RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY/FIRE HALL PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the change order no. 3 for Castcon Construction on Raymondville Public Safety/Fire Hall Project. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND COMMUNITIES AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE (CASA) TO BUILD CAPACITY, PROMOTE THE SHARING OF RESOURCES AND INSPIRE POSITIVE CHANGE SPECIFIC TO THE PREVENTION OF UNDERAGE DRINKING AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Raymondville and Communities Against Substance Abuse (CASA) to build capacity, promote the sharing of resources and inspire positive change specific to the prevention of underage drinking and substance abuse. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER 11 IN AN EFFORT TO ENHANCE DATA COLLECTION AND SHARING IN WILLACY COUNTY RELATED TO ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG USE TRENDS AND CONSEQUENCES

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the City of Raymondville and prevention resource center 11 in an effort to enhance data collection and

sharing in Willacy County related to alcohol, tobacco and other drug use trends and consequences. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to hire temporary employee for the Street Department. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE LIFEGUARDS FOR THE UPCOMING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL SEASON

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire lifeguards for the upcoming City of Raymondville Municipal Swimming Pool season. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON VTX LOGO DESIGN

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMUNITIES UNLIMITED MOU WITH THE RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the Communities Unlimited MOU with the Raymondville Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Smith 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RE-ASSIGNING DUTIES, DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:00 p.m

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 8

No action taken.

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. 2 police supervisors-TML-Harlingen, TX-May 15-26, 2017
2. Cat Nieto-CSI-Harlingen, TX-May 4 & 5, 2017

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

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for March, 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, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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 Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported that the city would be hosting Movie Night on Thursday and P.D. will be having an easter egg hunt for the public before the movie.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, was absent and had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the public works crews have been working on pot holes and also on liftstations.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Rina Castillo, EDC Executive Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on upcoming sidewalk project.

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