

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

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, February 9, 2016, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, 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 JANUARY 26, 2016

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for January 26, 2016. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF BIDS ON CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE SALVAGE AND SURPLUS PROPERTY SEALED BID

AUCTION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to open and award to the highest bidder after reviewed by a selected group by Chief Zamora. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REQUESTED BY WILLACY COUNTY FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY'S SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE RESTORE TEXAS COAST 2016 GRANT FUNDING FOR ELIGIBILITY OF THE PROPOSED NATURAL RESOURCE AND HERITAGE CENTER

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution requested by Willacy County for City of Raymondville support for the county's submission of a grant application to the Restore Texas Coast 2016 Grant funding for eligibility of the proposed Natural Resource and Heritage Center. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE NOMINATION TO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY WALK OF FAME IN HIDALGO, TEXAS

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to nominate Brenda Guerrero to the Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame in Hidalgo, Texas. 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 APPROVAL OF UNUSED VACATION PAY FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, ANDRES CHAVEZ

Commissioner Smith moved to approve of the unused vacation pay for Public Works Supervisor, Andres Chavez. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COREDC TO EXPEND 4B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT, RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT (RBEG) PROGRAM. PROJECT WILL CONSIST OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE THROUGHT THE CONTINUATION OF A REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:32 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:33 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO APPLY FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION EDA ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF COUNTY-WIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution authorizing the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation to apply for Technical assistance under the Economic Development Administration EDA Economic adjustment assistance program for the purpose of county-wide economic development. Commissioner Tamez 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 APPROVAL OF BUSINESS PROSPECTS REVOLVING LOAN REQUEST

- a. **J & M Speedy Lube Express & Auto Repair LLC/Javier Mendoza**
- b. **Tucker's Catering & Restaurant LLC. dbaTucker's Barbecue/Cecilia A. Infante**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the business prospects revolving loan request for J & M Speedy Lube Express & Auto Repair LLC/Javier Mendoza. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the business prospects revolving loan request for Tucker's Catering & Restaurant LLC. dba Tucker's Barbecue/Cecilia A. Infante. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Smith, Alexandre 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. City officials-TML Region 12-Palmhurst, Texas-Feb. 25, 2016
2. Joel Perales-Surface Water I-Edinburg, Texas-Feb. 23-25, 2016
3. Robert Elizondo and Jesus Bella Jr.-Wastewater Collections Course-Harlingen, TX-March 8-10th, 2016

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2016

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for January, 2016.

Commissioner Alexandre 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 Tamez, Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos, 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 Smith, Cavazos, Alexandre, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented an update to the Board of Commissioners in reference to the remodeling of the Veterans' Park.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that they have started the landscaping at the police safety building.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners on all the construction projects that are going on in the city.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Catalina Ozuna, EDC Executive Director, and Lonnie Flores from Reyna and Associates presented to the Board of Commissioners COREDC Activity Report.

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