

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 8, 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, March 8, 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
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
William 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 FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for February 23, 2016. Commissioner Alexandre 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

Judge Solis approached the Board of Commissioners for approval to place a memorial bench in memory of all Veterans from the members of Saint Anthony's Church.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felcita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for February, 2016. Total collected for February, 2016 was \$18,357.91.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF PROPOSALS ON 2015 PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND CDBG/TDA GRANT NO. 7215154 PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to award it to Grantworks 2015 Planning and Capacity Building Fund CDBG/TDA Grant No. 7215154 Program contract for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Alexandre 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 TO DESIGNATE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORS FOR THE 2015 TEXAS CDBG/TDA GRANT NO. 7215154 PROGRAM CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution to designate authorized signators for the 2015 Texas CDBG/TDA Grant No. 7215154 program contract for the City of Raymondville. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REQUIRED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution adopting the required Community Development Block Grant Civil Rights Polices. Commissioner Alexandre 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 PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Smith 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2015 RACIAL PROFILE REPORT

This agenda item was tabled.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE FROM STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JESUS GALLARDO

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request for Family Medical Leave from Street Department Employee, Jesus Gallardo. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR WAIVING OF PAVILION RENTAL FEES FOR MEDICAL FUNDRAISER

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request for waiving of pavilion rental fees for medical fundraiser. Commissioner Tamez 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 CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Change Order No. 5 on the City of Raymondville Public Safety Building Project. Commissioner Cavazos 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY ENGINEER'S

RECOMMENDATION ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE RENOVATION PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the recommendation by the City Engineer's to reject all bids and rebid. Commissioner Cavazos 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 JOB CREDIT FUNDING ASSISTANCE REQUEST MADE BY MG GROUP, HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES, LOCATED AT 220 N. EXPRESSWAY 77, RAYMONDVILLE, TX 78580

This agenda item was tabled.

DISSCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION MADE BY ELMA CHAVEZ ON THE PURCHASE OF AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE RAYMONDVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2016-2017 TOURISM GUIDE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the purchase of an advertisement in the Raymondville Chamber of Commerce 2016-2017 Tourism Guide. 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 UPDATE ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC'S ROUND 1 RBEG REVOLVING LOAN RECIPIENTS:

- a. Juan Figueroa Floor Management Consultant
- b. Heaven Lee Sent Home Health Care LLC
- c. Frank Solis
- d. Irma Ambriz Raymondville Adult Daycare
- e. GinMar Investment, LLC Wing Champs
- f. Laura's Floral Desgin
- g. Let's Roll Driving School

An update was given to the Board of Commissioner by EDC Director Catalina Ozuna.

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. Judge Gutierrez and Yesenia Hernandez-Texas Municipal Courts Education-Georgetown, Texas-April 4 & 5, 2016
2. Letty Muniz-Truth in Taxation-Austin, Texas-June 27-29, 2016
3. Letty Muniz-RTA/Review-Austin, Texas-July 18-21, 2016
4. Olga Fadely-9-Advanced Assessment & Collections-Austin, Texas-June 6-8, 2016

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

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

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Alexandre 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 Alexandre approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Cavazos 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 Veterans' Park. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that the adult softball team games are half way through. Mr. Garcia went over the mandatory language for a Maximum Contaminant Level Violation letter that had been mailed out to the citizens of Raymondville.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the camera system is almost complete and should be up and running soon. Chief Zamora also mentioned that he will be bringing the policy for the jail cell at the next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that bad weather has been

reported for tonight and tomorrow. Mr. Soto also mentioned that the public works crew was on standby.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Dollar Tree have already gotten there permits and signs have already been put up. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that Movie Night will be on Thursday, March 24.

**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, reported to the Board of Commissioners an update on the loans.

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