

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2015**

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, October 13, 2015, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor  
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner  
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner  
Chris Tamez, Commissioner  
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager  
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary  
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Absent: Clifton Smith, Commissioner

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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for September 22, 2015. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**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 September, 2015. Total collected for September, 2015 was \$6,676.38.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for September,

2015. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF THE FOLLOWING TRACT OF LAND INTO THE CITY OF RAYMODNVILLE, TEXAS:**

*A 20.06 acre tract of land, more or less, out of Lot Number Six (6), Block Number One (1), and Lot Number Five (5), Block Number Two (2), of the Raymond Hallam Land Company Subdivision, San Juan de Carricitos Grant, Willacy County, Texas as per the plat thereof recorded in Volume Q, Page 416, Map Records, Cameron County, Texas*

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:11 p.m.

**DICUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING TRACT OF LAND INTO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS:**

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This agenda item was passed.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1201, "AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, AND ANNEXING ADDITIONAL ADJACENT TERRITORY TO SAID CITY, ALL OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN ARTICLE I, SECTION 6 (a) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, AND THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve on one reading waving the required three readings. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

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ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve Ordinance No. 1201. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Tamez, Alexandre, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST BY OWNERS, GUILLERMO AND AMELIA ESPARZA, FOR A VARIANCE TO REDUCE THE FRONT TWENTY FIVE (25') FOOT SETBACK AT 781 S. 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS FAIRVIEW SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 5, LOTS 31 THRU 32, TRACT 2, NORTH 1/2, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS IN WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS IN ORDER TO INSTALL A MOBILE HOME AT THE ABOVE STATED LOCATION**

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:14 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:15 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNERS, GUILLERMO AND AMELIA ESPARZA, FOR A VARIANCE TO REDUCE THE FRONT TWENTY FIVE (25') FOOT SETBACK AT 781 S. 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, DESCRIBED AS FAIRVIEW SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 5, LOTS 31 THRU 32, TRACT 2, NORTH ½, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS IN WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS IN ORDER TO INSTALL A MOBILE HOME AT THE ABOVE STATED LOCATION**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request from owners, Guillermo and Amelia Esparza, for a variance to reduce the front twenty five (25') foot setback at 781 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Tamez, Alexandre, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING VETERAN'S DAY IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming Veteran's Day in the City

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of Raymondville, Texas. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S NOMINATION TO THE WILLACY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution nominating Mayor Gilbert Gonzales to the Willacy County Appraisal District's Board of Directors. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE COMMUNITIES AGAINST SUBSTANCE ABUSE (CASA)**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the memorandum of understanding between the City of Raymondville and the Communities Against Substance Abuse (CASA). Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SOLUTIONS OF SOUTH TEXAS**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the memorandum of understanding between the City of Raymondville and Behavioral Health Solutions of South Texas. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER-REGION 11 AND THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the memorandum of understanding between the City of Raymondville and the Prevention Resource Center-Region 11 and the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM PASTOR ELIZABETH MUNOZ, OF THE FIRST ASSEMBLY CHURCH OF RAYMONDVILLE, FOR THE USE OF THE SMILEY PARK PAVILION ON OCTOBER 31, 2015, FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM, TO CONDUCT A COMMUNITY WIDE FAMILY "SHINE THE LIGHT EVENT," AND WAIVING OF PAVILION RENTAL FEES**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request from Pastor Elizabeth Munoz, of the First Assembly Church of Raymondville, for the use of the Smiley Park Pavilion on October 31, 2015, from 6 pm to 8 pm, to conduct a community wide family "Shine the Light Event," and waiving of pavilion rental fees. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, LUIS HERNANDEZ**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to accept the resignation from street department employee, Luis Hernandez. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER JOHN OLVERA FROM TEMPORARY TO FULL-TIME STREET DEPARTMENT POSITION WITH PAY ADJUSTMENT**

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Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to transfer John Olvera from temporary to full-time Street Department position with pay adjustment. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JUAN ANGUIANO TO STREET DEPARTMENT TEMPORARY POSITION**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to transfer Water Distribution Department employee, Juan Anguiano to Street Department temporary position. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER TEMPORARY STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, MANUEL SORIA, TO FULL-TIME WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT WITH PAY ADJUSTMENT**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to transfer temporary Street Department employee, Manuel Soria, to full-time Water Distribution Department with pay adjustment. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION PAY INCREASE FOR RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, ROSA SAUCEDA**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the certification pay increase for Raymondville Police Department Communications Officer, Rosa Saucedo. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

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

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 6:10 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 7:07 p.m.

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 17**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to terminate Roman Garcia. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

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

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 7:08 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 7:15 p.m.

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 19**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to terminate Javier Gonzales. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE, TRANSFER, OR ADVERTISE FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION DEPARTMENT AND WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT IF NECESSARY**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve authorization to hire, transfer, or advertise for Wastewater Collection Department and Water Distribution Department if necessary. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY LEASE INSTALLMENT PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE OPERATOR, LUPE SERNA**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the quarterly lease installment payment to the City of Raymondville's Municipal Golf Course Operator, Lupe Serna. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM GLOBAL FAMILY VISION, INC., FOR OFFICE SPACE AT RAYMONDVILLE CITY HALL**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request from Global Family Vision, Inc., for office space at Raymondville City Hall pending when the police department personnel moves into the police station. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONTRACTING INVESTOR LOAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE ALL SERVICES RELATED TO ALL REVOLVING LOAN RECIPIENTS**

This agenda item was tabled.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE REYNA NETWORK AND THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO REQUEST 3<sup>RD</sup> RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT (RBDG)**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the contract between the Reyna Network and the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation to prepare and submit an application to the United State Department of Agriculture to request 3<sup>rd</sup> Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG). Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:



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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF EDA PLANNING GRANT PROPOSAL OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE BY THE REYNA NETWORK**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the EDA Planning Grant proposal of the City of Raymondville by The Reyna Network. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONTRACTING LAW OFFICE OF RICHARD D. SCHELL TO ACCELERATE AND FORECLOSE ON ANY DELINQUENT REVOLVING LOAN RECIPIENTS**

This agenda item was tabled.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING FUNDING REQUEST MADE BY VIDA FOR THEIR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the funding request made by VIDA for their educational program. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**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. Judge Gutierrez-New Judge Conference- Austin, TX-Dec. 7-11, 2015
2. Yesenia Hernandez-Regional Clerks Seminar-Austin, TX- Nov. 8-10, 2015
3. Dustin Rodriguez and Freddy Villanueva-Basic Water Works Operations-Oct. 27-29, 2015
4. Andy Chavez-Code Enforcement, IRC-Brownsville, TX-Oct. 21& 22, 2015

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2015**

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for September, 2015.

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, Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**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 Cavazos, Alexandre, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, had no reports.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, updated the Board of Commissioners on Church's Chicken and CVS all permits have been approved.

**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, was absent and had no reports.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville,

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Mayor Gilberto Gonzales declared this regular meeting adjourned.

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Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr.  
City Manager/Secretary