

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 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, September 13, 2016, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, 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
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Absent: Eziquiel Cavazos, 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 AUGUST 23, 2016 AND SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for August 23, 2016 and September 6, 2016. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos

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 August, 2016. Total collected for August, 2016 was \$12,151.08.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

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

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:03 p.m.

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PUBLIC HEARING ON TEXAS COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT/TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S CDBG PROGRAM

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:04 p.m.

No public comments.

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve awarding Ambiotec the engineering services for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF CHEMICAL BIDS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to award the bid to the lowest bidders for the City of Raymondville Water Treatment Plant. 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: Commissioner Cavazos

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-OFFICE OF RURAL AFFAIRS DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT WITHIN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve awarding of application and administrative services to Grantworks for the Texas Department of Agriculture-Office of Rural Affairs Downtown Revitalization Project within the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-OFFICE OF RURAL AFFAIRS DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT WITHIN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve awarding the engineering services to Naismith for the Texas Department of Agriculture-Office of Rural Affairs Downtown Revitalization Project within the City of Raymondville. 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: Commissioner Cavazos

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DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SPREADING ON MINUTES AWARDING OF BID ON ELECTRICITY PROPOSAL FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the electricity proposal of 0.374 for 36 months to Ambit Energy. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE

DEPARTMENT AND TROPICAL TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the amendment to the interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville Police Department and Tropical Texas Behavioral Health. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND LUPE SERNA

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to the renewal of Raymondville Municipal Golf Course lease agreement between the City of Raymondville and Lupe Serna. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACTION TO APPROVE OR DENY BID(S)/OFFER(S) RECEIVED BY CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES STRUCK OFF TO WILLACY COUNTY FOR ITSELF AND OTHER TAXING JURISDICTIONS:

a) Legal Description: TRACT 1: THE NORTH 90.00 FEET OF LOTS 47, 48, AND 49, BLOCK 4, HOWARD SUBDIVISION OF OUTLOT 'E', A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 126, PAGE 712, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 10311)

b) Legal Description: LOTS 38 AND 39, BLOCK 10, COLONIA HIDALGO ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 198, PAGE 96, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT. NO. 11868)

c) Legal Description: TRACT 1: LOTS 45 AND 46, BLOCK 7, SANTA ANNA ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 21, PAGE 49, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT. NO. 10892)

d) Legal Description: TRACT 2: LOTS 50 AND 51, BLOCK 4, HOWARD SUBDIVISION OF OUTLOT 'E', A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 129, PAGE 92, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 28953)

e) Legal Description: TRACT 2: LOTS 9, 10, 11 AND THE EAST 20 FEET OF LOT 8, BLOCK 44, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY,

TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 168, PAGE 596, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT. NO. 11760)

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f) Legal Description: THE EAST 15.00 FEET OF LOT 6 AND ALL OF LOTS 7, 8 AND 9, BLOCK 49, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 182, PAGE 255, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 13393)

g) Legal Description: TRACT 1: 0.67 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 5, BLOCK 1, RAYMOND TOWN AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION IN WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN DEED DATED AUGUST 6, 2013, FROM MARTIN NIETO, BY SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE TO JOHN A. FERRIS, JR., ET UX, IN VOLUME 623, PAGE 427, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 18136)

h) Legal Description: LOTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK 3, RIO GRANDE SUBDIVISION, CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN DEED DATED JULY 16, 1986 FROM NETTIE SILGUERO SALINAS TO GINGER ANEL SALINAS ET AL, RECORDED IN VOLUME 158, PAGE 309, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 17988)

i) Legal Description: LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK 29, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 61, PAGE 85, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 17153)

j) Legal Description: 0.1334 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, BEING THE WEST 20.10 FEET FO THE SOUTH 289.00 FEET OF LOT 3, BLOCK 2, THOMPSON PARK SUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 22, MAP RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT. NO. 29446)

k) Legal Description: LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 11, COLONIA HIDALGO ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 136, PAGE 469, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS (ACCT NO. 18367)

l) Legal Description: TRACT 1: LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 11, COLONIA HIDALGO ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 138, PAGE 432, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 10087 and #36882)

m) Legal Description: LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 8, SANTA ANNA ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 88, PAGE 643, DEED RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 17122)

n) Legal Description: LOT 14, JOHN ROBERTS SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 3, PAGE 29, PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 36248)

o) Legal Description: LOTS 7, 8 AND 9, BLOCK 4, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN

VOLUME 565, PAGE 258, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS
(ACCT. NO. 19430)

p) **Legal Description:** LOTS 6 AND 7, BLOCK 5, GUERRA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION IN WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 3, PAGE 28, MAP RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 51994)

q) **Legal Description:** LOT 18, RANCHETTE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION IN WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 3, PAGE 30, MAP RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 32640)

r) **Legal Description:** LOTS 23, AND 24, BLOCK 1, LAS PALMAS SUBDIVISION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 76, PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS. (ACCT. NO. 19088)

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Commissioner Smith moved to approve the recommendation by the tax attorney to go with the highest offers received. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BID (S)/OFFER RECEIVED ON PROPERTIES STRUCK-OFF TO THE WILLACY COUNTY

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve resolution approving the highest bid offers received on properties struck-off to the Willacy County. 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: Commissioner Cavazos

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING FUNDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY/FIRE HALL AT 523 W. HIDALGO AVENUE IN ORDER TO PROMOTE OR DEVELOP NEW OR EXPANDED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the funding not to exceed \$250,000.00 improvements to the Raymondville Public Safety Facility/Fire Hall at 523 W. Hidalgo Avenue in order to promote or develop new or expanded business development. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADVERTISEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT, CHAPTER 505 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.159 (a), TO HEAR COMMENTS FOR OR AGAINST FUNDING OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY/FIRE HALL AT 523 W. HIDALGO AVENUE RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve advertisement of public notice and setting of public hearing by The City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation in accordance with the Development Corporation Act, Chapter 505 of the Local Government Code, Section 505.159 (a), to hear comments for or against funding of improvements to the Raymondville Public Safety Facility/Fire Hall at 523 W. Hidalgo Avenue Raymondville, Texas 78580. 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: Commissioner Cavazos

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

No action taken on this agenda item.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

This agenda item was passed.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No travel and training at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX

ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR AUGUST, 2016

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

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 Tamez, Alexandre, Smith, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos

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, Tamez, Alexandre, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos

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, had no reports.

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 Ms. Reyna from Reyna and Associates gave the Board of Commissioners an update on current loan projects.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Mayor Gilberto Gonzales declared this regular meeting adjourned.

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Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary

