

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 24, 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, January 24, 2017, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

Absent: Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner  
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 JANUARY 10, 2017**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for January 10, 2017. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Smith

**AUDIENCE**

Judge Gutierrez made the Board of Commissioners aware that Warrant Round Up will be coming up in March, 2017.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1210, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO MAGIC VALLEY ELECTRIC**

**COOPERATIVE, INC., (“THE COMPANY”), A CORPORATION DULY INCORPORATION UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO FURNISH, SELL AND DISTRIBUTE ELECTRICAL ENERGY TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS, TERMS AND PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1210, An Ordinance granting to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., (The Company”), a corporation duly incorporation under the laws of the State of Texas, its successors and assigns, the non-exclusive right to furnish, sell and distribute electrical energy to the City of Raymondville and to all residents of the city, subject to the conditions, terms and provisions contained in this franchise agreement. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO SUBMIT A PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization for the City of Raymondville to submit a program application to the Texas Community Development Block Grant program to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Department of Agriculture for the community development fund. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT’S 2016 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the City of Raymondville Police Department’s 2016 Racial Profiling Report. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

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ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM TEMPORARY STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JOSE A. RODRIGUEZ**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to accept the resignation from temporary street department employee, Jose A. Rodriguez. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE TEMPORARY STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire temporary street department employee. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE PAVILION RENTAL FEES FOR MEDICAL FUNDRAISER FOR FORMER EMPLOYEE MIKE GOMEZ'S FAMILY ON FEBRUARY 4, 2017**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to waive pavilion rental fees for medical fundraiser for former employee Mike Gomez's family on February 4, 2017.

Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO SPONSOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEE TEAM FOR THE ANNUAL AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT AND APPROVAL OF CITY EXPENSES FOR THE RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to sponsor City of Raymondville employee team for the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event and approval of city expenses for the relay for life team. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the

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following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR BOND FOR DOUBLE L. LAND COMPANY**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the electrical contractor bond for Double L. Land Company. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Smith

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071, TO CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION**

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:17 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:34 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 9**

No action taken on this agenda item.

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the travel and training for City of Raymondville employees.

1. Communication officers-NCIC/TAC full Access-McAllen, TX-Jan. 16& 17, 2017
2. Andy Chavez-CSI-San Antonio, TX-March 13& 14, 2017
3. Rina Castillo-TX EDC Development-Sugarland, TX-Feb. 7-10, 2017

**APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

Commissioner Cavazos 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, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Smith

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**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.

**RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ**

**REPORTS**

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

**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:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr.  
City Manager/Secretary