

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JULY 14, 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, July 14, 2015, 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
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
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 Commissioner Clifton Smith.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JUNE 23, 2015 AND JULY 6, 2015

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for June 23, 2015 and July 6, 2015. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

Vanessa Tijerina, approached the Board of Commissioners with some concerns on the Raymondville Police Department Civilian Ride Along Program.

The Board of Commissioners presented Orlando A. Correa with a basket of appreciation for all the years he served as the Mayor for the City of Raymondville.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felicita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal

Court monthly report for June, 2015. Total collected for June, 2015 was \$11,733.46.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for June, 2015. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REJECTION OF BIDS ON TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD NEW WATER WELL PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION TO RE-ADVERTISE AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY ENGINEER

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the recommendation by the city engineers to reject the bids and re-bid. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY CITY ENGINEER ON THE FOLLOWING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PROJECTS:

- a) Sports Complex Project
- b) Police Department Building Project
- c) TDA Well Project

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND WILLACY COUNTY ON THE MAINTENANCE OF ROADS, STREETS AND RIGHT-OF-WAYS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County on the maintenance of roads, streets and right-of-ways. 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 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH REGION 4 EDUCATION CENTER FOR SERVICES GRANTED UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE, TITLE 7, CHAPTER 791 INTERLOCAL COOPERATION

CONTRACTS

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the interlocal agreement with Region 4 Education Center for services granted under Government Code, Title 7, Chapter 791 interlocal cooperation contracts. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CIVILIAN RIDE ALONG PROGRAM, GENERAL ORDERS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the City of Raymondville Police Department's Civilian Ride Along Program, General Orders, Policies and Procedures. 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER, BENJAMIN TALIANCICH

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Raymondville Police Officer, Benjamin Taliancich. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE NEW POLICE OFFICER FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire new police officer for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Tamez 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 REQUEST FOR MATERNITY LEAVE FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, ROSA M. SAUCEDO

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request for maternity leave from Raymondville Police Department Communications Officer, Rosa M. Saucedo. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING UPDATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES RESOLUTION FOR TDA GRANT NO.'S 713067 AND 713391

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the updating authorized signatories resolution for TDA Grant No.'s 713067 and 713391. 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 QUARTERLY LEASE INSTALLMENT PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the quarterly lease installment payment to the City of Raymondville Municipal Golf Course. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR, GILBERT GONZALES, TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IN PLACE OF FORMER MAYOR, ORLANDO A. CORREA

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the appointment of newly elected Mayor, Gilbert Gonzales, to the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors, in place of former Mayor, Orlando A. Correa. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF VALLEY GRANDE INSTITUTE TO THE MARQUEE AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorizing the addition of Valley Grande Institute to the marquee at the City of Raymondville's Rural Technology Building. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Felicita Gutierrez and Yesenia Hernandez-Municipal Court -Austin, Texas-August 21, 2015
2. Andy Chavez-Code Enforcement-Mercedes, Texas-August 20 & 21, 2015

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

This agenda item was passed.

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Cavazos approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners that group health spec packets will be advertised next week. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that next meeting he

will be bring the budget info.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, updated the Board of Commissioners on the allegations made toward an officer was investigated by the Texas Rangers and no wrong doing was found.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the parking lines at the park are being painted and handicapped signs will be installed. Mr. Soto also mentioned that the have been working on pot holes and cleaning curbs.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners an update on the Holiday Inn and the remodeling of Church's Chicken. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that Wing Champs will be opening on Monday.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ
REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
REPORTS

Catalina Ozuna, Economic Director, 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.

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary