

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR JULY 28, 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 28, 2015, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor  
Clifton Smith, 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: Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner  
Yolanda Alexandre, 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 Commissioner Clifton Smith.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JULY 14, 2015**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for July 14, 2015. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Cavazos

**AUDIENCE**

Manuel Tijerina approached the Board of Commissioners with a suggestion of changing the name of Main Street to Hector Leija.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST BY OWNERS, CERVANTES AND ZAMORA, LTD.,**

**JUDITH A. SNOW, JERRY D. BRACKHAHN, AND E.V. BONNER, JR., FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CVS RAYMONDVILLE SUBDIVISION PLAT, BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF 1.198 AC. (52,180.1 SQ.FT.), CONSISTING OF 0.5263 AC. (22,924.3 SQ. FT.) OUT OF LOTS 1,2,3,4,5 AND 6; 0.3204 AC. (13, 958.4 SQ.FT.) OUT OF LOTS 7,8,9, AND 10; 0.2713 AC. (11,818.7 SQ. FT.) OUT OF LOTS 11, 12 AND 13; 0.080 AC. (3,478.7 SQ. FT.) OUT OF A 20 FOOT ALLEY, ALL IN BLOCK 34, TOWN OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 71, WILLACY COUNTY MAP RECORDS**

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

No one spoke.

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:12 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST BY OWNER, MARIA R. GARCIA, FOR THE REZONING OF BUENA VISTA #2 SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOT 11 THRU 12, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO DESCRIBED AS 863 W. RAYMOND, FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO COMMERCIAL ZONE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF OPERATING A CHILD HOME CARE PROGRAM**

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:13 p.m.

No one spoke.

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNERS, CERVANTES AND ZAMORA, LTD., JUDITH A. SNOW, JERRY D. BRACKHAHN, AND E.V. BONNER, JR., FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CVS RAYMONDVILLE SUBDIVISION PLAT, BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF 1.198 AC. (52,180.1 SQ. FT.), CONSISTING OF 0.5263 AC. (22,924.3 SQ. FT.) OUT OF LOTS 1,2,3,4,5 AND 6; 0.3204 AC. (13,958.4 SQ. FT.) OUT OF LOTS 11, 12 AND 13; 0.080 AC. (3,478.7 SQ. FT.) OUT OF A 20 FOOT ALLEY, ALL IN BLOCK 34, TOWN OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 71, WILLACY COUNTY MAP RECORDS**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request from owners, Cervantes and Zamora, LTD., Judith A. Snow, Jerry D. Brackhahn, and E.V. Bonner, Jr., for the approval of the CVS Raymondville Subdivision Plat, being a resubdivision of 1.198 AC. (52,180.1 sq. ft.), consisting of 0.5263 ac. (22,924.3 sq. ft.) out of Lots 1,2,3,4,5 and 6; 0.3204 ac. (13,958.4 sq. ft.) out of Lots 7, 8, 9, and 10; 0.2713 ac. (11,818.7 sq. ft.) out of Lots 11, 12 and 13; 0.080 ac. (3,478.7 sq. ft.) out of a 20 foot alley, all in Block 34, town of Raymondville, Willacy County, Texas as recorded in Volume 1, Page 71, Willacy County Map Records. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos and Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNER, MARIA R. GARCIA, FOR THE REZONING OF BUENA VISTA #2 SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOT 11 THRU 12, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO DESCRIBED AS 863 W. RAYMOND, FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO COMMERCIAL ZONE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF OPERATING A CHILD HOME CARE PROGRAM**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request from owner, Maria R. Garcia, for the rezoning of Buena Vista #2 Subdivision, Block 1, Lot 11 thru 12, as recorded in the map of plat records Willacy County, Texas, also described as 863 W. Raymond, from residential zone to commercial zone for the sole purpose of operating a child home care program. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Cavazos

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF SKATE PARK COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SKATE PARK DESIGN**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to set up a committee to assist in making recommendations for skate park design. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Cavazos

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR 9-1-1 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (LRGVDC)**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the interlocal agreement for 9-1-1 public safety answering point services between the City of Raymondville and the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC). Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH COMMUNITY ROOM AND FIRE STATION REMODELING/RENOVATION PROJECT**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to proceed with community room and fire station remodeling/renovation project. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO TASK ORDER NO. 3, ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY ROOM AND FIRE STATION REMODELING/RENOVATION PROJECT**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the amendment No. 1 to task order No. 3, additional engineering services for the community room and fire station remodeling/renovation project. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE-DR-1780 HURRICANE DOLLY LIFT STATION #18 PROJECT**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the change order No. 3 on the City of Raymondville-DR-1780 Hurricane Dolly Lift Station #18 Project. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE SPORTS COMPLEX CONCESSION BUILDING/PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

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Commissioner Smith moved to approve the change order No. 1 on the City of Raymondville Sports Complex Concession Building/Park Improvements Project. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Cavazos

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE 2015 NET TAXABLE VALUE AS CERTIFIED BY WILLACY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT CHIEF APPRAISER, AGUSTIN LOPEZ, RPA/CCA**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the City of Raymondville 2015 net taxable value as certified by Willacy County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser, Agustin Lopez, RPA/CCA. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Cavazos

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE DEPARTMENTS**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the budget amendments for the City of Raymondville Departments. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos and Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING 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. Andrew Maldonado-Supervisor Course-Bryan, Texas-September 22-24, 2015
2. Mr. Garcia and Mayor Gonzales-Dallas, Texas-August 12, 2015

**APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

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

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

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NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Cavazos and Alexandre

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners the financial report for June 2015. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that the next city meeting there will be a budget workshop.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Gala would be held that Friday. Mr. Zamora also mentioned that Christmas in August would be on August 14 for school supplies.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that pot holes are being filled, weedy lots are being cut and patch work on streets are being done as well.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners an update of the cleaning of the canals.

**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