

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JUNE 28, 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, June 28, 2016, 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, Jr., City Manager
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
William Wepfer, City Attorney

Absent: Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary

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 JUNE 14, 2016

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for June 14, 2016. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY FREEDOM MINISTRY'S PASTOR FRANK RODRIGUEZ FOR WAIVING RENTAL FEES ON THE USE OF THE SMILEY FACE PAVILION TO CONDUCT A COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request by Freedom Ministry's Pastor Frank

Rodriguez for waiving rental fees on the use of the Smiley Face Pavilion to conduct a community outreach event. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION OPERATORS, JESUS BELLA, JR. AND ROBERT ELIZONDO, SR.

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the certification pay adjustment of a dollar increase for wastewater collection operators, Jesus Bella, Jr. and Robert Elizondo, Sr. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE 4TH OF JULY EVENT EXPENDITURES

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the City of Raymondville 4th of July event expenditures. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO REMOVE ONE WAY SIGN AT THE OLD MYRA GREEN MIDDLE SCHOOL (BEARKIT BLVD.) BETWEEN RODRIGUEZ AVENUE AND HARRIS AVENUE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to remove one way sign at the old Myra Green Middle School (Bearkit Blvd.) between Rodriguez Avenue and Harris Avenue. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TRANSFER FOR WATER

DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, MANUEL SORIA, JR. TO THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the transfer for Water Distribution employee, Manuel Soria, Jr. to the Cemetery Department. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE EMPLOYEE FOR THE WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire employee for the Water Distribution Department. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ON TWDB DWSRF PROJECT NO. 62601 NEW WATER WELL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the change order No. 1 on TWDB DWSRF Project No. 62601 new water well improvements project. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

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

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:38 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:15 p.m.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 8

No action taken.

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. Olga Fadely-Ethics-San Benito, Texas-Aug. 1 & 2, 2016
2. Judge Gutierrez-Imp. driving-Austin, Texas-Aug. 4 & 5, 2016
3. Officer Montoya-K-9 course-Hidalgo county –July 11 for 6 weeks
4. Chief Zamora-Police Chief Training-San Marcos, Texas-July 25-29, 2016
5. Andy Chavez- Costumer Service Inspection-Galveston, Texas-July 11 & 12, 2016

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the 4th of July events will be held on July 3rd at the Veterans’ Park. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that the parade will go from city hall to north 1st street toward the Veterans’ Park.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the officers will be doing security at the 4th of July event and also assisting with the fireworks.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that they have installed the exercise machines at the Veterans’ Park. Mr. Soto also mentioned that the city crew has been working on weedy lots and potholes.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported an update to the Board of Commissioners on the CVS project. Mr. Chavez will also be driving around looking for abandoned vehicles.

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.

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary