

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 8, 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, December 8, 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 Wepfer, City Attorney
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Absent: Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

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 NOVEMBER 24, 2015

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for November 24, 2015. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

Vanessa Tijerina, approached the Board of Commissioners with a concern on the Raymondville Police Department and Raymondville Fire Department.

A concern citizen approached the Board of Commissioners with a complaint on the 1200 block of North 3rd Street being used as a commercial zone.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF JOB RELATED SKILLS TRAINING PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,000.00 TO VALLEY INITIATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCEMENT (VIDA)

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the second reading of the resolution authorizing the Funding of Job Related Skills Training Project in the amount not to exceed \$28,000.00 to Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement (VIDA). Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECONDED READING OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF A PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND GRANT PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AS A SUBCHAPTER C, CHAPTER 501 PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,385.00

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the second reading of the resolution authorizing the funding of a Planning and Capacity Building Fund Grant Project for the City of Raymondville as a Subchapter C, Chapter 501 Project, in the amount not to exceed \$26,385.00. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF BIDS ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the resolution authorizing the funding of a Planning and Capacity Building Fund Grant for the City of Raymondville as a subchapter C, Chapter 501 Project, in the amount not to exceed \$26,385.00. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF BIDS ON

THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S SKATE PARK PROJECT, LOCATED AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S VETERANS' PARK

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to accept the bid have the city engineers review it and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PROCURE CONSULTANT SERVICES TO PREPARE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS AWARDED UNDER THE 2015 TEXAS CDBG PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to procure consultant services to prepare the comprehensive plan as awarded under the 2015 Texas CDBG Planning and Capacity Building Fund. 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 DESIGNATION OF SELECTION REVIEW TEAM FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND GRANT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to designate Mr. Garcia, Delma Garza, Joel Soto, Mayor Gonzales and Commissioner Tamez as the review team for the City of Raymondville's Texas Community Development Block Grant Planning and Capacity Building Fund Grant. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CAMERON AND WILLACY COUNTIES COMMUNITIES PROJECTS (CWCCP) REQUEST FOR CONTINUED OFFICE SPACE RENTAL AT RAYMONDVILLE CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Cameron and Willacy Counties Communities Projects (CWCCP) request for continued office space rental at Raymondville City Hall, 2nd Floor and follow the same terms. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL STREET LIGHT ON 16TH STREET BETWEEN GEM AVENUE AND WOOD AVENUE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to install street light on 16th Street between Gem Avenue and Wood Avenue as recommended by the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Alexandre 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: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE RETIREMENT WATCHES FOR FOUR (4) CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE RETIREES

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to purchase retirement watches for four (4) City of Raymondville retirees. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, BENMAR ELECTRIC, LLC

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the electrical contractor, Benmar Electric, LLC. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CANCELLATION OF THE DECEMBER 22, 2015 REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the cancellation of the December 22, 2015 regular city commission meeting. Commissioner Alexander seconded the motion which carried by the following

vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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 NOVEMBER, 2015

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for November, 2015.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Alexandre 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, Cavazos, Alexandre, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners an update on the Veterans' Park.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, was absent and no report was given.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that he had met with FEMA in reference to the street damages in the City of Raymondville. Mr. Soto also mentioned that the cleaning of the water plant walls inside the tanks were complete.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, was absent.

**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, presented to the Board of Commissioners an update on current 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.

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary