

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 24, 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, November 24, 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  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Absent: William Wepfer, City Attorney

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 10, 2015**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for November 10, 2015. Commissioner Alexandre 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**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 369 WEST SAUZ AVENUE, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 5, LOTS 14 THRU 15, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS**

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:04 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:05 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CONDEMNATION ORDER FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 369 WEST SAUZ AVENUE, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 5, LOTS 14 THRU 15, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to allow an addition 30 days to clean up at the property located at 369 West Sauz Avenue, Raymondville, Texas 78580, also described as Raymondville Original Townsite, Block 5, Lots 14 thru 15, Raymondville, Texas. Commissioner Cavazos 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 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 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 Smith 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 APPROVAL OF 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 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:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE DR-1780 HURRICANE DOLLY LIFT STATION #18 PROJECT**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the change order no. 4 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 Cavazos, Smith, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 9 ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to the change order no. 9 on the City of Raymondville Public Safety Building Project. 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 MATERNITY LEAVE REQUEST FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER, HILARIO RIVERA**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the maternity leave request from Raymondville Police Officer, Hilario Rivera. 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 PROMOTION OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER, ARMIN MARTINEZ, TO SERGEANT POSITION**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the promotion of City of Raymondville Police Officer,

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Armin Martinez, to Sergeant Position. 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 APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO BE PAID FOR UNUSED VACATION TIME EARNED BY THE FOLLOWING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES:**

- A) Public Works Director, Joel Soto
- B) Raymondville Police Officer, Felix Tamez, Jr.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request to be paid for unused vacation time earned by the above listed employees. 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

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

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

1. Jackie Herrera and Delma Garza-61<sup>st</sup> Annual Vital Statistics Conference-December 9-11, 2015-Austin, Texas

**APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

Commissioner Alexandre approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. 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

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for the month of October, 2015. Mr. Garcia also gave the council an update on the park project.

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**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the security cameras would be installed next week. Mr. Zamora also mentioned that they would be having a cook off for the Cops for Tots on December 5, 2015.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the pot holes in the city are getting worse due to the weather.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that they are conducting a pipe bursting behind city hall and they should be done by next week. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that Ken's Furniture has been demolished and CVS is moving forward with there project.

**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