

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 25, 2017**

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, April 25, 2017, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Commissioner
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney
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 Mayor Gilberto Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 11, 2017

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the minutes for April 11, 2017. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR
NEW PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to advertise for new pickup truck for the public works department. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to hire temporary employee for the public works department. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE, ADELAIDO ALFARO, JR.

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the pay adjustment for police department maintenance employee, Adelaido Alfaro, Jr. Hourly rate will increase to 9.00 dollars an hour for a six months probation period and than 10.00 an hour after that. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY'S MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OFFICE SPACE TO IMPLEMENT A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES PROGRAM IN RAYMONDVILLE AND THE SURROUNDING WILLACY COUNTY AREA

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request by Texas A & M University's Medical Assistance Program for office space to implement a medical assistance services program in Raymondville and the surrounding Willacy county area. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Cavazos, 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. Officer Ledesma-Crime against women-Dallas, TX-May 22-25, 2017
2. Rigo Reyes –Water Distribution-Harlingen, TX-June 20-22, 2017
3. Edward Alaniz-Water Distribution-Harlingen, TX-June 20-22, 2017

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 Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos, 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 March, 2017.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the department had been approved on a grant for a police officer which also includes a patrol unit, uniforms and equipment.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the crew have been working on pot holes, street patches, weedy lots and swimming pool.

Andy Chavez, Assistant Public Works Director, had no reports.

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