

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 14, 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, February 14, 2017, 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
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 JANUARY 24, 2017

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for January 24, 2017. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

Edward Gonzales presented awards and flags honoring the City of Raymondville staff for years of service.

Bill Regan from Loaves & Fishes presented to the Board of Commissioners a flyer with updated information in reference to dinner being served Monday-Thursday starting March 1, 2017. Mr. Regan also mentioned that a social worker and a nurse would be on site one day per week.

Larry Cordrey had a concern with loose and barking dogs.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for January, 2017. Total collected for January, 2017 was \$19,247.61.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Municipal Court Report for the month of January, 2017. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE NOMINATION TO THE 2017 RIO GRANDE VALLEY WALK OF FAME AT THE STATE FARM ARENA

Mayor Gonzales moved to approve to nominate Chief Uvaldo Zamora to the 2017 Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame at the State Farm Arena. Commissioner Tamez 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEE UNIFORM CONTRACT WITH UNIFIRST

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the City of Raymondville employee uniform contract with Unifirst. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO DELEGATE MANAGEMENT OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAXES TO THE WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the agreement to delegate management of hotel/motel taxes to the Willacy County Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CERTIFICATION PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR WATER PLANT OPERATOR, ANTHONY GARCIA

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the certification pay adjustment of a \$1.00 an hour for Water Plant Operator, Anthony Garcia. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, FEDERICO VILLANUEVA, JR.

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resignation from Water Distribution employee, Federico Villanueva, Jr. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION POSITION

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for Water Distribution position. 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 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE OPERATION STONEGARDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERTIME GRANT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution authorizing application to the Operation Stonegarden Police Department Overtime Grant. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which

carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF TEXAS VICTIMS OF CRIME FUND GRANT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution authorizing application to the State of Texas Victims of Crime Fund. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT FOR AFFORDABLE SENIOR RENTAL HOUSING TO BE NAMED THE RAYMONDVILLE GATEWAY RESIDENCES

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution expressing support for the proposed development for affordable senior rental housing to be named the Raymondville Gateway Residences. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1210, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO MAGIC VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., ("THE COMPANY"), A CORPORATION DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO FURNISH, SELL AND DISTRIBUTE ELECTRICAL ENERGY TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS, TERMS AND PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1210. 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

DICUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING VTX DESIGN WEBPAGE PRESENTATION

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve for VTX to design the webpage as approved by the EDC board. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING MARKETING TOOLS FOR RAYMONDVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE S.P.E.N.D. CAMPAIGN

This agenda item was tabled.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING MODIFICATION OF RBEG LOAN FOR TUCKER'S CATERING AND RESTAURANT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the modification of RBEG loan for Tucker's Catering and Restaurant. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING HEAVENLY SENT HOME HEALTH UNCOLLECTABLE RBEG LOAN

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to write the loan off for Heavenly Sent Home Health. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE HIRING OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO SERVICE THE LOAN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE RBEG LOANS

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Communities Unlimited for services provider to service the loan application process for the RBEG loans. Commissioner Smith 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 ON PROCLAIMING APRIL 30-MAY 6 SMALL BUSINESS WEEK IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to proclaim April 30-May 6 Small Business Week in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Smith 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 PAYMENT OF LIONS CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND SOUTH TEXAS MANUFACTURING MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR EDC DIRECTOR, RINA CASTILLO

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the payment for Lions Club annual membership and South Texas Manufacturing Membership fees for EDC Director, Rina Castillo. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Smith, Cavazos 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. Letty Muniz-RTA-Austin, TX-April 3-6, 2017
2. Mayor Gonzales Eleazar Garcia, Jr. and Judge Gutierrez-Job Corp-San Marcos, TX-February 16, 2017 (reimbursement)
3. Officer Rivera, Sanchez and Martinez-FTO-Weslaco, TX-Feb. 21-23, 2017

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2017

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for January, 2017..

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, mentioned the ACO Report and asked Chief Zamora to make a report on it.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, presented the ACO Report to the Board of Commissioners.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the tire collection was a success. Mr. Chavez mentioned that the Boy Scout Troop 440 were a big help during that event. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that the first family is moving in to Los Olmos Casitas.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, was absent and had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Rina Castillo, 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