

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 10, 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, January 10, 2017, 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  
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
Joel Soto, Public Works Director  
William Wepfer, City Attorney

Absent: Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner

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 DECEMBER 13, 2016**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for December 13, 2016. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

Felcita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for December, 2016. Total collected for December, 2016 was \$33,201.34.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Municipal Court Report for the month of December,

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2016. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDER FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S OFFICER REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2017**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the order for the City of Raymondville's Officer regular election to be held on May 6, 2017. 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTION NOTICE FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S OFFICER REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2017**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the election notice for the City of Raymondville's Officer regular election to be held on May 6, 2017. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S OFFICER REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2017**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the order establishing procedures for the City of Raymondville's Officer regular election to be held on May 6, 2017. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

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**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND WILLACY COUNTY TO CONDUCT THE UPCOMING MAY 6, 2017 CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S OFFICER REGULAR ELECTION**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the election contract between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County to conduct the upcoming May 6, 2017 City of Raymondville's Officer regular election. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE RAYMONDVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (RISD) FOR THE UPCOMING MAY 6, 2017 CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S OFFICER REGULAR ELECTION AND RISD'S GENERAL ELECTION**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the joint election agreement between the City of Raymondville and the Raymondville Independent School District (RISD) for the upcoming May 6, 2017 City of Raymondville's Officer regular election and RISD's general election. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) WITH REGION VIII EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the resolution authorizing the City of Raymondville to enter into an agreement for membership in the interlocal purchasing system (TIPS) with Region VIII Education Service Center. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

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ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SELECTION OF SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC TO PERFORM AN INVESTMENT GRADE AUDIT (IGA) AGREEMENT THROUGH THE TIPS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AS THE PRELIMINARY PROCEDURE TO DEVELOP A TURNKEY PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR CITY APPROVAL IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; CHAPTER 302 (ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS)**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve of selection of Schneider Electric to perform an investment grade audit (IGA) agreement through the TIPS Cooperative purchasing program as the preliminary procedure to develop a turnkey project proposal for City approval in compliance with the Texas Local Government Code; Chapter 302 (Energy Savings Performance Contracts for Local Governments). Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION RELATING TO ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR THE PRIOR LAWFUL EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS RELATING TO CONSTRUCTING VARIOUS CITY IMPROVEMENTS FROM PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS TO BE ISSUED BY THE CITY FOR AUTHORIZED PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the reimbursement resolution relating to establishing the City's Intention to reimburse itself for the prior lawful expenditure of funds relating to constructing various city improvements from proceeds of tax exempt obligations to be issued by the city for authorized purposes; authorizing other matters incident and related thereto; and providing an effective date. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, MARCO A. TIJERINA**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Raymondville Police Department Telecommunications Officer, Marco A. Tijerina. Commissioner Tamez seconded the

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motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DICUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire a Raymondville Police Department Telecommunications Officer. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CERTIFICATION PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR, RICARDO MORENO**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the certification pay adjustment of \$1.00 increase an hour for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Ricardo Moreno. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT PROJECT (OVERTIME AND FRINGE BENEFITS FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT)**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the resolution authorizing grant application for the Operation Stonegarden Grant Project (Overtime and Fringe Benefits for the Raymondville Police Department) Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

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**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR BOND FOR SAUCEDO ELECTRIC/ARMS ELECTRIC**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the electrical contractor bond for Saucedo Electric/Arms Electric. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND MAGIC VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the franchise agreement between the City of Raymondville and Magic Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S NOMINATION TO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY WALK OF FAME AT THE STATE FARM ARENA AS PART OF THE CITY OF HIDALGO'S BORDERFEST 2017 EVENT**

No action taken.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S FIRE STATION RENOVATION PROJECT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the change order no. 2 on the City of Raymondville's Fire Station Renovation Project. Commissioner Smith 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 INCUBATOR LEASES AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING INCUBATOR OFFICES**

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No action taken.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING TO THE 2017 GOVERNOR'S SMALL BUSINESS FORUM**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to submit a proposal for funding to the 2017 Governor's Small Business Forum. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EDC BOARD ACTION PERTAINING TO RBEG LOAN RECIPIENT, JUAN FIGUEROA, DBA FLOORING MANAGEMENT**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve EDC Board action to default (write off) the RBEG Loan Recipient, Juan Figueroa, dba Flooring Management. 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 AWARDING OF BIDS ON PICKUP TRUCKS TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to award the bid to Bowell Elliff Ford the lowest bidder for the pickup trucks to be used by the City of Raymondville's Public Works Department. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 2016**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for December, 2016.

Commissioner Tamez 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, Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre

**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 Cavazos, Tamez, 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 the Financial Report for the month of December, 2016.

Mayor Gonzales mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that the weekend was cold and we should look into budgeting something for a shelter.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that Tuckers BBQ is under construction. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that the Crazy Menu has opened.

**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 the activity report for January, 2017.

**ADJOURN**



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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