

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR MARCH 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, March 14, 2017, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor  
Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Eziquiel Cavazos, 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: Chris Tamez, Commissioner  
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 FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for February 28, 2017. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Alexandre

**AUDIENCE**

Bill Regan from Loaves & Fishes was presented with donations from El Jefe Loans and Ryan Solis Law Office.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

Yesenia Hernandez, Municipal Court clerk, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for February, 2017. Total collected for February, 2017 was \$30,006.69.

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

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, and Mayor Gonzales  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Alexandre

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

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the amended 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 Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Alexandre

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

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the amended election notice 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 Cavazos, Smith, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Alexandre

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

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the amended order establishing procedures 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 Smith, Cavazos, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL 4, 2017 AS NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming April 4, 2017 as National Service Recognition Day in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1211, AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS PROHIBITING SMOKING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING MATERIALS IN CERTAIN ENCLOSED AND NON-ENCLOSED AREAS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; PROHIBITING SMOKING ON CITY PREMISES AND OTHER PROPERTY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the second reading of ordinance no. 1211, an ordinance to provide regulations prohibiting smoking of tobacco products and electronic smoking materials in certain enclosed and non-enclosed areas within the city limits; prohibiting smoking on city premises and other property; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing a savings clause; providing for effective date and publication; providing a severability clause; providing for a penalty; providing for proper notice and meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Fair Housing Proclamation in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, and Mayor Gonzales  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM POLICE OFFICER, JESUS MONTOYA**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from police officer, Jesus Montoya. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, and Mayor Gonzales  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A POLICE OFFICER FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire a police officer for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, and Mayor Gonzales  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to hire a communications officer for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CREATION OF WILLACY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE ETJ OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution in support of the creation of Willacy County Municipal Utility District No. 1 in the ETJ of the City of Raymondville, Texas. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, and Mayor Gonzales  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Tamez

**DICUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR UTRGV'S SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the letter of support for UTRGV's School of Medicine Area Health Education Centers Program Grant Application. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Alexandre

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INCUBATOR LEASE AGREEMENTS AT THE RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING AS APPROVED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the incubator lease agreements at the Rural Technology Building as approved by the Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Tamez

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

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

1. Letty Muniz-RTA review-Austin, TX-April 3-6, 2017
2. Javier Rodriguez-CSI-Harlingen, TX-May 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017
3. Edward Alaniz-Surface Water Production 2-Harlingen, TX-4/11-4/13, 2017
4. Joel Soto and Daniel Conde-Waste Water Collection training-Mission, TX-3/28-3/30, 2017

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

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

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

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Tamez

**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, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Alexandre and Tamez

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, had no reports.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**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, had no reports.

**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, 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