

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 22, 2016**

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 22, 2016, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

Absent: 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 MARCH 8, 2016

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for March 8, 2016. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the tax abatement agreement between the City of

Raymondville and Tractor Supply Company. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PERTAINING TO THE TOURIST CENTER REMODELING PROJECT

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Raymondville and the Willacy County Chamber of Commerce pertaining to the Tourist Center Remodeling Project. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA) GRANT NO. 7215411

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve award the engineering to Ambiotec and the management services to Business Service for Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Grant No. 7215411. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Alexandre, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM GRACE CENTER ADULT DAY CARE FOR WAIVING OF SMILEY FACE PARK PAVILION RENTAL FEES FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT EVENT FOR THE ELDERLY

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request from Grace Center Adult Day Care for waiving of Smiley Face Park Pavilion rental fees for an Easter egg hunt event for the elderly. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM VACTOR TRUCK OPERATOR, GILBERTO GALVAN

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from vactor truck operator, Gilberto Galvan. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR VACTOR TRUCK OPERATOR POSITION

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the regarding authorization to hire/transfer/advertise/ for Vactor Truck Operator position. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire temporary employee for Street Department. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF 2015 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the 2015 Racial Profiling Report for the City of Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Cavazos, 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. City Officials-TML Region 12-SPI, Texas-May 12 & 13, 2016
2. Tommy Gomez, Denise Ledesma and Marcelino Flores-Crimes Against Women-Dallas, TX-April 3-6, 2016

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Cavazos, Alexandre, 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 February, 2016.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the landscaping should be done by next week at the public safety building.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, was absent and had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the movie night would be on Thursday and an easter egg hunt will also be part of the event. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that the Dollar Tree would be open by the end of April or the first week of May.

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