

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 24, 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, May 24, 2016, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
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

Absent: Clifton Smith, 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 MAY 10, 2016

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for May 10, 2016. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Cavazos, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Tamez

AUDIENCE

Martha Hinojosa approached the Board of Commissioners and thanked them for the opportunity that was given to their organization.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY LASARA ISD'S AND SAN PERLITA ISD'S ACE PROGRAM FOR USE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S MUNICIPAL POOL FOR THEIR SUMMER PROGRAM BEGINNING JUNE 6 THROUGH JULY 7, 2016

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request by Lasara ISD's and San Perlita ISD's ACE Program for use of the City of Raymondville's Municipal Pool for their summer program beginning June 6 through July 7, 2016. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE VETERANS' PARK DESCRIBED AS THE FOLLOWING:

Colonia Hidalgo Subdivision, Block 10, Lots 36 thru 37, Raymondville, Texas as described at 936 W. Durango Avenue, Raymondville, Texas

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to purchase and for the city attorney to proceed with the necessary documents for the following property located adjacent to the City of Raymondville Veterans' Park described as the following:

Colonia Hidalgo Subdivision, Block 10, Lots 36 thru 37, Raymondville, Texas as described at 936 W. Durango Avenue, Raymondville, Texas

Commissioner Cavazos 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 CHANGE IN THE USE OF THE OFFICE SPACE LOCATED AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S FIRE HALL BUILDING

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the change in the use of the office space located at the City of Raymondville's Fire Hall Building. Commissioner Cavazos 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 APPROVING SHARE AND EQUAL FIRST LIEN ON WING CHAMPS COLLATERAL BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC AND COMMUNITIES UNLIMITED, INC. AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC

No action on this agenda item.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY’S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY’S RESONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution finding that AEP Texas Central Company’s application for approval of a distribution cost recovery factor to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied; finding that the city’s reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel. 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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Denise Ledesma, Hilario Rivera, and Robert Castro-Public Agency Training Council-New Braunfels, Texas-June 7 & 8th, 2016
2. Dee Dee Chavez-TML Regional Meeting-Alamo, TX-June 7, 2016

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for April, 2016.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioner that the jail cell is working out good.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioner that the Trash Bash went very well. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that CVS would begin to demolish the pharmacy on Monday.

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