

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 27, 2015**

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, October 27, 2015, 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
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
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 OCTOBER 13, 2015

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for October 13, 2015. Commissioner Alexandre 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

AUDIENCE

Vanessa Tijerina, approached the Board of Commissioners with some concerns in reference to the Raymondville Police Officers that were resigning and getting promoted.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF BIDS RECEIVED AT THE MAY 5, 2015, TAX RESALE FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY STRUCK OFF TO WILLACY COUNTY FOR ITSELF AND OTHER TAXING JURISDICTIONS:

Legal Description: The south 50 feet of Lots 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49, Block 4, Howard's Subdivision, a subdivision to the City of Raymondville, Willacy County, Texas, as described in Volume 85, Page 371, Deed Records of Willacy County, Texas. (Acct. No. 28957)

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the bid received at the May 5, 2015, Tax Resale for the following property struck off to Willacy County for itself and other taxing jurisdictions. Mayor Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING OR DENYING THE BID(S) RECEIVED ON TAX RESALE PROPERTY ON MAY 5, 2015

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution of the bid(s) received on tax resale property on May 5, 2015. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) PERTAINING TO THE VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the memorandum of understanding between the City of Raymondville and the department of Homeland Security (DHS) pertaining to the verification of employee employment eligibility. Commissioner Smith 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE SERGEANT, ANDRES D. MALDONADO

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Raymondville Police Department Detective Sergeant, Andres D. Maldonado. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER POLICE OFFICER, MARCELINO FLORES, TO INTERIM POLICE DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE POSITION WITH PAY ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the authorization to transfer Police Officer, Marcelino Flores, to interim Police Department Detective position with pay adjustment. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN BLOCK 33 AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to open block 33 at the City of Raymondville Memorial Cemetery. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL SAFE HAVEN EVENT TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 31, 2015

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to purchase supplies for the Raymondville Police Department's Annual Safe Haven event to be held on October 31, 2015. 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 ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLANNING AND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND GRANT AWARD FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

This agenda item was tabled.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION NO. 1202, AMENDING THE 2014-15 BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE NO. 1199, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to waive the three reading and approve on one reading. Commissioner Cavazos 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

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the passage and adoption no. 1202, amending the 2014-15 Budget Amendment Ordinance No. 1199. Commissioner Alexandre 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, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1203, AMENDING THE 2014-15 APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENT ORDINANCE NO. 1200, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to waive the three reading and approve on one reading. Commissioner Alexandre 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

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1203, Amending the 2014-15 Appropriations Amendment Ordinance No. 1200. Commissioner Cavazos 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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No travel at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners that it had rained about 10-14 inches in Willacy County. Mr. Garcia mentioned that the Red Cross had been in Raymondville but where going to set up in San Perlita. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that he had been working on the DSO report to submit to the state.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, wanted to thank public works department for their help during the rain. The crew set up barricades. Chief Zamora also mentioned that the vehicles were driving real fast thru the flooded streets.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, presented to the Board of Commissioners pictures of the flooded streets in the city. Mr. Soto mentioned that within an hour and a half it rained 5 inches on Thursday and drained out within 45 minutes. Mr. Soto also mentioned that the street have gotten worse with pot holes.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

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