

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 15, 2015**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in Special Session at the Raymondville Rural Technology Center, 700 FM 3168, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
Delma C. Garza, Assistant City Secretary
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney

Absent: Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner

Mayor Gonzales declared a quorum present and called this Special Meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gonzales.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gonzales.

AUDIENCE

No one spoke in the audience part.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BIDS ON SKATEPARK PROJECT AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S NEW VETERANS' PARK

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to award the bid to Misiano Construction & Remodeling, Inc. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF A USDA RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT, A FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROJECT THROUGH A CONTINUATION OF A REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ACT, CHAPTER 505 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 505.158. (b), GIVING THE RESOLUTION

AT LEAST TWO SEPARATE READINGS, TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to authorize the City of Raymondville to adopt a resolution authorizing the funding of a USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant, a financial incentive project through a continuation of a revolving loan program in accordance with the Development Corporation Act, Chapter 505 of the Local government Code, Section 505.158. (b), giving the resolution at least two separate readings, to undertake projects exceeding the amount of \$10,000. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.087, TO DELIBERATE REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND INCENTIVES FOR A SPECIFIC BUSINESS PROSPECT SEEKING TO LOCATE IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:07 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 7

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to authorize the City Manager to start the tax abatement process with Tractor Supply Corporation and the MG Group. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Cavazos, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY CLAIMS

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the city claims. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Alexandre

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Commissioner Cavazos declared this special meeting adjourned.

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary