

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 12, 2022**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at City of Raymondville City Hall, 142 South 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner
Joel Garcia, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, City Manager
Delma Garza, City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Ryan Solis, City Attorney
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ABSENCE FROM MEETING BY MAYOR OR CITY COMMISSIONERS AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 6, OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S HOME RULE CHARTER

No action taken.

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

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 22 AND MARCH 29, 2022

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for March 22 and March 29, 2022. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Garcia, Smith, Gonzales, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Belinda Villarreal, Municipal Court Clerk, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for March, 2022. Total collected for March, 2022 was \$23,855.92.

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the monthly municipal court report for March, 2022. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Tamez, Smith, Gonzales, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION COMMITTING THE ADDITIONAL NECESSARY LOCAL FUND MATCH ON CDBG-DR

CONTRACT NO. 18-45-000-B114, 2022 RAYMONDVILLE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS GRANT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution committing the additional necessary local fund match on CDBG-DR Contract No. 18-45-000-B114, 2022 Raymondville Drainage Improvements Grant. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Tamez, Garcia, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS INC.'S APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY AEP TEXAS; AUTHORIZING HIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL; 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 Garcia moved to approve the resolution finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the City should be denied; authorizing participation with the cities served by AEP Texas; authorizing hiring of legal counsel; 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 Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Gonzales, Garcia, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY WILLACY COUNTY VETERAN'S OUTREACH SPECIALIST, LAURA MONTES, FOR THE WAIVING OF SMILEY PARK PAVILION RENTAL FEES IN ORDER TO HOST A FARMER'S MARKET ON APRIL 23, 2022 AND ONE SATURDAY OUT OF MONTH THEREAFTER TO RAISE FUNDS TO ASSIST OUR LOCAL VETERANS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the request by Willacy County Veteran's Outreach Specialist, Laura Montes, for the waiving of Smiley Park Pavilion rental fees in order to host a farmer's market on April 23, 2022 and one Saturday out of month thereafter to raise funds to assist our local Veterans. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Garcia, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING A PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COREDC, AND FOR RECEIVING PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING THE SAME. SPECIFICALLY, THE COREDC IS PROPOSING TO EXPEND 4B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, GENERATED PURSUANT TO COREDC STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CONSIDER QAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT YEARLY INCENTIVE OF \$20,000 OVER A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS, TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FRONTIER DIRECT CARE FACILITY, TO BE LOCATED AT 100 US 77 SUITE K, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, 78580 FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOB CREATION AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO THE

LOCAL COMMUNITY. THIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT YEARLY INCENTIVE WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON A PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT.

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:23 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:25 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the COREDC in proposing to expend 4B economic development funds, generated pursuant to COREDC statutory authority to consider an economic development yearly incentive of \$20,000 over a period of 5 years, towards the development of the Frontier Direct Care facility for the purpose of job creation and to provide additional healthcare services to the local community. This economic development yearly incentive will be contingent upon a performance agreement as approved by the COREDC on April 11, 2022. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Tamez, Smith, Garcia, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 390 W. DURHAM AVENUE, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 10, LOTS 46 THRU 47, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, FOUND BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO BE UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY, PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S CONDEMNATION ORDINANCE NO. 1032

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:26 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:28 p.m.

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Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to allow 30 days to secure, demolish or repair the property located at 390 W. Durham. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Garcia, Gonzales, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF UPDATED PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AS REQUIRED BY GRANT AGENCIES

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to update procurement policies to be used by the City of Raymondville as required by grant agencies. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Garcia, Gonzales, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, BRANDON ZAMORA

Commissioner Smith moved to accept the resignation from street department employee, Brandon Zamora. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Tamez, Smith, Gonzales, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to hire street department employee. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Garcia, Tamez, Gonzales, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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. Robert Castro and Andy Maldonado-National Insurance Crime Bureau-San Antonio, Tx-June 14-16, 2022
2. Denise Ledesma, Jacob Rodriguez, Tom Gomez and Chief Zamora-Battered Women Training-Dallas, Tx-May 21-26, 2022
3. Rick Moreno-Water lab.-Edinburg, Tx-May 25-26, 2022

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Gonzales, Smith, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, mentioned that movie night and the Easter egg hunt would be on Thursday night.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on the water tower project and street project.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Assistant, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that the trash bash would be on April 30th and May 1st.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, had no reports.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Mayor Gilbert Gonzales declared this regular meeting adjourned.

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager