

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 13, 2021**

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 13, 2021, 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
Ryan Solis, City Attorney
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
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.

AUDIENCE

Annette Hinojosa, District Attorney, and Martha Martinez approached the Board of Commissioners and thanked all the departments for their participation in Family Violence Month.

Liz Shamlian with the IBCA approached the Board of Commissioners to make them aware that the organization is thinking about designating Raymondville for their next cook off event in October. IBCA is needing about 10-15 acres for this event.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felicita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for March, 2021. Total collected for March, 2021 was \$16,866.70.

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the monthly municipal court report for March, 2021. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION OFFISCAL YEAR-2019-20
ANNUAL AUDIT BY INDEPENDENT AUDITOR, BUFFO & BERKMAN CPA'S**

This agenda item was passed.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF \$200,000 RBEG LOAN FROM
THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO**

TORRES FAMILY PHARMACY OF RAYMONDVILLE, AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the \$200,000.00 RBEG loan from the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation to Torres Family Pharmacy of Raymondville, as approved by the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Gonzales, Tamez, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL 2021 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the proclamation designating April 2021 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Tamez, Gonzales, Smith and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TDA 2021-2022 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION RESOLUTION FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the TDA 2021-2022 Community Development Fund Application Resolution for Wastewater Collection System Improvements. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Gonzales, Tamez, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS REQUIRED BY TDA CONTRACT NO. 7218391, WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT:

- A. Engineering Services Contract
- B. Administrative Services Contract
- C. Civil Rights Resolutions and other required documentation

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the above items as required by TDA Contract No. 7218391, Water System Improvements. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Smith, Gonzales, Tamez 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 OF RAYMONDVILLE 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 moved to approve resolution finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the City of Raymondville 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 seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR THE WAIVING OF PARK PAVILION RENTAL FEES AT THE SMILEY FACE PARK TO CELEBRATE GUADALUPE ESPINOZA, SR.'S 100 YEAR BIRTHDAY

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request for the waiving of park pavilion rental fees at the Smiley Face Park to celebrate Guadalupe Espinoza, Sr.'s 100 year birthday. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CERTIFICATION PAY INCREASE FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR, JESUS GONZALES

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the certification pay increase of a dollar increase per hour for water treatment plant operator, Jesus Gonzales. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE POLICY

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the amendment to the Raymondville Police Department's response to resistance policy. Commissioner Gonzales 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 THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY VIOLENCE POLICY

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the Raymondville Police Department's Family Violence Policy. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING HIRING PART-TIME STAFF AT RAYMONDVILLE CITY HALL

Commissioner Smith moved to approve hiring part-time staff at Raymondville City Hall. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. City Officials-TML Region 12-SPI, Texas-May 17th & 18th, 2021
2. Catalino Nieto-Basic Water-May 4th -6th, 2021

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Tamez approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. 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

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that city hall and city parks are open. Signs have been placed at the parks due to Covid-19.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the police station is open to the public.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, updated the Board of Commissioners on Torres Pharmacy, SOG, and Chick-Fil-A.

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