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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 26, 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 26, 2022, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Clifton Smith, Mayor Pro Temp
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner
Joel Garcia, Commissioner
Chris Tamez
Eleazar Garcia, City Manager
Delma Garza, City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Ryan Solis, City Attorney

ABSENT: Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor

Mayor Pro Temp Smith 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

Mayor Gonzales was absent due to medical reasons.

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the mayor's absence. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY MAYOR PRO TEMP SMITH: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Temp Smith.

INVOCATION BY MAYOR PRO TEMP SMITH: Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Temp Smith.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 12, 2022

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for April 12, 2022. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED 835 W. RAYMOND, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, 78580, ALSO DESCRIBED AS BUENA VISTA #2 SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOTS 5 THRU 6, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, WILLACY COUNTY, 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 Pro Temp Smith opened the public hearing at 5:15 p.m.
No public comments.

Mayor Pro Temp Smith closed the public hearing at 5:17 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION THE PROPERTY LOCATED 835 W. RAYMOND, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, 78580, ALSO DESCRIBED AS BUENA VISTA #2 SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOTS 5 THRU 6, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, WILLACY COUNTY, 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:

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to allow 30 days to secure, demolish or repair the property located at 835 W. Raymond. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING USE OF AMERICA RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDS FOR UPCOMING CITY PROJECTS:

- a) Water Well Construction-\$1,100,000.00
 - b) WWTP Expansion .5 MGD-\$1,147,970.12
 - c) Engineering-\$306,541.00
 - d) Grantworks Administration-\$141,400.00
- Totals \$2,695,911.12

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the use of America Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for upcoming city projects as presented. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP'S) FOR ADMINISTRATION AND/OR PLANNING SERVICES FOR 2019 LOWER RIO GRANDE FLOODS CDBG-DR-4454 (2019 FLOODS) AND TROPICAL STORM IMELDA CDBG-DR-4466 (TS IMELDA) PROJECTS FROM THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO)

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to award for administration services to Grantwork with the highest score. Commissioner Gonzales a seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ'S) FOR ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR 2019 LOWER RIO GRANDE FLOODS CDBG-DR-4454 (2019 FLOODS) AND TROPICAL STORM IMELDA CDBG-DR-4466 (TS IMELDA) PROJECTS FROM THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO)

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to award for engineering services to Guzman and Munoz with the highest score. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

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. Joseph Ortiz and Robbie Estrada-Euthanasia Course-Corpus Christi, Tx-April 24, 2022

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that the event for the Crime Victims Awareness would be on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Veterans Park.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on the water tower projects.

Andy Chavez, Assistant Public Works Director, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners the cost to demolish the four homes that have been approved.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners of the job fairs and other current projects.

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:

Delma Garza, City Secretary