

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 9, 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, August 9, 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 JULY 26, 2022

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for July 26, 2022. Commissioner Tamez 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

VTX representatives approached the Board of Commissioners on partnering with the City of Raymondville on promoting the smart gig.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for July, 2022. Total collected for July, 2022 was \$18,563.42.

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the monthly municipal court report for July, 2022. Commissioner Tamez 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 OPENING AND AWARDING OF BIDS ON

CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TWDB (DWSRF) PROJECT #62887 POTABLE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to accept the bid and for the city engineer to review them and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. 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 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF STAGE 2 OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S WATER CONSERVATION AND DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the implementation of Stage 2 of the City of Raymondville's Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan. Commissioner Garcia 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 BUDGET WORKSHOP ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S 2022-23 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM CEMETERY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, EDDIE BLANCO

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from cemetery department employee, Eddie Blanco. Commissioner Tamez 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR CEMETERY DEPARTMENT POSITION

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for cemetery department position. Commissioner Smith 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PAY WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, RODOLFO TORRES, FOR UNUSED VACATION PAY

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to pay water distribution department employee, Rodolfo Torres, for unused vacation pay. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF END OF THE SEASON POOL PARTY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the approval of end of the season pool party for city employees and their families. Commissioner Tamez 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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Chief Zamora-Chief Development Course-San Marcos, TX-May 15, 2023

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Garcia approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Gonzales 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, invited the Board of Commissioners to the Christmas in August event which will be on August 18th at the Veterans Park.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, reported to the Board of Commissioners that Criselda's boutique grand opening would be on Friday at 10:30.

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