

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 13, 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, December 13, 2022, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner
Joel Garcia, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, City Manager
Tony Chavez, City Manager
Delma Garza, City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
Alejandro Gallaga, City Attorney

Absent: Clifton Smith, Commissioner

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

Clifton Smith was absent due to job responsibilities.

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

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2022

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for November 22, 2022. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felicita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for November, 2022. Total collected for November, 2022 was \$29,408.63.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR

CITY MANAGER, TONY CHAVEZ

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the oath of office for City Manager, Tony Chavez. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE CITY'S MATCH AMOUNT AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE CDBG-MIT STATE CONTRACT 22-083-001-D201

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve adopting a resolution to update the city's match amount and activities for the CDBG-MIT state contract 22-083-001-D201. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR 2023 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (DRP)

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to submit the application for the 2023 Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP). Commissioner Gonzales second the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP'S) FOR CDBG-MIT PROJECT 22-083-001-D201

Commissioner Gonzales moved to accept the proposals review them and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR CDBG COMPETITION APPLICATION FUNDING CYCLE

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to apply for CDBG Competition Application Funding Cycle. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NEW CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE HOME PROGRAM RESERVATION SYSTEM WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution authorizing the new city manager to act as the city's executive officer and representative in all matters pertaining to city's participation in the Home Program Reservation System with the Texas Department of Housing of Community Affairs. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM LUISA RAMIREZ OF THE GATOR TYKES FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WAIVING OF THE RENTAL FEES AT VETERAN'S PARK FOR END OF SEASON CELEBRATION ON DECEMBER 18TH, 2022 FROM 12-5 PM

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the request from Luisa Ramirez of the Gator Tykes Football Team for waiving of the rental fees at Veteran's Park for end of season celebration on December 18th, 2022 from 12-5 pm. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF EARLY RELEASE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES ON DECEMBER 22ND, 2022

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve for early release for city employees on December 22nd, 2022. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY HOLIDAYS FOR 2023

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the city holidays for 2023. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CANCELLATION OF SECOND CITY MEETING ON DECEMBER 27, 2022

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the cancellation of second city meeting on December 27, 2022. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PAY INCREASE FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE CERTIFICATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE, GEORGE GALVAN

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the pay increase of 1.00 an hour for commercial driver license certification for public works employee, George Galvan. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No travel and training presented at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Garcia, Gonzales, Smith, 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, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Andy Chavez, Public Works Assistant, had no reports.

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
Tony Chavez, City Manager