

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 25, 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, January 25, 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
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
Ryan Solis, City Attorney

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY MAYOR GILBERT GONZALES: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

INVOCATION BY MAYOR GILBERT GONZALES: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2022

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for January 11, 2022. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

AUDIENCE

Nick Barrera representative from Republic Services approached the Board of Commissioners to notify that there would be a change in the service day for the City of Raymondville.

Sergio Contreras of the RGV Partnership and Danny Lucio of AEP presented a check of \$10,000.00 to the city's emergency relief fund.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF CONTRACT TO THE APPARENT LOW BIDDER, R & R PAVING LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,200.00, FOR THE 2018 RAYMONDVILLE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS CDBG-DR CONTRACT NO. 18-405-000B114

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the contract to the apparent low bidder, R & R Paving LLC, in the amount of \$49,200.00, for the 2018 Raymondville Drainage Improvements CDBG-DR Contract No. 18-405-000B14. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE REQUESTS

FOR PROPOSALS (RFPs) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQs) FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-2019 DR-4454 LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO)

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve authorization to issue requests for proposals (RFQs) for engineering services related to the Community Development Block Grant-2019 DR-4454 Lower Rio Grande Valley grant program administered by the Texas General Land Office (GLO). Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2022, AS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming February 2022, as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Garcia 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 OPENING AND AWARDING OF BIDS ON TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA) CONTRACT NO. 7220379-MAIN WATER LINE PROJECT

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to accept the bids and for the city engineers to review and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Tamez 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 RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GRANTS:

- a) VOCA Project
- b) Drug Enforcement Investigator
- c) Local Border Security Program
- d) Homeland Security-LETPA Program
- e) Homeland Security-Regular program

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of application for the VOCA project. 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

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of application for the Drug Enforcement Investigator. 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

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of application for the Local Border Security Program. Commissioner Tamez 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

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of application for the Homeland Security-LETPA Program. 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

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the resolution authorizing the submission of application for the Homeland Security-Regular Program. Commissioner Smith 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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No travel and training at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager, had no reports at this meeting.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports at this meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, updated the Board of Commissioners on job fairs that will be held in January and February.

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