

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JULY 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, July 26, 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
Ryan Solis, City Attorney
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

ABSENT: Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Delma Garza, City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

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 12, 2022

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for July 12, 2022. 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

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND WILLACY COUNTY PERTAINING TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING PROGRAM GRANT ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the participation agreement between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County pertaining to Community Development and Revitalization Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Program Grant administered by the Texas General Land Office. 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: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM Omero GARCIA, OWNER OF GARCIA'S BAR AND GRILL, TO CLOSE SAUZ AVENUE FROM 6TH STREET TO 7TH STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOSTING THEIR 1ST ANNUAL COOKOFF ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the request from Omero Garcia, owner of Garcia's Bar and Grill, to close Sauz Avenue from 6th Street to 7th Street for the purpose of hosting their 1st Annual Cookoff on September 10, 2022. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Garcia

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JOSE CABRERA

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to accept the resignation from Collections Department Employee, Jose Cabrera. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER FOR COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to hire/transfer for collections department. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL CERTIFICATION PAY INCREASE FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, LEONEL SALINAS

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the certification pay increase for Wastewater Collections Department Employee, Leonel Salinas. 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 APPROVAL OF PROMOTION OF WASTEWATER COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, LEONEL SALINAS, TO WASTEWATER COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT HEAD WITH ADJUSTMENT OF PAY

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the promotion of Wastewater Collections Department employee, Leonel Salinas, to Wastewater Collections Department Head with adjustment of pay. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to hire street department employee. Commissioner Tamez 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM POLICE OFFICER, DUSTIN RAMOS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to accept the resignation from Police Officer, Dustin Ramos. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE POLICE OFFICER FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to hire police officer for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Tamez 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING PENDING OR CNTEMPLATED LITIGATION OR SETTLEMENT OFFER (DRAINAGE AND STREET PROJECT)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:30 p.m.
The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:37 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 10

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to pay Clore Equipment LLC the mediated settlement agreement of \$55,000.00. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Judge Felicita Gutierrez and Belinda Villarreal-Mental Health Conference-Corpus Christi, Tx- Aug. 18-19, 2022

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Tamez 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, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Tom Gomez mentioned National Night Out at the Veterans Park will be held on August 18, 2022

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, 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