

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JUNE 14, 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, June 14, 2022, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Joel Garcia, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, City Manager
Delma Garza, City Secretary
Ryan Solis, City Attorney
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

ABSENT: Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Edward Gonzales, 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**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the absence of Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Gonzales due to job obligations. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gonzales and Smith

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

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 24, 2022

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the minutes for May 24, 2022. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Garcia, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gonzales and Smith

AUDIENCE

Jaime Contreras approached the Board of Commissioners on a concern in reference to cyber bullying.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felicita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for May, 2022. Total collected for May, 2022 was \$8,496.26.

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the monthly municipal court report for May, 2022.

Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Gonzales

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 483 WEST GEM AVE., RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, ALSO DESCRIBED AS PARKER SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOT 2, ACRES .1805, 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 Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:25 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:27 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 483 WEST GEM AVE., RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, ALSO DESCRIBED AS PARKER SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 1, LOT 2, ACRES .1805, 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 Tamez moved to approve to allow 60 days to secure, demolish or repair the property located at 483 West Gem Ave. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Gonzales

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING INCREASING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MILEAGE RATE FOR TRAVEL TO NEWLY APPROVED INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) RATE

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to increase City of Raymondville mileage rate for travel to newly approved Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Rate. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gonzales and Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC BOARD MEMBER, PAMELA LEVERETT

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from City of Raymondville EDC board member, Pamela Leverett. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Gonzales

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve Andy Chavez as the new City of Raymondville EDC board of director. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INCUBATOR OFFICE LEASE AT RURAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER TO OFFICIAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC.

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the incubator office lease at Rural Technology Center to Official Financial Services, LLC. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING HIRING OF LIFEGUARDS FOR UPCOMING SWIMMING POOL SEASON

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to hire eight lifeguards for upcoming swimming pool season. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PAYMENT OF FEES FOR LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the payment of fees for lifeguard certification. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE UPCOMING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S 4TH OF JULY EVENT

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the expenditures for the upcoming City of Raymondville's 4th of July event. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM VETERANS OF FOREIGNER WAR'S POST 6719, SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, MANUEL TIJERINA, FOR A PROJECT TO INSTALL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON STREET SIGNS TO RECOGNIZE VETERANS KILLED IN FOREIGN WARS

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the request from Veterans of Foreigner War's Post 6719, Senior Vice Commander, Manuel Tijerina, for a project to install additional information on street signs to recognize veterans killed in foreign wars.

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gonzales and Smith

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. Joel Perales and Anthony Garcia-Pump and Motors and Water Utility Safety-online

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 and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Gonzales

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, presented to the Board of Commissioners a traffic violation report for King and Gem Ave.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on the swimming pool repairs.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, updated the Board of Commissioners on the 4th of July events.

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