

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 22, 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, March 22, 2022, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner
Joel Garcia, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, City Manager
Delma Garza, City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Ryan Solis, City Attorney

ABSENT: Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
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

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 MARCH 8 AND MARCH 15, 2022

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for March 8 and March 15, 2022. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES 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:

- a) 378 West Yturria Avenue, Raymondville, Texas 78580, also described as Raymondville Original Townsite, Block 5, Lots 55 thru 56, Raymondville, Texas Willacy County
- b) 370 W. Rodriguez Avenue, Raymondville, Texas 78580, also described as Raymondville original Townsite, block 49, Lot 23, Raymondville, Texas Willacy County
- c) 389 W. Riggs Avenue, Raymondville, Texas 78580, also described as Raymondville Original Townsite, Block 72, Lots 5 thru 6, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:16 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:18 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES 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 Garcia moved to approve the properties 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 Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING RESENDING AWARD OF BIDS ON CBDG-DR CONTRACT NO. 18-45-000-B114, 2022 RAYMONDVILLE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS GRANT

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to resend the motion award of bids on CBDG-DR Contract No. 18-45-000-B114, 2022 Raymondville Drainage Improvements Grant. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Tamez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN PROCEDURES TO SELL THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S FORMER LANDFILL, APPROXIMATELY 100 ACRES, LOCATED NORTH OF THE CITY

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the authorization to begin procedures to sell the City of Raymondville's former landfill, approximately 100 acres, located north of the city. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Garcia, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT CONTROL AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND FBI CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the management control agreement regarding the Texas Department of Public Safety and FBI Criminal Justice Information System. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Gonzales, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S USE OF FORCE POLICY

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the amendment to the City of Raymondville Police Department's Use of Force Policy. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Garcia, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND WILLACY COUNTY ON THE USE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TOURIST CENTER

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County on the use of the City of Raymondville Tourist Center pending review from City Attorney Ryan Solis. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Tamez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING WAIVING OF SMILEY PARK PAVILION FEES FOR EASTER EGG HUNT TO BE HELD BY THE CROSS CHURCH ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022, AT 12:00 PM

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to waive of smiley park pavilion fees for Easter Egg Hunt to be held by the Cross Church on Saturday, April 16, 2022, at 12:00 pm. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Tamez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE BUILDING CONTRACTOR AWARD FOR THE HOME PROGRAM THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution authorizing approval of the building contractor award for the Home Program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Tamez

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Belinda Villarreal-South Texas Regional Clerks Seminar-SPI-May 2-4, 2022
2. Judge Gutierrez-South Texas Regional Judges Seminar-SPI-May 4-6, 2022
3. Mayor and City Officials-TML Region 12-SPI-May12-13, 2022
4. Rene Trevino-Groundwater Production-Edinburg-April 26-28, 2022
5. Joe Cabrera and Ronnie Lopez-Wastewater Collection-May 11-13, 2022

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 Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Smith

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager, presented the Board of Commissioners the financial report for the month of February, 2022.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that Joseph Ortiz and Robbie Estrada have passed their Animal Control Officer license.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, updated the Board of Commissioners on job fairs.

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