

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JULY 23, 2019**

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 23, 2019, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Clifton Smith, Mayor Pro Temp
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Joel Garcia, Commissioner
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, City Manager
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

Absent: Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor
Ryan Solis, City Attorney

Mayor Pro Temp Clifton Smith declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Temp Clifton Smith.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Temp Clifton Smith.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JULY 9, 2019

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for July 9, 2019. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF BIDS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE STREET REPAIR AND PAVING IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II PROJECT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to accept the bids as presented by the engineer and have the engineer review and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BID ON TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANT NO. 7218391, LIFT STATIONS 6 AND 17 REHABILITATION PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY ENGINEER

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to award the bid to the lowest bidder Southern Trenchless Solutions, LLC. as recommended by Guzman and Munoz Engineering. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1233, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEXAS GAS SERVICE ("TGS" OR "THE COMPANY") REGARDING THE COMPANY'S APRIL 30, 2019 COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT ("COSA") FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING NEW TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE; PROVIDING FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE CITY'S AND TGS' REASONABLE AND NECESSARY RATE CASE EXPENSES; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING ANY PRIOR ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY'S AND THE CITY'S LEGAL COUNSEL AND WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve Ordinance #1233 and to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROMOTION OF STREET DEPARTMENT STREET CREW EMPLOYEE, EDWARD RAMIREZ, TO STREET DEPARTMENT VACTOR TRUCK OPERATOR POSITION AND ADJUSTMENT OF PAY

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the promotion of street department street crew employee, Edward Ramirez to street department Vactor Truck operator position and adjustment of pay. Employees new hourly rate will be \$9.00 an hour. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TRANSFER OF WATER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, MATHEW NAJERA, TO THE STREET DEPARTMENT WITH ADJUSTMENT OF PAY

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the transfer of water department employee, Mathew Najera, to the street department with adjustment of pay. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION POSITION

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for water distribution position. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE DEPARTMENTS

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE, 2019

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for June, 2019.

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING 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 Tamez, Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RE-ASSIGNING DUTIES, DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE (WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:36 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:41 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 10

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to terminate Guillermo Balchac Maldonado for violation of city policy. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING 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. Officer Rodriguez-Interacting with the deaf and hard of hearing-Edinburg, Texas-July 23, 2019
2. Officer Arriaga-Canine Encounters-Edinburg, Texas-July 23, 2019
3. Judge Gutierrez and Belinda Villarreal-Texas Legislative Session-Austin, Texas-Aug. 23, 2019
4. Mr. Garcia, Mayor Gonzales, Commissioner Tamez, Commissioner Gonzales, and Commissioner Garcia-TML Conference-San Antonio, TX-October 9-11, 2019

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for the month of June, 2019. Mr. Garcia also mention that the budget workshops would begin in August and also that the Splash Park Committee meet on Wednesday.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

Chief Gutierrez was absent and had no reports.

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:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager/Secretary