

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR MARCH 26, 2019**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at City of Raymondville City Hall, 142 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor  
Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner  
Chris Tamez, Commissioner  
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner  
Eleazar Garcia, City Manager  
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary  
Ryan Solis, City Attorney  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

ABSENT: Joel Soto, Public Works Director

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

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

**INVOCATION:** Invocation was given by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 12, 2019**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for March 12, 2019. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM OWNER, DAVID GARZA, TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE RE-ZONING OF HOLLOWAY SUBDIVISION, LOT 10 (WEST 42'), RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO DESCRIBED AS 177 HOLLOWAY AVENUE, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO COMMERCIAL ZONE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF OPERATING A RADIATOR REPAIR BUSINESS**

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:01 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:04 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNER, DAVID GARZA, TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE RE-ZONING OF HOLLOWAY SUBDIVISION, LOT 10 (WEST 42'), RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ALSO DESCRIBED AS 177 HOLLOWAY AVENUE, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO COMMERCIAL ZONE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF OPERATING A RADIATOR REPAIR BUSINESS**

**REPAIR BUSINESS**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the request from owner, David Garza, to consider for approval the re-zoning of Holloway Subdivision, Lot 10 (West 42<sup>o</sup>), Raymondville, Texas as recorded in the map of plat records of Willacy County, Texas, also described as 177 Holloway Avenue, Raymondville, Texas 78580, from residential zone to commercial zone for the sole purpose of operating a radiator repair business. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE’S CONDEMNATION ORDINANCE NO. 1032 ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:**

- a) 528 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, also described as Howard Outlot F Subdivision, Block 5, Lots 3 thru 4, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County
- b) 753 W. Tampico Avenue, also described as Colonia Hidalgo Subdivision, Block 6, Lots 7 thru 8, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County
- c) 537 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, also described as Raymondville Original Townsite, Block 7, Lot 17 [TR1] thru 18 thru N ½, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County
- d) 444 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, also described as Howard Outlot F Subdivision, Block 4, Lots 4 thru 5, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County
- e) 370 E. Sauz Avenue, also described as Raymondville Original Townsite, Block 7, Lot 12, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales opened the Condemnation Hearing at 5:06 p.m.

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales closed the Condemnation Hearing at 5:13 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CONDEMNATION PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:**

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, recommended to the Board of Commissioners to allow a 30 day period to secure the property, repair, demolish and clean up. On the 31<sup>st</sup> day the city will have to go in and demolish and clean up.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the recommendation made by the City Manager, Eleazar Garcia, Jr. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME ON CONDEMNATION ORDER FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 514 E. CHARLES AVENUE, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, AS DESCRIBED AS HARDWICK-WHITFIELD SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 2, LOTS 1 THRU 2, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS WILLACY COUNTY**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve 60 days to come into compliance as of today if it is not rebuilt to the 2012 Building Codes than the city will execute the demolish order. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW ONE TON PICKUP TRUCK TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to accept the bid and award to Boswell Eliff Ford. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming April as Fair Housing month in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR FOR OPERATION STONEGARDEN FUNDING**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the authorization to submit an application to the Office of Governor for operation Stonegarden Funding. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SPLASH PARK FACILITY AT THE RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL AND APPOINTMENT OF A SPLASH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

No action taken.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR'S BOND FOR JAC ELECTRIC**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the electrical contractor's bond for JAC Electric. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE POLICE OFFICER CESAR SEPULVEDA AS INTERIM PATROL SERGEANT WHILE PATROL SERGEANT IS ON SICK LEAVE**

No action taken.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A POLICE OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIME VICTIM OFFICER POSITION**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire a Police Officer for the City of Raymondville Police Department's Crime Victim Officer position. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**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-Regional clerk –SPI, Texas-April 29-May 1, 2019
2. Eddie Gonzales-Basic Animal Cruelty-Mission, Texas-April. 16-19, 2019
3. Chief Zamora, Andy Chavez and Commissioner Gonzales-TDEM Conference-Alice, TX-April 16-18, 2019
4. Chief Zamora, Officer Rodriguez, Tommy Gomez, and Denise Ledesma-Crime Against Women-Dallas, TX-April 8-11, 2019
5. Andy Chavez-CSI-Harlingen, TX-May 29-30, 2019
6. Mayor Gonzales and Commissioner Gonzales-Austin, TX March 25-26, 2019

**APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, gave the Board of Commissioners an update on the street project and the drainage project. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that the Little League would have the opening ceremony this weekend at the Veterans' Park.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, invited the Board of Commissioners to the 2019 Victim Services Resource Fair on April 4 at 5-6pm at the Willacy County Courthouse.

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**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**REPORTS**

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that on April 18<sup>th</sup> the City and Raymondville PD would be hosting an easter egg hunt and movie night.

**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.

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Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr.  
City Manager/Secretary