

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MAY 14, 2019**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at Raymondville City Hall, 142 South 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Ryan Solis, City Attorney
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

ABSENT: Clifton Smith, Commissioner

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

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

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilberto Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 23, 2019

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for April 23, 2019. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felicita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for April, 2019. Total collected for April, 2019 was \$12,793.76.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CANVASSING OF ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' ELECTION HELD ON MAY 4, 2019

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the canvassing of election results for the City of Raymondville Officers' election held on May 4, 2019. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDER DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' ELECTION HELD ON MAY 4, 2019

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the order declaring the results of the City of Raymondville Officers' election held on May 4, 2019. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion

which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Tamez, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' ELECTION HELD ON MAY 4, 2019

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the statement of elected officials for the City of Raymondville officers' election held on May 4, 2019. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADMINISTERING OATH OF OFFICE TO THE ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' ELECTION HELD ON MAY 4, 2019

Adolfo Cordova administered the oath to Chris Tamez.

Rogelio Valdez administered the oath to Felicita Diaz Gutierrez.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDER FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 22, 2019

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to the order for the City of Raymondville Officers' runoff election to be held on June 22, 2019. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTION NOTICE FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 22, 2019

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve of election notice for the City of Raymondville officers' runoff election to be held on June 22, 2019. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE OFFICERS' RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 22, 2019

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the order establishing procedures for the City of Raymondville Officers' runoff election to be held on June 22, 2019. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION OF 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT REPORT BY INDEPENDENT AUDITOR BUFFO AND BERKMAN CPA'S

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the presentation of the City of Raymondville's Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2017-18, by Independent Auditor, Buffo & Berkman, CPA's. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Correa

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDDING OF BIDS ON TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION AND RE-ALIGNMENT PROJECT GRANT NO. 7218391

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 Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT RESOLUTION TO MODIFY PROJECT BUDGET FOR TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION AND RE-ALIGNMENT PROJECT GRANT NO. 7218391

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to the amendment resolution to modify project budget for Texas Department of Agriculture Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation and Re-alignment Project Grant No. 7218391. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO PURCHASE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A 4.093 ACRE TRACT, OUT OF LOTS ONE (1) AND TWO (2), SECTION SEVEN (7), RAYMONDVILLE TRACT NO. 1; BEING A 100' STRIP OF LAND OUT OF LOTS ONE (1) AND (2), WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVED AND ENHANCED DRAINAGE

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve for the City of Raymondville to purchase property described as a 4.093 acre tract, out of lots one (1) and two (2), Willacy County, Texas for the purpose of improved and enhanced drainage. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR BONDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- a) RP Electrical Contractor
- b) Villarreal Electric & AC Electrical Contractor

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the electrical contractor bonds for RP Electrical Contractor and Villarreal Electric & AC Electrical Contractor. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TDA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TxCDBG), FIRE, AMBULANCE & SERVICES TRUCK (FAST) FUND

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the authorization to submit grant application to the TDA Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG), Fire, Ambulance & Services Truck (FAST) Fund. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1232, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE DENYING AEP TEXAS' REQUEST FOR BASE RATE INCREASES

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to waive the 3 readings and approve on one reading. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve ordinance no.1232. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER CESAR SEPULVEDA TO INTERIM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT CORPORAL AND ADJUSTMEN IN PAY

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the appointment of Police Officer Cesar Sepulveda to interim Raymondville Police Department Corporal and adjustment in pay. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TRANSFER FOR POLICE OFFICER ROBERT CASTRO TO THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION POSITION WITH ADJUSTMENT IN PAY

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the transfer for Police Officer Robert Castro to the Criminal Investigation position with adjustment in pay. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the

motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TRANSFER FOR POLICE OFFICER JACOB RODRIGUEZ TO CRIME VICTIMS LIAISON POSITION

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the transfer for Police Officer Jacob Rodriguez to Crime Victims Liaison position. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

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

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM ACCELERATED FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE USE AND WAIVING OF MONTHLY LEASE FOR COREDC INCUBATOR ROOM 115 FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING CALL CENTER OPERATIONS AND CREATING ADDITIONAL JOBS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the request from Accelerated Financial Solutions for the use and waiving of monthly lease until the end of the year for COREDC incubator room 115 for the purpose of expanding call center operations and creating additional jobs. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM CROSS CHURCH FOR WAIVING OF PARK PAVILION RENTAL FEES FOR THEIR UPCOMING EVENTS IN ORDER TO CONDUCT A COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND A REIMBURSEMENT FOR APRIL 28, 2019 FEES

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request from Cross Church for waiving of park pavilion rental fees for their upcoming events in order to conduct a community outreach and a reimbursement for April 28, 2019 fees. Commissioner Tamez 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 Gonzales moved to approve the travel and training for City of Raymondville employees.

1. Delma Garza and Jackie Herrera-Vital Statistics 2019 Summer Conference-Corpus Christi, TX-June 11, 2019
2. Eddie Gonzales-Zoonosis Control-Beeville, TX-June 5 & 6, 2019

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gonzales, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for the month of April, 2019.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, invited the Board of Commissioners to attend Law Enforcement Week Memorial on Thursday at 11 o'clock in front of the court house.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, gave the Board of Commissioners an update on the street project.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the trash bash would be on May 18th & 19th at the warehouse from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, was absent and had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, Economic Development Coordinator, 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