

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

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

No action taken.

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 NOVEMBER 8, 2022

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

Jose Longoria, Administrator for Windsor Nursing Center came to introduce himself to the Board of Commissioners.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 356 WEST YTURRIA, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 5, LOT 44, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, WILLACY COUNTY, FOUND BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO BE UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY, PURSUANT TO NTHE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S CONDEMNATION ORDINANCE NO. 1032

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:23 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:24 p.m.

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Commissioner Gonzales approved to allow a 30 day period to secure the property, repair, demolish and clean up. On the 31st day the city will have to go in and demolish and clean up. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT FOR CITY MANAGER, ELEAZAR GARCIA, JR. AND APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT PARTY

Commissioner Garcia approved the retirement for City Manager, Eleazar Garcia, Jr. and approval of retirement party. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM Omero GARCIA FOR THE CLOSURE OF EAST SAUZ AVENUE AND CORNER OF N. 6TH STREET AND N. 7TH STREET FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL TOY DRIVE AND COOKOFF TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2022

Commissioner Tamez approved the request from Omero Garcia for the closure of east Sauz Avenue and corner of N. 6th Street and N. 7th Street for the 2nd annual toy drive and cookoff to be held on December 17, 2022. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Garcia

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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 (STREET DEPARTMENT)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:46 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 5

Commissioner Garcia moved to approved to terminate Ronnie Lopez for violation of city personnel policy. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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

Commissioner Garcia approved the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for water distribution employee. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:46 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 8

Commissioner Gonzales approved to hire Alejandro Gallaga to be the city attorney. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Joel Soto-Water Safety Course-online

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Gonzales approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC 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:

Delma Garza, City Secretary