

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 11, 2022**

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, October 11, 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

ABSENT: Ryan Solis, City Attorney

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the minutes for September 27, 2022. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF CHEMICAL BIDS FOR  
THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to award the chemical bids as presented. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM  
CITY ATTORNEY**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to accept the resignation from city attorney. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE CITY ATTORNEY**

This agenda item was passed.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE CITY OF LYFORD REGARDING THE USE OF THE CITY JAIL FOR LYFORD ARRESTS**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville and the city of Lyford regarding the use of the city jail for Lyford arrests. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, JOEL GARCIA**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to accept the resignation from water distribution employee, Joel Garcia. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TRANSFER OF POLICE OFFICER RAMON CRUZ TO PATROL DIVISION WITH ADJUSTMENT OF PAY**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to transfer police officer Ramon Cruz to patrol division with adjustment of pay. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TRANSFER OF PD PERSONNEL TO THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION WITH ADJUSTMENT OF PAY**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to transfer of PD personnel to the criminal investigation division with adjustment of pay. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Smith, Garcia 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. Rudy Torres-confined space and excavation awareness-October, 2022 (online)
2. Juan Garza and Jacob Zepeda-wastewater collection-November, 2022 (online)
3. Andy Chavez-CSI-Edingburg, Tx-January 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**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 Garcia, Gonzales, Smith, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**REPORTS**

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

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that he was wanted to make a change to a policy and would bring it to the next meeting for approval.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Andy Chavez, Public Works Assistant, 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 Gilbert Gonzales declared this regular meeting adjourned.

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Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager