

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 25, 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, October 25, 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 OCTOBER 11, 2022

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for October 11, 2022. Commissioner Garcia 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

Jessica Garza invited the Board of Commissioners to the health fair that would be held at the high school gym on Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm.

Irene Cavazos introduced Janet Dudding to the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Dudding is running for State Comptroller of Texas.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT BY CITY JUDGE FELICITA GUTIERREZ

Commissioner Gonzales approved the presentation of Raymondville Municipal Court by City Judge Felicita Gutierrez for the month of September, 2022. Commissioner Tamez 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 PRESENTATION BY VTX-1 ON BILLBOARD SIGNAGE IMAGES AND SMALL WINDOW EMBLEMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING TOURISM IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Gonzales approved the presentation by VTX-1 on billboard signage images and small window emblems for the purpose of promoting tourism in the City of Raymondville as presented. Commissioner Garcia 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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 252 S. 10TH STREET, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 52, LOTS 17 THRU 20, 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 5:27 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:31 p.m.

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Commissioner Smith 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 AMENDMENT TO RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MISDEMEANOR CITATION POLICY CHAPTER 408

Commissioner Gonzales approved the amendment to Raymondville Police Department misdemeanor citation policy chapter 408. 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

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 5:36 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:54 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 6

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT ON 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 5:55 p.m.
The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:59 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 8

Commissioner Smith moved to approve terminate Ruben Ruiz, Jr. for violation of the city personal policy. 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

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. Belinda Villarreal and Judge Gutierrez-TCCA & TCOLE certified-SPI, Texas-Nov. 4th

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Smith approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Tamez 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, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for September, 2022.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that the K-9, Money had passed away. A memorial will take place on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that work has begun on the golf course sign.

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