

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 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, September 13, 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
Ryan Solis, City Attorney
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: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 23, 2022 & AUGUST 30, 2022

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for August 23, 2022 & August 30, 2022. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for August, 2022. Total collected for August, 2022 was \$15,755.74.

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the monthly municipal court report for August, 2022.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING BUDGET WORKSHOP ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S 2022-23 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

This agenda item was tabled.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1258, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.'S 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144, 1154, 1235, 1243 AND 1250; PRESCRIBING THE RATES AND CHARGES TO BE CHARGED BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS FOR THE FURNISHING OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES TO THE INHABITANTS OF SAID CITY; PRESCRIBING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR INHABITANTS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING THAT OTHER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO.'S 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144, 1154, 1235, 1243 AND 1250 NOT AMENDED, SHALL REMAIN THE SAME; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON OCTOBER 1, 2022

Commissioner Garcia moved to second reading for ordinance no. 1258. Commissioner Smith 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 APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1259, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.'S 1102, 1113, 1133, 1161, 1169, 1234, 1244, AND 1251 TO SET NEW SERVICE FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL UNITS AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the second reading of ordinance no. 1259. 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 APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS FOR THE CURRENT 2021-22 FISCAL YEAR

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the budget amendments for city departments for the current 2021-22 Fiscal Year. 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 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE BULLET RESISTANT SHIELD GRANT PROGRAM

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the resolution authorizing the city to submit an application to the Office of the Governor for the Bullet Resistant Shield Grant Program. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE JPOLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME VICTIM'S OFFICER, JACOB

RODRIGUEZ

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to accept the resignation from Raymondville Police Department Crime Victim's Officer, Jacob Rodriguez. Commissioner Tamez 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION OFFICER ANNIKA GARCIA

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Raymondville Police Department Communication Officer Annika Garcia. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A POLICE OFFICER AND A COMMUNICATION OFFICER FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to hire a police officer and a communication officer for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Tamez 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 AUTHORIZATION TO PROCURE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, DENTAL, VISION AND BASIC LIFE & AD&D

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ESTABLISHING NEW SECURITY POLICY FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE TOURIST CENTER

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve establishing new security policy for the Raymondville Tourist Center. Commissioner Tamez 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 REQUEST FROM MTC WILLACY COUNTY STATE JAIL FOR WAIVING OF PARK RENTAL FEE AT VETERAN'S PARK IN ORDER TO CONDUCT A HARVEST FESTIVAL ON OCTOBER 31, 2022 FROM 6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the request from MTC Willacy County State Jail for waiving of park rental fee at Veteran's Park in order to conduct a Harvest Festival on October 31, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. 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 PURCHASE SUPPLIES FOR THE ANNUAL CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE SAFE HAVEN EVENT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the authorization to purchase supplies for the Annual City of Raymondville Safe Haven event. 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. Jon Melendez-Instructor Course-September, 2022
2. David Gomez-Annual Conference-October 19-21st, 2022

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Tamez approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Smith 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 the state had inspected the Animal Shelter and it had passed inspection.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that next Wednesday the crew would install the Hector Leija sign that was provided by the Veterans.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, presented to the Board of Commissioners a Welcome to Raymondville sign for approval.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Mayor Gilbert Gonzales declared this regular meeting adjourned.

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager