

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 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 27, 2022, 5:30 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
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

ABSENT: Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
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 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 SEPTEMBER 13 AND SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for September 13 and September 20, 2022. Commissioner Tamez 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

Jesus Mendoza spoke to the Board of Commissioners on some concerns he had.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2022-23 FISCAL YEAR TAX RATE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:35 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:36 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2022-23 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:37 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:38 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM OWNER, JAYANT PATEL, FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE WHITE WING SUBDIVISION PLAT, BEING A REPLAT OF A 2.84

ACRE TRACT OUT OF LOT 1 OF OUTLOT "K", TOWNSITE OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 77, WILLACY COUNTY MAP RECORDS

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:38 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:39 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNER, JAYANT PATEL, FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE WHITE WING SUBDIVISION PLAT, BEING A REPLAT OF A 2.84 ACRE TRACT OUT OF LOT 1 OF OUTLOT "K", TOWNSITE OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 1 PAGE 77 WILLACY COUNTY MAP RECORDS

Commissioner Gonzales approved the request from owner Jayant Patel, for the approval of the White Wing Subdivision Plat, being a replat of a 2.84 acre tract out of Lot 1 of Outlot "K", Townsite of Raymondville, Willacy County, Texas as recorded in volume 1 page 77 Willacy County Map records. 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 THIRD AND FINAL 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 Tamez approved the first 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 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THIRD AND FINAL 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 Smith approved the third and final reading of ordinance no. 1259, an ordinance of the City of Raymondville, Texas, amending ordinance no.'s 1102, 1113, 1161, 1169, 1234, 1244, and 1251 to set new service fees for residential and small commercial units and effective October 1, 2022. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Garcia, Smith 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 Gonzales approved 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 Gonzales, Garcia, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING 2022-23 BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1260, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2022-23 FISCAL YEAR, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approval, passage and adoption of ordinance no. 1260, adopting a budget for the 2022-23, fiscal year. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1261, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL NECESSARY EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

Commissioner Smith moved to approval, passage and adoption of ordinance no. 1261, making appropriations of sums of money for all necessary expenditures for fiscal year 2022-23. Commissioner Tamez 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 APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1262, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF DEBT SERVICE TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENDITURES BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. Commissioner Garcia 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

Commissioner Smith moved to approval, passage and adoption of ordinance no. 1262, providing for the levy, assessment and collection of debt service taxes for debt service expenditures and maintenance and operation taxes for maintenance and operation expenditures by the City of Raymondville for fiscal year 2022-23. Commissioner Tamez 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, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1263, AMENDING THE 2021-22 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1252, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1264, AMENDING THE 2021-22 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 1264, AMENDING THE 2021-22 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 1264, AMENDING THE 2021-22 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 1253, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

Commissioner Tamez approved the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation's budget for fiscal year 2022-23. Commissioner Gonzales 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE LEASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

Commissioner Tamez approved the Raymondville Municipal Golf Course lease for fiscal year 2022-23. 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 OPENING AND AWARDING BIDS FOR CHEMICALS TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

Commissioner Garcia moved to accept the bids and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING BIDS FOR COMPUTER MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Smith approved to award the bid to UBEO. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE SETTING OF NEW USER FEES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Commissioner Tamez approved the setting of the new user fees for the City of Raymondville Municipal Golf Course as presented. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072, DELIBERATION REGARDING THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 6:06 p.m.
The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:15 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 19

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve Cesar Ornelas aka American Kitchen Cabanas to pledge four (4) acres of land 4.1691 for the purpose of 11,540 square ft. for kitchen manufacture facility in Raymondville, Texas indigent of performance agreement approved by the city attorney. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN RFQ PROCESS TO SELECT PROJECT ENGINEER AND RFP PROCESS TO SELECT PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR FOR TDA 2023-2024

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to begin RFQ process to select project engineer and RFP process to select project administrator for TDA 2023-2024. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Garcia, Gonzales, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING GOLF CART LEASE RENEWAL FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the golf cart lease renewal for the City of Raymondville Municipal Golf Course. Commissioner Garcia 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 SETTING OF NEW BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the new building permit and inspection fees to be charged by the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROMOTION OF PARKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, ARISTIO GARCIA, TO HEAD OF PARKS DEPARTMENT WITH ADJUSTMENT OF PAY

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the promotion of parks department employee, Aristio Garcia, to head of parks department with adjustment of pay. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TWDB (DWSRF) PROJECT #62887, REHABILITATION OF THE EXISTING POTABLE WATER ELEVATED STORAGE TANKS PROJECT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the City of Raymondville TWDB (DWSRF) project #62887, rehabilitation of the existing potable water elevated storage tanks project. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No travel and training.

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Tamez 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, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for August, 2022.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, was absent and 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