

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR MARCH 12, 2019**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at Raymondville City Hall, 142 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor  
Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner  
Chris Tamez, Commissioner  
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner  
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager  
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary  
Ryan Solis, City Attorney  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Mayor Gilberto Gonzales declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gilberto Gonzales.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for February 26, 2019. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

Felcita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for February, 2019. Total collected for February, 2019 was \$12,076.56.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE HOMELAND SECURITY CHILD EXPLOITATION TASK FORCE AND THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF JOINT OPERATIONS EXPENSES FROM THE TREASURY FORFEITURE FUND**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Homeland Security Child Exploitation Task Force and the City of Raymondville Police Department for the reimbursement of joint operations expenses from the Treasury Forfeiture Fund. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE REVERSE OSMOSIS WTP PROJECT**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the change order no. 2 on the City of Raymondville Reverse Osmosis WTP Project. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, ROBERT LOZANO**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to accept of resignation from cemetery maintenance department employee, Robert Lozano. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TRANSFER OF STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JESUS GALLARDO TO THE CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the transfer of street department employee, Jesus Gallardo to the cemetery maintenance department. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE/TRANSFER/HIRE EMPLOYEE FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve authorization to advertise/transfer/hire employee for the street department. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

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

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

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BIDS ON THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW PICKUP TRUCKS TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve awarding to the lowest bidder Boswell Elliff Ford for the purchase of two new pickup trucks to be used by the City of Raymondville Fire Department and

Public Works Department. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOW CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICERS TO WORK AT THE UPCOMING S.P.I. SPRING BREAK 2019 HOLIDAY**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve authorization to allow City of Raymondville Police Officers to work at the upcoming S.P.I. Spring Break 2019 Holiday. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM THE CROSS CHURCH FOR WAIVING OF PARK PAVILION RENTAL FEES FOR THEIR UPCOMING EASTER EGG HUNT TO BE HELD SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request from the CROSS Church for waiving of park pavilion rental fees for their upcoming Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, April 20, 2019. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE NECESSARY PLANNING AND COST ESTIMATES FOR A NEW SPLASH PARK TO BE LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve authorization to proceed with the necessary planning and cost estimates for a new splash park to be located adjacent to the City of Raymondville Municipal Swimming Pool. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SELECTION OF PAINT COLORS FOR THE NEW CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE REVERSE OSMOSIS PLANT**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the selection of Hawaiian Blue and white paint colors for the new City of Raymondville Reverse Osmosis Plant. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
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 (CITY**

**STREET DEPARTMENT**

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:42 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:47 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 12**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to terminate Adrian Garibay for violation of city policy.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES**

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

1. City Officials and City Manager-TML Region 12 City Officials-S.P.I., TX-May 9 & 10, 2019

**APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

Commissioner Smith approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioner the financial report for February, 2019.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that there had been a shooting during the weekend.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on street project.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

**RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ**

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, was absent and had no reports.

**RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

David Gomez, Economic Development Coordinator, update the Board of Commissioners the La Jarra project.

**ADJOURN**

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

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Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr.  
City Manager/Secretary