

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 8, 2019**

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 8, 2019, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

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

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

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2019**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for September 24, 2019. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Garcia, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for September, 2019. Total collected for September, 2019 was \$16,137.88.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE FOLLWING AS REQUIRED BY THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE PROPOSED WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT:**

- a. Financial Advisor Services
- b. Bond Counsel Services
- c. Engineer Services

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve awarding the financial advisor services to Estrada Hinojosa as per recommendation from the scoring committee. 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

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve awarding the bond counsel services to Norton Rose Fulbright as per recommendation from the scoring committee. 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

Commissioner Smith moved to not to accept the recommendation from the scoring committee for engineer services for Ambiotec and for the Board of Commissioners to do the rescoring. 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

Commissioner Smith moved to approve awarding the engineer services to Guzman and Munoz Engineering and Surveying, Inc. Commissioner Gonzales 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF COMPUTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to award the computer maintenance contract to Core Solutions for the City of Raymondville's 2019-20 Fiscal Year. 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 REGARDING APPROVAL OF REVISED CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION RULES FOR CITY MEETINGS AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY ATTORNEY**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to revise the City of Raymondville audience participation rules for city meetings as recommended by city attorney. 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S 1.5 MGD REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve of change order no. 5 on the City of Raymondville's 1.5 MGD Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant Project. Commissioner Smith 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 ADOPTING THE 2019 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution adopting the 2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the City of Raymondville. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES FOR THE ANNUAL CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S SAFE HAVEN EVENT**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to purchase supplies for the Annual City of Raymondville's Safe Haven event. 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 REQUEST FROM MR. ROY MARROQUIN, FOR WAIVING OF RENTAL FEES AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE VETERANS' PARK IN ORDER TO CONDUCT A COMMUNITY EVENT TO DISTRIBUTE COATS TO THE NEEDY AND ALSO SO HOT DOG GIVE AWAY FROM 12:00 TO 4:00 PM ON OCTOBER 12, 2019**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to request from Mr. Roy Marroquin, for waiving of rental fees at the City of Raymondville Veterans' Park in order to conduct a community event to distribute coats to the needy and also so hot dog give away from 12:00 to 4:00 pm on October 12, 2019. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF GOLF CART LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the golf cart lease agreement for the City of Raymondville Municipal Golf Course. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/ADVERTISE/TRANSFER FOR STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the authorization to hire/advertise/transfer for street department employee. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER JOSE PAREDES III TO STREET DEPARTMENT FROM WASTEWATER COLLECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENT OF PAY**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to transfer Jose Paredes III to street department from wastewater collections and adjustment of pay. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/ADVERTISE/TRANSFER FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION EMPLOYEE**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to hire/advertise/transfer for wastewater collection employee. Commissioner Gonzales 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

**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 (STREET DEPARTMENT)**

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:36 p.m.  
The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:44 p.m.

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

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to terminate Mathew Najera for violation of city policy. Commissioner Smith 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

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

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

1. Delma Garza and Jackie Herrera-Vital Statistics Conference-Georgetown, Texas-12/4-12/6/19

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING 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 Tamez, Smith, Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None

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ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**REPORTS**

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

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners an update on the drainage project.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, 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.

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Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager/Secretary