

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 26, 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, November 26, 2019, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor  
Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Joel Garcia, 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

ABSENT: Chris Tamez, Commissioner

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 NOVEMBER 12, 2019**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for November 12, 2019. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Smith

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR BOND COUNSEL LEGAL SERVICES WITH NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT US LLP; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution approving an engagement agreement for bond counsel legal services with Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP; and other matter in connection therewith. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR CONSTRUCTING VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S UTILITY SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,200,000; AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL ADVISORS, BOND COUNSEL AND ENGINEERS TO CORRDNATE THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS WATER**

**DEVELOPMENT BOARD; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the resolution requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development board for constructing various public improvements to the city's utility system in the amount not to exceed \$2,200,000; authorizing the City's financial advisors, bond counsel and engineers to coordinate the submission of the application to the Texas Water Development Board; and other matters in connection therewith. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES WITH ESTRADA HINOJOSA & COMPANY, INC.**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the agreement for financial advisory services with Estrada Hinojosa & Company, Inc. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF EARLY DISMISSAL FOR CITY EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND ANNUAL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 23, 2019, AT 12:00 NOON**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the early dismissal for city employees to attend Annual Employee Appreciation Luncheon to be held on December 23, 2019, at 12:00 noon. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Garcia, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2019**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for September, 2019.

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Gonzales, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

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

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING 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 Manager Eleazar Garcia, Jr.-on-line course

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LEASING OF EDC OFFICE SPACE TO ACCELERATED FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS, LLC AS APPROVED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EDC**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the leasing of EDC office space to Accelerated Financial Solutions, LLC. from January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020. The rent payment will be \$637.00 a month. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Smith, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Annual Christmas tree lighting will be next Thursday and the Christmas parade would be on Friday.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, ask the citizens of Raymondville if they are going out of town to come by and fill out a form for extra security.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, was absent and had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Assistant, updated the Board of Commissioners in the street paving project update and the cave in. Mr. Chavez also mentioned movie night would be on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ**

**REPORTS**

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, was absent and 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