

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

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, February 25, 2020, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, 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

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 FEBRUARY 11, 2020

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for February 11, 2020. 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

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Pass on this agenda item.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES FOUND BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO BE UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY, PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S CONDEMNATION ORDINANCE NO. 1032:

- a) 252 S. 10th Street, Raymondville, Texas 78580, also described as Raymondville original Townsite, Block 52, Lots 17 thru 20, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County
- b) 312 S. 9th Street, Raymondville, Texas 78580, also described as Raymondville Original Townsite, Block 54, Lot 12 [TR2] (E15') & Lots 13 thru 16, Raymondville, Texas, Willacy County

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:17 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:23 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES FOUND BY

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Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to allow 30 days to the home owner to remodel, repair, secure, or demolish if owner doesn’t comply the city will demolish. Commissioner Garcia 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 SERGEANT ARMIN MARTINEZ

Commissioner Garcia approved the resignation from Raymondville Police Sergeant Armin Martinez. Commissioner Gonzales 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 CERTIFICATION PAY INCREASE FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES:

- a. Andres Chavez
- b. Edward Ramirez
- c. Jose Paredes, Jr.

Commissioner Smith approved the \$1.00 increase per hour for the above listed employees for certification. 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 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- a. Drug Enforcement Investigator Program
- b. Local Border Security Program
- c. Victims of Crime Program
- d. Firing Range Equipment Project

Commissioner Gonzales approve the resolutions and authorization to submit grant applications to the Office of the Governor. Commissioner Garcia 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 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 Garcia, Gonzales, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Eddie Gonzales-Continuing Education-McAllen, TX-3/26/20
2. Judge Gutierrez-Regional Judges-SPI, TX-5/5-7/20
3. City Officials-TML Region 12 Workshop-SPI, TX-5/7 & 5/8/2020

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 they have arrested Juan Jose Perez and Natalie Cantu on drug charges.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on the paving and drainage project.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

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:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager/Secretary