

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JULY 14 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, July 14, 2020, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

ABSENT: Edward Gonzales, 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 JUNE 9, 2020

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for June 9, 2020. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gonzales

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this city meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felicita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for June, 2020. Total collected for June, 2020 was \$19,489.84.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Municipal Court monthly report for June, 2020. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Garcia, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gonzales

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT TO ASSIST THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE IN ITS APPLICATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTRACTS AWARDED FROM THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE'S CDBG-MIT PROGRAM

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to accept the bid packets from RM and Grantworks as presented. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE CDBG-MIT SELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the appointment of committee members to the CDBG-MIT which consists of Mayor Gonzales, Mr. Garcia, Delma Garza, and Joel Soto. The committee will bring back results to the next city meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM OWNER, NAYELI MENDEZ, ON A SETBACK VARIANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROPOSED STORAGE ROOM BUILDING THAT WILL INTRUDE INTO THE 10 FOOT REAR SETBACK REQUIREMENT, LOCATED AT 588 W. KIMBALL AVENUE ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 42 LOTS 31 THRU 32, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:24 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:26 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM OWNER, ROSA BOTELLO, ON A SETBACK VARIANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROPOSED STORAGE ROOM BUILDING THAT WILL INTRUDE INTO THE 10 FOOT REAR SETBACK REQUIREMENT, LOCATED AT 604 W.YTURRIA AVENUE ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 2 LOTS 17 THRU 18, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:27 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:28 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNER, NAYELI MENDEZ, ON A SETBACK VARIANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROPOSED STORAGE ROOM BUILDING THAT WILL INTRUDE INTO THE 10 FOOT REAR SETBACK REQUIREMENT, LOCATED AT 588 W. KIMBALL AVENUE ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 42 LOTS 31 THRU 32, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the request from owners, Nayeli Mendez, on a setback variance for the construction of a proposed storage room building that will intrude into the 10 foot rear setback requirement, located at 588 W. Kimball Avenue also described as Raymondville Original Townsite, Block 42 Lot 31 thru 32, as recorded in the Map of Plat records of Willacy County, Texas. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OF REQUEST FROM OWNERS, ROSA BOTELLO, ON A SETBACK VARIANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROPOSED STORAGE ROOM BUILDING THAT WILL INTRUDE INTO THE 10 FOOT SETBACK REQUIREMENT, LOCATED AT 604 W. YTURRIA AVENUE ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 2, LOT 17 THRU 18, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request from owners, Rosa Botello, on a setback variance for the construction of a proposed storage room building that will intrude into the 10 foot near setback requirement, located at 604 W. Yturria Avenue also described as Raymondville original townsite, block 2, Lot 17 thru 18, as recorded in the Map of Plat Records of Willacy County, Texas. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM WASTEWATER COLLECTION EMPLOYEE, WALFRED ERICKSON

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Wastewater Collection employee, Walfred Erickson. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for Wastewater Collection employee. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE TEMPORARY PERSONNEL FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire temporary personnel for the Street department. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1242, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, ("CITY") APPROVING A NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEXAS GAS SERVICE ("TGS" OR "THE COMPANY") REGARDING THE COMPANY'S APRIL 30, 2020, COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT (COSA) FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING NEW TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE; PROVIDING FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE CITY'S AND TGS' REASONABLE AND NECESSARY RATE CASE EXPENSES; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE;

DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING ANY PRIOR ORDINANCES INCOSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY'S AND THE CITY'S LEGAL COUNSEL; WAIVING THE THREE READINGS REQUIREMENT 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 Smith, Tamez, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Gonzales

Commissioner Smith moved to approve Ordinance number 1242 as stated above. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM THE WILLACY COUNTY/RAYMONDVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR AN ADVANCE OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX PAYMENTS BUDGETED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE DUE TO THE DEFERMENT OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAXES GIVEN TO THE HOTELS AS PART OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC RELIEF

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the request from the Willacy County/Raymondville Chamber of Commerce for an advance of hotel/motel tax payments budgeted by the City of Raymondville due to the deferment of hotel/motel taxes given to the hotels as part of the Covid-19 pandemic relief. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, (MOU) BETWEEN THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE WILLACY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PERTAINING TO THE CRIME VICTIM ADVOCATE PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO ASSIST VICTIMS OF CRIME IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the memorandum of understanding, (MOU) between the Raymondville Police Department and the Willacy County District Attorney's office pertaining to the crime victim advocate program available to assist victims of crime in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF DEFERMENT OF RBEG LOAN PAYMENTS AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION AGREEMENT

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the deferment of RBEG loan payments and authorization to proceed with modification and extension agreement as approved by the EDC. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

Rene Trevino- on-line training-Surface Water I-7/28-7/30/20

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

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the June Financial Report.

Mayor Gonzales also mentioned that the Census will be having a parade next Wednesday.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that an employee tested positive for the COVID-19.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners that the grass crew have been cutting the grass and cleaning the storm drains. Mr. Soto mentioned that all three canals have been cleaned.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, reported to the Board of Commissioners that twenty-two applications have been submitted for the CARES ACT fund. Mr. Gomez also mentioned that JDC has paid 6 months of rent.

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