

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 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 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, August 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  
Joel Soto, Public Works Director  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary

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 AUGUST 11, 2020**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for August 11, 2020. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

No report was given.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM OWNER, JUAN G. GARZA, FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAT OF R. GARZA SUBDIVISION, BEING A RE-PLAT OF THE NORTH PORTION OF LOTS ONE (1), TWO (2), THREE (3), AND FOUR (4) OF THE DECKER PLACE SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 9, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS MAP RECORDS**

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:15 p.m.

No public comments.

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNER, JUAN G. GARZA, FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE SUBDIVISION PLAT OF F. GARZA SUBDIVISION, BEING A RE-PLAT OF THE NORTH PORTION OF LOTS ONE (1), TWO (2), THREE (3), AND FOUR (4) OF THE DECKER PLACE SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 9, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS MAP RECORDS**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the request from owner Juan G. Garza, for the approval of the Subdivision Plat of F. Garza Subdivision , being a re-plat of the north portion of Lots One (1),

Two (2), Three (3) and Four (4) of the Decker Place Subdivision as recorded in Book 1, Page 9, Willacy County, Texas Map Records. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ENGINEERING SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT-MIT PROGRAM APPLICATION AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO)**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution designating Guzman and Munoz an engineering service provider for the 2020 Community Development-MIT program application and project implementation administered through the Texas General Land Office (GLO). 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 OPENING AND AWARDED PROPOSALS FOR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES FOR 2020-21 FISCAL YEAR**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to accept the bids and have the committee review and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF BIDS ON DEBRIS REMOVAL IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE CAUSED BY HURRICANE HANNA**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to accept the bids and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER, ADULFO VARGAS III**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the resignation from Raymondville Police Officer, Adolfo Vargas III. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/ADVERTISE FOR POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to hire/advertise for police officer

positions. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES TO PURCHASE NEW IONIZATION/PURIFICATION SYSTEMS FOR CITY BUILDINGS TO BE PURCHASED WITH FUNDS FROM THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND PROGRAM**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to initiate the necessary procedures to purchase new ionization/purification systems for city buildings to be purchased with funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund Program. 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 APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1243, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.'S 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144, 1154 AND 1235; PRESCRIBING THE RATES AND CHARGES TO BE CHARGED BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS FOR THE FURNISHING OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES TO THE INHABITANTS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS; PROVIDING THAT OTHER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 'S 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144, 1154 AND 1235 NOT AMENDED, SHALL REMAIN THE SAME; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON OCTOBER 1, 2020**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1243, an ordinance no. 1243, an ordinance amending Ordinance No.'s 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144, 1154 and 1235; prescribing the rates and charges to be charged by the Water Department of the City of Raymondville, Texas for the furnishing of water and sewer services to the inhabitants of said providing that other provisions of Ordinance No.'s 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144, 1154 and 1235 not amended, shall remain the same; and declaring that this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on October 1, 2020. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DICUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1244, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.'S 1102, 1113, 1133, 1161, 1169 AND 1234, TO SET NEW SERVICE FEES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND SMALL COMMERCIAL UNITS AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1244, an ordinance of the City of Raymondville, Texas amending Ordinance No.'s 1102, 1113, 1133, 1161, 1169 and 1234, to set new service fees for residential and small commercial units and setting an effective date. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED 2020 TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**

Commissioner Tamez motion to propose a maintenance and operation rate of .6807 and a debt rate of .0967 for a total rate of .7774 for the 2020 tax year for the City of Raymondville. This year's proposed tax rate does not exceed the new revenue rate and I also motion to schedule and publish a public meeting to vote on the proposed tax rate at 5:15 p.m. on September 22, 2020 at the City Commissioners' court meeting. 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 APPROVAL OF TEXAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION FOUNDATION, INC.'S LEASE AGREEMENT EXTENSION WITH THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. lease agreement extension with the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Smith, Tamez, Garcia 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 5:52 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:59 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 13**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to terminate Juan L. Fierro for violation of city policy. Commissioner Tamez 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 REVOLVING LOAN APPLICANT, FIT 540 LLC'S (FITNESS GYM) REQUEST FOR LOAN ASSISTANCE FROM THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S RBEG REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the revolving loan applicant, Fit 540 LLC's (Fitness Gym) request for loan assistance from the City of Raymondville's Economic Development Corporation's RBEG Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**BUDGET WORKSHOP ON 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR**

No action taken.

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

This agenda item was passed.

**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 Tamez, Smith, Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, no reports were presented

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, no reports were presented.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the city crew are trying to keep up with all the weedy lots.

**RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, no reports were presented.

**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