

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 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, September 22, 2020, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

ABSENT:

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 8, 2020**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for September 8, 2020. Commissioner Gonzales 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

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this city meeting.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

No report was given.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP ON FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 BUDGET**

No action taken.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1244, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2020-21, FISCAL YEAR, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Gonzales 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 Gonzales, Garcia, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the passage and adoption of ordinance no. 1244, adopting a budget for the 2020-21, fiscal year. Commissioner Garcia 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, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1245, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL NECESSARY EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Gonzales 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 Gonzales, Garcia, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the passage and adoption of ordinance no. 1245, making appropriations of sums of money for all necessary expenditures for fiscal year 2020-21. 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, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1246, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF DEBT SERVICE TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENDITURES BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. Commissioner Gonzales 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

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the passage and adoption of ordinance no. 1246, providing for the levy, assessment and collection of debt service taxes for debt service expenditures and maintenance and operation taxes for maintenance and operation expenditures by the City of Raymondville for fiscal year 2020-21. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Smith, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1247, AMENDING THE 2019-20 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1239, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

This agenda item was passed.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1248, AMENDING THE 2019-20 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 1240, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

This agenda item was passed.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation's budget for fiscal year 2020-21. 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 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the budget amendments. 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF PROPOSALS ON COMPUTER MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the awarding to Guzman and Munoz for professional engineering services for the City of Raymondville for two (2) years. Commissioner Garcia 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 THIRD AND FINAL 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 OF SAID CITY; PRESCRIBING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR 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 NOTAMENDED, SHALL REMAIN THE SAME; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON OCTOBER 1, 2020**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the third and final 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 of said city; prescribing the rates to be charged for 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 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THIRD AND FINAL 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 Gonzales moved to approve the third and final reading of ordinance no. 1244, an ordinance of the City of Raymondville, Texas, amending ordinance no.'s 1102, 1113, 1161, 1169 and 1234, to set new service fees for residential and small commercial units effective on October 1, 2020. 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 RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE LEASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the Raymondville Municipal Golf Course lease for fiscal year 2020-21. Commissioner Gonzales 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDED OF BID FOR THE REMODEL OF THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S AIR CONDITION SYSTEM**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve award the bid to Bougambilias Construction, LLC. 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

**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. Water plant employees-RO training-on line

**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 Gonzales, Smith, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, updated the Board of Commissioners on the debris pick up and sales tax. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that a Kiosk machine is something we are looking into and will be paid with the COVID funds.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

**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.

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Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager/Secretary