

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 13, 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, October 13, 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

ABSENT: Chris Tamez, Commissioner due to medical reasons

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 22, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for September 22, 2020 and September 29, 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

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND SUBORDINATE LIEN REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2020"; AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Raymondville, Texas, Combination Tax and Subordinate Lien Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2020"; and other matters incident and related thereto. 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 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS AGREEMENT DRINKING WATER

STATE REVOLVING FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,079, 412 AND AN ESCROW AGREEMENT RELATING THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY MANGER/SECRETARY, OR THEIR DESIGNESS, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the resolution approving the Principal Forgiveness Agreement Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in the amount \$1,079,412 and an Escrow Agreement relating thereto; authorizing the Mayor, City Manager/Secretary, or their designees, to execute any and all documents related thereto; and other matters in connection therewith. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-MITIGATION (CDBT-MIT) APPLICATION ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the adopting a resolution authorizing submission of the 2020 Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBT-MIT) application administered by the Texas General Land Office. 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 ADOPTING A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE RELATED TO THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-MITIGATION (CDBG-MIT) APPLICATION

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the adopting a citizen participation plan for the City of Raymondville related to the 2020 Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) application. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH DELTA LAKE IRRIGATION DISTRICT RELATED TO THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-MITIGATION (CDBG-MIT) APPLICATION

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to execute an interlocal agreement with Delta Lake Irrigation District related to the 2020 Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) application. 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 OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PROCEDURES FOR GRANT PAYMENTS

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the City of Raymondville procedures for grant payments.

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 CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FINANCIAL PROCEDURES AS REQUIRED BY GRANT APPLICATIONS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the City of Raymondville financial procedures as required by grant applications. 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 ADOPTION OF PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AS REQUIRED BY GRANT APPLICATIONS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the adoption of procurement policies and procedures for the City of Raymondville as required by grant applications. 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 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS OF CAMERON AND WILLACY COUNTIES, "I AM BRAVE, 10K/5K/1 MILE VIRTUAL RUN" FUNDRAISER EVENT TO BE HELD FROM OCTOBER 15 THRU OCTOBER 30, 2020 AND PAYMENT OF \$25 REGISTRATION FEE FOR EMPLOYEES INTERESTED IN COMPETING

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization for the City of Raymondville employees to participate in the Children's Advocacy Centers of Cameron and Willacy Counties, "I am brave, 10K/5K/1Mile Virtual Run" fundraiser event to be held from October 15 thru October 30, 2020 and payment of \$25 registration fee for employees interested in competing. Commissioner Smith 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES:

- a) Hector S. Gonzales, Street Department, 14 years service
- b) Ruben Najera, Street Department, 8 years service

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the retirement for Hector S. Gonzales and Ruben Najera. Commissioner Gonzales 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, RUBEN GOMEZ

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from water distribution employee, Ruben Gomez. Commissioner Smith 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 AWARDING OF CHEMICAL BIDS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the awarding of chemical bids as presented for the City of Raymondville Water Treatment Plant. 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 CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND ROUND II EXPENDITURES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STIMULUS PAYMENTS TO BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AFFECTED BY BUSINESS INTERRUPTION AS A RESULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Coronavirus Relief Fund Round II Expenditures for Economic Development Stimulus payments to businesses in the City of Raymondville affected by business interruption as a result of the Coronavirus Epidemic. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE; AND CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the resolution requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board and authorizing the filing of an application for assistance; and certain findings in connection therewith. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND DELTA LAKE IRRIGATION DISTRICT RELATED TO THE TWDB-FIF APPLICATION

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to execute memorandum of understanding between the City of Raymondville and Delta Lake Irrigation District related to the TWDB-FIF application. Commissioner Gonzales 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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

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APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Gonzales 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

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 the Halloween Safe Haven has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the crew are catching up with weedy lots and filling pot holes.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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