

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JULY 13, 2021**

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 13, 2021, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

ABSENT: Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ABSENCE FROM MEETING
BY MAYOR OR CITY COMMISSIONERS AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 6,
OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S HOME RULE CHARTER**

No action taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felicita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for June, 2021. Total collected for June, 2021 was \$21,361.94.

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the monthly municipal court report for June, 2021. 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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S 2020 CONSUMER
CONFIDENCE REPORT**

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:19 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:20 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM
RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER, VICTOR ESTRADA**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to accept the resignation from Raymondville Police

Officer, Victor Estrada. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE NEW POLICE OFFICER FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire new police officer for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION ON OPERATION LONE STAR TO BE HELD AT THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FROM JULY 26-31, 2021

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the presentation on Operation Lone Star to be held at the First United Methodist Church from July 26-31, 2021 also to assist with road closure. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

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, TAXABLE SERIES 2021"; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID CERTIFICATES BY THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY AND FURTHER SECURING SAID CERTIFICATES BY A SUBORDINATE AND INFERIOR LIEN ON AND PLEDGE OF THE PLEDGED REVENUES OF THE SYSTEM, ON A PARTY WITH CERTAIN CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING SUBORDINATE LIEN OBLIGATIONS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Raymondville, Texas Combination Tax and Subordinate Lien Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Taxable Series 2021"; providing for the payment of said certificates by the Levy of an Ad Valorem Tax Upon all taxable property within the City and further securing said certificates by a subordinate and inferior lien on and pledge of the pledged revenues of the system, on a party with certain currently outstanding subordinate lien obligations. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$548,551 AND AN ESCROW AGREEMENT RELATING THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER AND CITY SECRETARY, OR THEIR DESIGNEES, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the resolution approving the resolution approving a grant agreement in the amount of \$548,551 and an escrow agreement relating thereto; authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and City Secretary, or their designees, to execute any and all documents related thereto; and other matters in connection therewith. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 AND AN ESCROW AGREEMENT RELATING THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY MANAGER AND CITY SECRETARY, OR THEIR DESIGNEES, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO; AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the resolution approving the resolution approving a grant agreement in the amount of \$400,000 and an escrow agreement relating thereto; authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and City 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 Garcia, Smith, Gonzales, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS (RFP'S) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ'S) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization for the City of Raymondville to issue requests for proposals (RFP'S) for administrative services and requests for qualifications (RFQ's) for professional services for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION PAY INCREASE FOR ALL WATER TREATMENT PLANT PERSONNEL WHO PASSED THE REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER PLANT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE TRAINING PROGRAM

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the certification pay increase of a dollar and hour for all water treatment plant personnel who passed the Reverse Osmosis Water Plant Operation and Maintenance training program. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL 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 29, 2021, 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 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 INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY'S AND THE CITY'S LEGAL COUNSEL

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the ordinance of the City Council 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 29, 2021 Cost of Service Adjustment ("COSA") filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable and necessary rate case expenses; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act; declaring an effective date; repealing any prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the Company's and the City's Legal Counsel. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION APPROVING BID(S) RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY STRUCK OFF TO WILLACY COUNTY ON A TAX RESALE, MAY 4, 2021 FOR ITSELF AND OTHER TAXING JURISDICTIONS:

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to the bid(s) received for the property struck off to Willacy County on a Tax Resale, May 4, 2021 for itself and other taxing jurisdictions as presented in the City of Raymondville agenda. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION APPROVING OR REJECTING THE HIGHEST BID(S)/OFFER RECEIVED ON TAX RESALE PROPERTIES ON MAY 4, 2021

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the highest bid(s)/offer received on tax resale properties on May 4, 2021. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Chief Zamora-Chief Leadership-San Antonio, Texas-July 25-30, 2021
2. 2 police officers-TX Public Information Act-Georgetown, Texas-Aug. 24-26, 2021
3. David Gomez, Pam Leverett, and Marty Martinez-TEDC-Fort Worth, TX-October 13-15, 2021
4. Fire department- Municipal Fire School-College Station, TX-July 21-30, 2021

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 Smith, Tamez, Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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 there are about forty junked motor vehicles around town and they have been tagged.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, was absent.

Andy Chavez, Asst. Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on weedy lots and spraying for mosquitoes.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, updated the Board of Commissioners on new businesses in town and job fairs.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Mayor Gilbert Gonzales declared this regular meeting adjourned.

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager