

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 10, 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, August 10, 2021, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Garcia absent due to medical reasons.

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.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Belinda Villarreal, Municipal Court clerk, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for July, 2021. Total collected for July, 2021 was \$13,731.22.

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the monthly municipal court report for July, 2021. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Garcia

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF REQUEST
FOR PROPOSALS ON ADMINISTRATION/PROJECT DELIVERY SERVICES FOR THE
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARP Act)**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to open the one bid packet that was received by GrantWorks. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Garcia

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ADMINISTRATION/PROJECT DELIVERY SERVICE PROVIDER TO COMPLETE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP ACT) FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE AGENCY

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution designating GrantWorks as administration/project delivery service provider to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Plan (ARP ACT) funding administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, other Federal or State Agency. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Garcia

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE BUILDING CONTRACTOR AWARD FOR THE HOME PROGRAM THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the resolution authorizing G & G Contractors for the Home Program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Garcia

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM JOSEPH GONZALEZ, FOR THE USE OF THE SMILEY FACE PARK AND PAVILION TO CONDUCT AN IBCA SANCTIONED COOK-OFF TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 20 AND AUGUST 21, 2021

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the request from Joseph Gonzalez, for the use of the Smiley Face Park and Pavilion to conduct an IBCA sanctioned cook-off to be held on August 20 and August 21, 2021. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Gonzales, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Garcia

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 5:54 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:03 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 5

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve terminate Dustin Garcia for violation of the city personal policy. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Garcia

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE 2021-22 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

No action taken.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No travel and training was presented at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Smith approved and authorize payment of the City’s bills as presented. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Tamez, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Garcia

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 Christmas in August would be held on Thursday at 5:30.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioner that the city crew have been working on weedy lots, potholes, and the tourist center is being painted.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, updated the Board of Commissioners on current events.

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