

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 24, 2021**

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 24, 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  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
Ryan Solis, City Attorney

ABSENT: Delma Garza, City Secretary  
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 BY MAYOR GILBERT GONZALES:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

**INVOCATION:** Invocation was given by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MINUTES AUGUST 10, 2021**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for August 10, 2021. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF NOTICE OF MEETING TO  
VOTE ON TAX PROPOSED 2021 TAX RATE TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE  
GOVERNING BODY SHOWING ON HOW EACH MEMBER VOTED ON THE  
PROPOSED RATE**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the notice of meeting to vote on tax proposed 2021 tax rate to include members of the governing body showing on how each member voted on the proposed rate of .7712. Commissioner Garcia 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 APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1250, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.'S 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144, 1154, 1235 AND 1243; 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, 1235 AND 1243 NOT AMENDED, SHALL REMAIN THE SAME; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT ON OCTOBER 1, 2021**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the first reading of ordinance no. 1250, an ordinance amending Ordinance No.'s 1023, 1057, 1067, 1075, 1088, 1092, 1107, 1115, 1126, 1138, 1144, 1154, 1235 and 1243; 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, 1235 and 1243 not amended, shall remain the same; and declaring that this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on October 1, 2021. Commissioner Garcia 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 APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1251, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO.'S 1102, 1113, 1133, 1161, 1169, 1234 AND 1244, 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. 1251, an ordinance of the City of Raymondville, Texas, amending ordinance no.'s 1102, 1113, 1133, 1161, 1169, 1234 and 1244, 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 Smith, Gonzales, Garcia, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BIDS/PROPOSALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to review the bids and make a recommendation at the next special city meeting. Commissioner Gonzales 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 PURCHASE OF USED BRUSH TRUCK WITH GRAPPLER TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE STREET DEPARTMENT FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the purchase of used brush truck with grappeler to be used by the City of Raymondville street department for debris removal. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REQUIRED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT AGRICULTURE-MAIN WATER LOOP PROJECT:**

- a) Section 3 presentation
- b) Authorization to advertise for construction bids

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the section 3 presentation that is required by the Texas Department Agriculture-main Water Loop Project. Commissioner Gonzales 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

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the authorization to advertise for construction bids that is required by the Texas Department Agriculture-main Water Loop Project. 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 TRANSFER/HIRE/ADVERTISE FOR EMPLOYEES FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION AND WASTE WATER COLLECTION**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to transfer/hire/advertise for employees for water distribution and waste water collection. Commissioner Smith 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

**BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR 2021-22 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

No action taken.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SELECTION OF PAINT COLOR FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S ELEVATED STORAGE TANKS**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve delft blue for the paint color for the City of Raymondville's elevated storage tanks. Commissioner Smith 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

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

No travel and training at this meeting.

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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 Garcia, Tamez, Gonzales, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager, presented the financial report for the month of July, 2021.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, informed the Board of Commissioners that all personnel are back to work due to being out because of illness.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, was absent and had no reports.

**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 Gilberto Gonzales declared this regular meeting adjourned.

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Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager