

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 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, September 14, 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

ABSENT: Joel Soto, Public Works Director  
Ryan Solis, City Attorney

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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 24, 2021 AND AUGUST 31, 2021**  
Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for August 24, 2021 and August 31, 2021. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**AUDIENCE**  
No audience participation.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**  
Belinda Villarreal, Municipal Court clerk, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for August, 2021. Total collected for August, 2021 was \$16,264.16.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2021-22 FISCAL YEAR RATE AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW**

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:18 p.m.

No public comments.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2021-22 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

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

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:21 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING A PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BEING CONSIDERED BY THE COREDC, AND FOR RECEIVING PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING SAME. SPECIFICALLY, THE COREDC IS PROPOSING TO EXPEND 4B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, GENERATED PURSUANT TO COREDC STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CONSIDER FUNDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RAYMONDVILLE GOLF COURSE, 13839 EMMA ROSS ROAD, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE TOURISM**

This agenda item was passed.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND 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 EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 1, 2021**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the second 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 Tamez 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 SECOND 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 Smith 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 Garcia 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

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

No action taken.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION, NOMINATING CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S NOMINEE TO THE WILLACY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution, nominating Mayor Gilbert Gonzales for the Willacy County Appraisal District Board of Directors. 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 DISPOSITION OF LRGVDC HOP PROPERTIES AWARDED TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AS PART OF HURRICANE DOLLY**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to authorize the city manager to proceed with the auction for awarded properties and the collected funds will be used in the housing program for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CERTIFICATION PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, RODOLFO TORRES**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the certification pay adjustment for water distribution employee, Rodolfo Torres. 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 APPROVAL OF COREDC PROJECT PROVIDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, 13839 EMMA ROSS ROAD, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00, IN ORDER TO PROMOTE TOURISM**

This agenda item was passed.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE LEASE OF EDC INCUBATOR OFFICE SPACE TO GUZMAN & MUNOZ ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING, INC.**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve lease of EDC incubator office space to Guzman & Munoz Engineering and Surveying, Inc. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN REGION ONE EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER/OFFICE OF ADULT EDUCATION AND CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE PROVIDING OF ESL AND GED SERVICES AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE RURAL TECHNOLOGY BUILDING**

This agenda item was passed.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR TWDB GRANT NO. G1001323-WATER SHED STUDY PROJECT:**

- a) Agreement Execution Resolution
- b) Escrow Agreement

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the agreement execution resolution and the escrow agreement for the TWDB Grant No. G1001323-Water Shed Study Project. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF BIDS FOR RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS**

Commissioner Smith moved to accept the bid by 8/A Builders and have the city engineers review it and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER, JOSHUA RUBALCABA**

Commissioner Garcia moved to accept the resignation from Raymondville Police Officer, Joshua Rubalcaba. Commissioner Gonzales 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

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

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

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Smith, Tamez, Gonzales, 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 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, 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, had no reports.

**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 projects.

**ADJOURN**

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

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Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager