

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 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, September 28, 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
Delma Garza, City Secretary
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

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

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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 AND SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for September 14 and September 21, 2021. 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

AUDIENCE
No audience participation at this meeting.

BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR 2021-22 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THIRD 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 Gonzales moved to approve the third 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 THIRD AND FINAL 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 third 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1252, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2021-22 FISCAL YEAR, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approval, passage and adoption of ordinance no. 1252, adopting a budget for the 2021-22, fiscal year. Commissioner Tamez 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 APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1253, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL NECESSARY EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

Commissioner Garcia moved to approval, passage and adoption of ordinance no. 1253, making appropriations of sums of money for all necessary expenditures for fiscal year 2021-22. Commissioner Gonzales 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 APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1254, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF DEBT SERVICE TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENDITURES BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. Commissioner Smith 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

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approval, passage and adoption of ordinance no. 1254, providing for the levy, assessment and collection of debt service taxes for debt service expenditures and maintenance and operation taxes for maintenance and operation expenditures by the City of Raymondville for Fiscal Year 2021-22. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1255, AMENDING THE 2020-21 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1244, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1256, AMENDING THE 2020-21 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 1245, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation's Budget for fiscal year 2020-21. Commissioner Tamez 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 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the budget amendments. Commissioner Gonzales 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 APPROVAL OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE LEASE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to the Raymondville Municipal golf course lease for fiscal year 2021-22. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR TDA GRANT NO. 7220379, MAIN WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to accept the bids, review by engineers and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. 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 ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL SERGEANT, STEFEN RAMIREZ

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Raymondville Police Department Patrol Sergeant, Stefen Ramirez. 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

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

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire a police officer for the Raymondville Police Department. 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 SET OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TOURIST CENTER USAGE FEES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization to set of City of Raymondville Tourist Center usage fees for the upcoming fiscal year. Rental fee will be \$700.00 plus \$100.00 clean deposit. 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 REGARDING APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS RSP AGREEMENT APPLICATION WHICH SHALL INCLUDE HRA, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND DISASTER PROGRAM THRU THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE HOME PROGRAM RSP AGREEMENT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to the resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Home Investment Partnerships RSP Agreement application which shall include HRA, persons with disabilities and disaster program thru the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; and authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's chief executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Home Program RSP Agreement. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FROM RAYMONDVILLE BUSINESSES WANTING TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT THE IBCA SHOWDOWN/WILD IN WILLACY EVENT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 12-13, 2021

This agenda item was tabled.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Officer Ramon Juarez-K9 training-October 18-Nov.5, 2021

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 August, 2021.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, asked the Board of Commissioners for approval for the Halloween Safe Haven. The Board of Commissioners approved a drive-thru Halloween event.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on the tourist center remodeling project.

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.

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Delma Garza, City Secretary