

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 12, 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, October 12, 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
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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for September 28, 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

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for September, 2021. Total collected for September, 2021 was \$14,037.60.

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the monthly municipal court report for September, 2021. Commissioner Smith 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 REQUEST FROM OWNER, ROBERT FLORES, JR., ON A
SETBACK VARIANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A HOME THAT**

WILL INTRUDE INTO THE SETBACK REQUIREMENT, LOCATED AT 1082 WEST GEM AVE., ALSO DESCRIBED AS LOT TWENTY-SEVEN (27), BLOCK FOUR (4), CISNEROS ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE II, CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 3, PAGE 145, MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

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

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:24 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM OWNER, ROBERT FLORES, JR., ON A SETBACK VARIANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A HOME THAT WILL INTRUDE INTO THE SETBACK REQUIREMENT, LOCATED AT 1082 WEST GEM AVE., ALSO DESCRIBED AS LOT TWENTY-SEVEN (27), BLOCK FOUR (4), CISNEROS ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE II, CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 3, PAGE 145, MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the request from owner, Robert Flores, Jr., on a setback variance for the purpose of constructing a home that will intrude into the setback requirement, located at 1082 West Gem Ave., also described as lot twenty-seven (27), block four (4), Cisneros Estates Subdivision Phase II, City of Raymondville, Willacy County, Texas, according to the map plat thereof recorded in volume 3, page 145, map of plat records of Willacy County, Texas. 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 RECOMMENDATION BY ENGINEERS ON CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR TDA GRANT NO. 7220379, MAIN WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZATION TO RE-BID IF NECESSARY

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to reject all bids and authorize engineers to re-bid. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES FOR THE ANNUAL CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE SAFE HAVEN EVENT

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve authorization to purchase supplies for the Annual City of Raymondville Safe Haven Event. 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 REQUEST FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON CITY PROPERTY FOR THE UPCOMING IBCA COOKOFF EVENT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the request from Chamber of Commerce and local businesses for authorization to sell alcoholic beverages on city property for the upcoming IBCA

cookoff event.

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Tamez, Gonzales, Smith 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. Denise Ledesma, Tommy Gomez, Jacob Rodriguez-Sex Offender Training –Hidalgo County- Oct. 13th, 2021.

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Tamez 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, updated the Board of Commissioners on the street paving projects.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

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

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.

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager