

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 9, 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, November 9, 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 OCTOBER 26, 2021

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for October 26, 2021. 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

AUDIENCE

Liz Shamlan approached the Board of Commissioners in search of judges for the IBCA Showdown. Ms. Shamlan also mentioned that the dinner and music would begin at 6 o'clock on Friday.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for October, 2021. Total collected for October, 2021 was \$14,628.42.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the monthly municipal court report for October, 2021. Commissioner Gonzales 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 AWARDING OF CHEMICAL BIDS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to award the chemical bids as presented for the City of Raymondville Water Treatment Plant. 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 REQUEST FROM LORENA RAMIREZ OF MHP SALUD PERTAINING TO CONNECTING KIDS TO COVERAGE PROGRAM FOR TEMPORARY OFFICE SPACE TO ASSIST COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH BENEFITS

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the request from Lorena Ramirez of MHP Salud pertaining to connecting kids to coverage program for temporary office space to assist community members with benefits. 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 APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE RAYMONDVILLE TOURIST CENTER RENTAL AGREEMENT

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the revisions to the Raymondville Tourist Center rental agreement. Commissioner Gonzales 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 SELECTION OF ENGINEERING SERVICE PROVIDER(S) TO COMPLETE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARP ACT) FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND OR OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE AGENCIES

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to select Guzman and Munoz Engineering to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP Act) funding administered by the U.S. Department of Treasury and or other federal or state agencies. 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 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-MITIGATION (CDBG-MIT) PROGRAM FOR GLO STATE CONTRACT NUMBER 22-083-001-D201

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the adoption of the resolution designating authorized signatories for the Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program for GLO State Contract Number 22-083-001-D201. Commissioner Smith 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 ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING CIVIL RIGHTS WHICH INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:

- a) Section 3 Policy
- b) Excessive Force Policy
- c) Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Standards Plan
- d) Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures
- e) Code of Conduct Policy
- f) Fair Housing Policy

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the Section 3 Policy. 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

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the Excessive Force Policy. Commissioner Smith 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 Garcia moved to approve the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Standards Plan. 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

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures. 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

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the Code of Conduct Policy. Commissioner Smith 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

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the Fair Housing Policy. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Raymondville. 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 REQUEST FROM DOLORES CORTINAS FOR THE WAIVING OF SMILEY FACE PARK PAVILION FEE IN ORDER TO HOLD A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MS. SALLY CANTU AND HER DAUGHTER, VICTORIA RHYNE ON DECEMBER 11, 2021

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the request from Dolores Cortinas for the waiving of Smiley Face Park pavilion fee in order to hold a memorial service for Ms. Sally Cantu and her daughter, Victoria Rhyne on December 11, 2021. 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

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. Andy Chavez, Joe Parades, and Edward Ramirez-Vector Control –Reber Library-Nov. 30th, 2021.

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Smith approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. 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

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented the Board of Commissioners a coin form General Land Office (GLO).

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that this years Halloween Safe Haven was a success.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the rehabilitation of the water storage tanks have begun.

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