

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

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, February 27, 2018, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Commissioner
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
Chief Zamora, Chief of Police
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gilberto Gonzales.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilberto Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for February 13, 2018. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this city meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ON CONTRACT WITH SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Change Order No. 1 on contract with Schneider Electric on the City of Raymondville water meter replacement program. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 ON CDBG CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS GRANT NO. 7216292

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the Change Order No. 2 on CDBG City of Raymondville Sidewalk Improvements Grant No. 7216292. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RE-ASSIGNING DUTIES, DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE (RAYMONDVILLE EDC DIRECTOR POSITION)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:23 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:36 p.m.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 3

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to advertise for EDC coordinator as recommended by the EDC Board. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RE-ASSIGNING DUTIES, DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE (STREET DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:23 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:36 p.m.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 5

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to terminate Albert Gonzales for violating city policy as recommended by the Public Works Director effective February 15, 2018. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE A PERMANENT AND A TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire a permanent and a temporary employee for the City of Raymondville Street Department. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF SALVAGE TWO WAY COMMUNICATION HANDHELD RADIOS USED PREVIOUSLY BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to dispose of salvage two way communication handheld radios used previously by the City of Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Diana Chavez-HIPAA- Harlingen, TX-3/2/18
2. Alaysia Lara-Freedom of Information Act Training-Missouri City, TX-3/2/18
3. Andres Chavez, Leroy Gomez, John Molina-Pump & Motors Maint. -Harlingen, TX-April 30-May 2, 2018
4. Joel Soto & Rudy Torres-Pump & Motors Maint.-Harlingen, TX- May 2-4, 2018
5. Guadalupe Hernandez-Harlingen, TX-April 30-May 2, 2018

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Alexandre 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, Alexandre, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for January, 2018. Mr. Garcia also gave an update on the elections.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

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:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary