

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JULY 25, 2017**

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, July 25, 2017, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

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 JULY 11, 2017

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for July 11, 2017. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1212, NEW ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF DOGS, CATS, LIVESTOCK AND ALL OTHER ANIMALS IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the second reading of ordinance no. 1212, new Animal Control ordinance for the City of Raymondville regulating the keeping of dogs, cats, livestock and all other animals in the City of Raymondville, Texas. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ON 2017 CDBG DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT FUND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

A) Engineering

B) Administration

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to accept the bids and score by the committee and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION OF 2015-16 AUDIT REPORT PRESENTED BY INDEPENDENT AUDITOR BUFFO AND BERKMAN CPA'S

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the presentation of the City of Raymondville's Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2015-16, by Independent Auditor, Buffo & Berkman, CPA's. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVAL OF MASTER LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND PINNACLE PUBLIC FINANCE, INC. FOR THE NEW WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve to sign the Master Lease Purchase Agreement between the City of Raymondville and Pinnacle Public Finance, Inc. for the new water meter replacement program upon legal review. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PRESS RELEASE FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN COOPERATION WITH SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the press release for the City of Raymondville's water meter replacement program as presented by Schneider Electric. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, ADELAI DO ALFARO

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from street department employee, Adelaido Alfaro. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/ADVERTISE/TRANSFER FOR STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire/advertise/transfer for street

department employee. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PROMOTION OF WASTEWATER COLLECTION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, LEROY GOMEZ, TO SENIOR LIFTSTATION OPERATOR WITH PAY ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the promotion of Wastewater Collection Department employee, Leroy Gomez, to Senior Liftstation Operator with pay adjustment. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

Virginia Torres--McAllen, Tx-Aug. 8th, 2017
Officer Arriaga-TNOA-- August 14-17, 2017
Officer Sanchez-K9 training-August 7-25, 2017

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Alexandre approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos, 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 the month of June, 2017. Mr. Garcia also mentioned that he had already received the certified tax rolls from the appraisal district. Mr. Garcia also said we would have to have a special meeting on August 15th due to the health insurance.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the public works department would be getting a new tractor and shredder. Mr. Soto also mentioned that he had ordered blacktop.

Andy Chavez, Assistant Public Works Director, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ REPORTS

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, was absent and 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