

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 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, March 27, 2018, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
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

Absent: Chris Tamez, Commissioner

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 MARCH 13, 2018

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for March 13, 2018. 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

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this city meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TXCDBG PLANNING STUDY CONTRACT NO. 7215154, TO REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF AND OBTAIN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE TXCDBG PLANNING STUDY CONTRACT NO. 7215154 AS PRESENTED BY GRANT ADMINISTRATOR, GRANTWORKS, INC.

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:15 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:39 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY GRANTWORKS ON THE TXCDBG PLANNING STUDY CONTRACT NO. 7215154 AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REQUIRED BY TDA, AFFIRMING REVIEW OF THE PLAN AND ITS SUITABILITY TO GUIDE FUTURE POLICY DECISIONS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the presentation by GrantWorks on the TXCDBG Planning Study contract No. 7215154 and adoption of resolution required by TDA, affirming review of the Plan and its suitability to guide future policy decisions. 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

PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST BY OWNER, DAVID GOMEZ, FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ANITA CORREA SUBDIVISION, BEING A RE-SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 10 ACRES OUT OF LOT TWO (2), OF THE E.B. RAYMOND TRACT AS RECORDED IN BOOK 2, PAGE 68, OF THE WILLACY COUNTY PLAT RECORDS, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:40 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:41 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNER, DAVID GOMEZ, FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE ANITA CORREA SUBDIVISION, BEING A RE-SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 10 ACRES OUT OF LOT TWO (2), OF THE E.B. RAYMOND TRACT AS RECORDED IN BOOK 2, PAGE 68, OF THE WILLACY COUNTY PLAT RECORDS, WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS AND AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request from owner, David Gomez, for the approval of the Anita Correa Subdivision, being a re-subdivision of the west 10 acres out of lot two (2), of the E.B. Raymond Tract as recorded in Book 2, Page 68, of the Willacy County Plat Records, Willacy County, Texas and as approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AMENDMENT TO WATER ORDINANCE NO. 1023, AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE CHARGES TO BE CHARGED BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS FOR THE CONNECTION AND TAPPING CHARGES FOR ALL NEW WATER METER INSTALLATIONS; PROVIDING THAT OTHER PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 1023, NOT AMENDED, SHALL REMAIN THE SAME; AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECTIVE AS PRESCRIBED BY CITY CHARTER

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the amendment to water ordinance no. 1023, an ordinance prescribing the charges to be charged by the water department of the City of Raymondville, Texas for the connection and tapping charges for all new water meter installations; providing that other provisions of ordinance no. 1023, not amended, shall remain the same; and declaring that this ordinance shall be in full force and effective as prescribed by City Charter. 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 PRESENTATION OF 2016-17 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT REPORT AS PRESENTED BY INDEPENDENT AUDITOR, BUFFO AND BERKMAN CPA'S

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the presentation of the City of Raymondville's Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2016-17, by Independent Auditor, Buffo & Berkman, CPA's. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No action taken.

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 (WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 6:35 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:50 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 11

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to terminate Guadalupe Hernandez for violating company policy. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT POSITION

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer for Water Distribution Department position. 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

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 COORDINATOR POSITION)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 6:35 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:50 p.m.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 3

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to hire David Gomez for the EDC coordinator as recommended by the EDC Board. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution authorizing the submittal of an Operation

StoneGarden Grant application to the Office of the Governor. 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

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 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 ORDINANCE NO. 1219, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, (“CITY”) APPROVING A NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEXAS GAS SERVICE (TGS” OR “THE COMPANY”) REGARDING THE COMPANY’S COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT (“COSA”) TARIFF FILING; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING ANY PRIOR ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY AND THE CITY’S LEGAL COUNSEL

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve Ordinance No. 1219, and ordinance of the City Council of the City of Raymondville, Texas (“City”) approving a negotiated resolution between the City and Texas Gas Service (TGS” of “The Company”) regarding the company’s Cost of Service Adjustment (“COSA”) tariff filing; adopting a savings clause; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas open meetings act; declaring an effective date; repealing any prior ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance; and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company and the city’s legal counsel. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION ON THE 2018 CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE’S STREET PAVING PROJECT

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING 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 and Robert Castro-Crime Against Women (meals)- Dallas, TX-4/16-4/19, 2018

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police reported to the Board of Commissioners that the city had gone to court against Silver City and the decision was in the city's favor.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the sidewalk downtown should be done by Thursday.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that TCEQ came and inspected the Wastewater Plant and the liftstations. The city passed. Mr. Chavez also mentioned that Movie at the Park would be on Thursday.

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