

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 10, 2017**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at Raymondville City Hall, 142 South 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
William 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 SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for September 26, 2017. 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 meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felcita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for September, 2017. Total collected for September, 2017 was \$16,611.58.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Municipal Court Report for the month of September, 2017. 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

PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST BY OWNER, BETTY JEAN LOPEZ, FOR A SETBACK VARIANCE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROPOSED CARPORT THAT WILL INTRUDE INTO THE 25 FOOT SETBACK REQUIREMENT, LOCATED AT 483 W. HARRIS AVENUE, ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 64, LOTS 3 THRU 4, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:05 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:07 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM OWNER, BETTY JEAN LOPEZ, FOR A SETBACK VARIANCE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PROPOSED CARPORT THAT WILL INTRUDE INTO THE 25 FOOT SETBACK REQUIREMENT, LOCATED AT 483 W. HARRIS AVENUE, ALSO DESCRIBED AS RAYMONDVILLE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE, BLOCK 64, LOTS 3 THRU 4, AS RECORDED IN THE MAP OF PLAT RECORDS OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request from owner Betty Jean Lopez, for a setback variance on the construction of a proposed carport that will intrude into the 25 foot setback requirement, located at 483 W. Harris Avenue, also described as Raymondville Original Townsite, Block 64, Lots 3 thru 4, as recorded in the map of plat records of Willacy County, Texas as approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. 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 AND AWARDED OF PROPOSALS ON COMPUTER MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to award the proposal to Sky IT Solutions, Inc. on the computer maintenance services for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Smith 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 RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GUADALUPE SERNA FOR THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Raymondville Municipal Golf Course lease agreement with Guadalupe Serna for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year. 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 CORRECTED ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANT NO. 7215411

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the corrected Engineering contract for Texas Department of Agriculture Grant No. 7215411. Commissioner Smith 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 ORDINANCE NO. 1218, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING UNANIMOUS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, SETTING RATES AND ESTABLISHING TARIFFS FOR THE PROVISION OF NATURAL GAS

SERVICE BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ONE GAS, INC., WITHIN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE; DECLARING THIS ORDINANCE TO BE A FINAL DETERMINATION OF RATES; REQUIRING ACCEPTANCE BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY OF THE RATES PRESCRIBED HEREIN; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. 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

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Ordinance No. 1218, an Ordinance Adopting Unanimous Settlement Agreement, setting rates and establishing tariffs for the provision of Natural Gas Service by Texas Gas Service Company, a division of One Gas, Inc., within the City of Raymondville; declaring this Ordinance to be a final determination of rates; requiring acceptance by Texas Gas Service Company of the rates prescribed herein; and establishing an effective date. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S MATCHING SHARE OF HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING GRANT BETWEEN TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND WILLACY COUNTY CONTRACT NUMBER DR-4223-006 AS PER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND WILLACY COUNTY

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the City of Raymondville's matching share of Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant between Texas Department of Emergency Management and Willacy County contract number DR-4223-006 as per interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PRESENTATION BY REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR CONTRACT RENEWAL/EXTENSION ON SOLID WASTE SERVICES IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the contract renewal with a 4% cap with Republic Services on Solid Waste Services in the City of Raymondville. 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 UPON GRANT AWARD TO TRANSFER A RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICE OFFICER TO THE NEW VICTIMS OF CRIME ASSISTANCE (VOCA) PROGRAM DIRECTOR POSITION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve authorization upon grant award to transfer a

Raymondville Police Department Police Officer to the new Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) Program Director position. Commissioner Smith 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 NEW POLICE OFFICER FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve authorization to hire new police officer for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE WITH SKY IT SOLUTIONS INC. ON FIELD TESTING OF NEW SELF-POWERED SURVEILLANCE PRODUCT AT NO COST TO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to participate with Sky IT Solutions Inc. on field testing of new self-powered surveillance product at no cost to the City of Raymondville. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO PAY JACQUELINE HERRERA, WATER CLERK SUPERVISOR, FOR UNUSED VACATION HOURS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to pay Jacqueline Herrera, Water Clerk Supervisor, for unused vacation hours. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES FOR ANNUAL CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE SAFE HAVEN EVENT TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 31, 2017

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to purchase supplies for Annual City of Raymondville Safe Haven event to be held on October 31, 2017. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to purchase pickup truck for the City of Raymondville Public Works Department. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which

carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, 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 (WATER DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:55 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 5:59 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 15

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to terminate Christopher Perez for violating company policy. Commissioner Smith 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

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. Diana Chavez-TMRS-Austin, TX-Dec. 5 & 6, 2017
2. Jackie Herrera and Delma Garza-Vital Statistics Conference-Dec. 6-8, 2017
3. Mr. Garcia-TML-Arlington, Texas-Dec. 7 & 8, 2017
4. Yesenia Hernandez-TMCEC-Austin, TX-Oct. 13, 2017
5. Judge Gutierrez-Regional Judges Seminar-Nov. 14-16, 2017
6. Communication Officers-911 training-Weslaco, TX-Oct. 19, 2017
7. Tommy Gomez-Crime Stoppers-Seguin, TX-Oct. 18-20, 2017
8. Andy Chavez-IBC-Brownsville, TX-Nov. 7 & 8, 2017

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2017

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for September, 2017.

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the monthly Tax Assessor/Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners that we would be having a special meeting on Monday at 5:15.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

**RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ
REPORTS**

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, was absent and had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Mayor Gonzales mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that he will be meeting with two clients on Monday.

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