

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 28, 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, August 28, 2018, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

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

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

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 14, 2018

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for August 14, 2018. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

Dan Lucio representative from AEP presented the Board of Commissioners a donation check for the City's Downtown Sidewalk Project.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF 2018 CERTIFIED TAXABLE VALUE AS PRESENTED BY THE WILLACY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the 2018 certified taxable value as presented by the Willacy County Appraisal District. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TRANSFER FOR TEMPORARY STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, GEORGE CERVANTES, FROM TEMPORARY TO PERMANENT FULL TIME POSITION

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the transfer for temporary Street Department employee, George Cervantes, from temporary to permanent full time position. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire temporary employee for the Street Department. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDED OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSALS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to accept the bids as presented and authorize insurance consultant to review the packets. Mr. Jaramillo will make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL CORPORAL ALONSO GONZALES

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Raymondville Police Department Patrol Corporal, Alonso Gonzales. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE POLICE OFFICER FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Tamez, Gonzales 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 (POLICE DEPARTMENT)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:12 p.m.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 7

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to suspend Marcelino Flores without pay pending outcome

of court. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FINAL PAY APPLICATION AND RETAINAGE TO GONZALEZ ENTERPRISES LLC ON RAYMONDVILLE SIDEWALKS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY ENGINEER

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the final pay application and retainage to Gonzalez Enterprises LLC on Raymondville Sidewalks Improvements Project as recommended by City Engineer. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS:

- a) Jaime I. Garcia Electric
- b) Coastal Electric & Air Conditioning

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the above electrical contractors. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE CONTRACT LABOR FOR COMMUNICATION SERVICES DUE TO SHORTAGE OF PERSONNEL

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire contract labor for Communication Services due to shortage of personnel. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

No action taken on this agenda item.

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-Lakeway, TX- Nov. 7-9, 2018

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, 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 the Financial Report for July, 2018. Mr. Garcia also mentioned we would be having a special meeting next Tuesday.

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 an update on the drainage project. Mr. Soto also mentioned that the crew has been working on cutting tree limbs in the alley ways and doing patch work.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that he has been sending out letters on the northeast side in reference to weedy lots.

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