

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 11, 2018**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at City of Raymondville City Hall, 142 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor  
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner  
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner  
Eleazar Garcia, Jr. City Manager  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
Joel Soto, Public Works Director  
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney

ABSENT: Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Chris Tamez, Commissioner  
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary

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 NOVEMBER 27, 2018**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for November 27, 2018. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this meeting.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for November, 2018. Total collected for November, 2018 was \$25,394.74.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATING THE TOTAL AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE CITY LIMITS AS A REINVESTMENT ZONE**

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

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:06 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION SHOWING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CREATION OF THE "CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE REINVESTMENT ZONE" AND PARTICIPATE IN TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution showing the City of Raymondville's intent to participate in the creation of the "City of Raymondville Reinvestment Zone" and participate in tax abatement agreements. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1230, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS NOMINATING AN AREA AS A REINVESTMENT ZONE PURSUANT TO THE PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT AND TAX ABATEMENT ACT (TEXAS TAX CODE, CHAPTER 312); PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES; PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITION FOR SAID TAX INCENTIVES; DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE NOMINATION AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE NOMINATION AND DESIGNATION OF ALL THE AREA WITHIN THE CITY HEREIN AS A REINVESTMENT ZONE; AND FURTHER DESIGNATING A LIAISON TO ACT ON ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE REINVESTMENT ZONE ONCE DESIGNATED BY THE STATE OF TEXAS; WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve ordinance no.1230. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to waive the 3 readings and approve on one reading. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, A HOME RULE CITY AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS AND SOUTH TEXAS HEALTH SYSTEMS, 1400 W. TRENTON, EDINBURG, TEXAS, OWNER OF THE NEW FREE STANDING EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (FED), PURSUANT TO 312.204, TEXAS TAX CODE**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the tax abatement agreement between the City of Raymondville, a home rule city and Municipal Corporation of Willacy County, Texas and South Texas Health Systems, 1400 W. Trenton, Edinburg, Texas, owner of the new free standing emergency department (FED), pursuant to 312.204, Texas Tax Code. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF PARKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, JOSE PAREDES, TO WAREHOUSE CLERK POSITION WITH PAY ADJUSTMENT**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the transfer of parks department employee, Jose Paredes, to warehouse clerk position with a \$1.00 pay adjustment per hour. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Smith

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

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire/advertise/transfer for parks department employee. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THIRD AND FINAL READING OF NEW WEEDY LOT ORDINANCE NO. 1229 FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the third and final reading of new weedy lot ordinance no. 1229 for the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith and Tamez

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 25, 2018 CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the cancellation of December 25, 2018 city commission meeting. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Smith

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

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

1. Ivan Garcia-101-Full Access training-Edinburg, TX-12/18/18
2. Ledesma-Crimes Against Children-Harlingen, TX-1/9 & 10<sup>th</sup>
3. 2 officer-Operation pipeline-Harlingen, TX
4. ACO-Rabies Safety training-Harlingen, TX-1/21/18
5. Andy Chavez and Adrian Garibay-WW class-SPI-1/29-2/1, 2018

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF TAX ASSESSOR'S/COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 2018**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, the Tax Assessor/Collector's monthly report for November, 2018.

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

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Gonzales, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

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ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Smith

**APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

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

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez and Smith

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, had no reports.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that Officer Estrada would be taking a temporary leave to attend Army Certification Class.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, updated to the Board of Commissioners on the street repair project.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

**RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

David Gomez, 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.

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Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr.  
City Manager/Secretary