

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

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, February 12, 2019, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
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 JANUARY 22 AND JANUARY 29, 2019

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for January 22 and January 29, 2019. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

AUDIENCE

Annette Hinojosa, Willacy County DA, and Martha Martinez presented the Board of Commissioners orange ribbons representing Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Felecita Gutierrez, Municipal Court Judge, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Municipal Court monthly report for January, 2019. Total collected for January, 2019 was \$20,797.68.

PUBLIC HEARING ON WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2019 HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX BUDGET

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:09 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2019 HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX BUDGET

Commissioner Gonzales moved to accept the approval of Willacy County Chamber of Commerce 2019 Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Budget. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE WILLACY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING TOURISM IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the agreement between the City of Raymondville and the Willacy County Chamber of Commerce for advertising and promoting tourism in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF THE FOLLOWING TRACT OF LAND INTO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS:

Las Majadas Ranch, described as Tract 1 thru 5, Raymond Estate Reserve, out of Share Number 36, San Juan de Carricitos Grant, as recorded in Volume 274, Page 106, Official Records of Willacy County, Texas, containing 501.42 acres gross and 497.1 acres net.

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

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:18 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF THE FOLLOWING TRACT OF LAND INTO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS:

Las Majadas Ranch, described as Tract 1 thru 5, Raymond Estate Reserve, out of Share Number 36, San Juan de Carricitos Grant, as recorded in Volume 274, Page 106, Official Records of Willacy County, Texas, containing 501.42 acres gross and 497.1 acres net.

No action taken.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 1231, AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS AND ANNEXING ADDITIONAL ADJACENT TERRITORY TO SAID CITY, ALL OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN ARTICLE I, SECTION 6 (a) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, AND THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the Ordinance No. 1231, An Ordinance enlarging and extending the boundary lines of the City of Raymondville, Texas and annexing additional adjacent territory to said city, all of which is described herein, and providing for the passage of this Ordinance in the manner provided in Article I, Section 6 (a) of the Charter of the City of Raymondville, and the Texas Local Government Code. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the

following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE RAYMONDVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE UPCOMING MAY 4, 2019 ELECTIONS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the joint election agreement between the City of Raymondville and the Raymondville Independent School District for the upcoming May 4, 2019 elections. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE 1.5 MGD REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve of change order no. 1 on the City of Raymondville 1.5 MGD Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant Project. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDED CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE INVESTMENT POLICY

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution adopting an amended City of Raymondville Investment Policy. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE WASTEWATER COLLECTION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire wastewater collection department employee. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Gonzales, Alexandre 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 (CITY ATTORNEY POSITION)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:35 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 7:17 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 11

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to hire Ryan Solis as the City of Raymondville City Attorney. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Gonzales, 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 TREATMENT PLANT)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 7:19 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 8:03 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 13

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to terminate Edward Alaniz for violating of City of Raymondville Water Treatment Plant Standard Operating Procedures. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING THE SOUTHEAST SECTION OF THE RAYMONDVILLE MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve opening the southeast section of the Raymondville Memorial Cemetery. Commissioner Alexandre 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 LA JARRA ACADEMY'S APPLICATION FOR A RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT (RBEG) LOAN

No action taken.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Jose Ivan Garcia and Alaysia Lara-Hidalgo Co. Training Academy-Edinburg, TX-March 19-22, 2019
2. Edward Gonzales-Continuing Education Seminar-McAllen, TX-March 27, 2019
3. Virginia Torres-2019 NIBRS Training-Weslaco, TX- March 14 & 15, 2019
4. Javier Arriaga-Managing Narcotics Informants-Laredo, TX-Feb.19-21, 2019
5. Chief Zamora-TX Public Information Act-Austin, TX-March 7 & 8th, 2019

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

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

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

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioner the financial report for January, 2019.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on street project, the street signs and the drainage project.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that a manhole cave in the McDonald's area.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

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

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, Economic Development Coordinator, update the Board of Commissioners on current projects.

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