

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

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, February 26, 2019, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, City Manager
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Ryan Solis, City Attorney
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

ABSENT: Clifton Smith, Commissioner

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 FEBRUARY 12 AND FEBRUARY 19, 2019

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for February 12 and February 19, 2019. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

AUDIENCE

Sarah Mata approached the Board of Commissioners with some requests for the downtown area and also mentioned that the Girls Scouts had done a cleanup on Hidalgo street on Sunday afternoon.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE FOLLOWING GRANTS:

- a) Local Border Security Program for Police Department Overtime
- b) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) General Direct Services
- c) State Homeland Security-LETPA
- d) Edward Byre Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolutions to submit applications to the Office of the Governor for the above grants. 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 RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE 2019-20 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution authorizing grant application submittal to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2019-20 Community Development Fund. 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 OPENING AND AWARDING OF BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO FOUR DOOR PICKUP TRUCKS TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to accept the bids, review the specifications and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR, OLGA FADELY, FOR PAYMENT OF UNUSED VACATION HOURS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the request from Tax Assessor Collector, Olga Fadely, for payment of 32 unused vacation hours. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE AND PURCHASE VEHICLE FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request to advertise and purchase vehicle for Wastewater Collection department. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Tamez, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S 2018 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the City of Raymondville Police Department's Racial Profiling Report. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Alexandre and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

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. Olga Fadely-Ethic –San Benito, Texas-March 20-21, 2019
2. Dennise Ledesma-Title 19-Combes, Texas-Feb. 26-March1, 2019
3. Jesse Gonzales and Joel Soto-Water Production II-Alice, TX-March 28-30, 2019

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 and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, updated the Board of Commissioners with the upcoming election.

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 the street project and mentioned that the street signs are all up.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that he had made contact with business owners in the downtown area due to clean up complaint.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

Chief Gutierrez was absent and 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.

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary