

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 22, 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, January 22, 2019, 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

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 JANUARY 8, 2019

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for January 8, 2019. 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 Commissioner Tamez

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FROM OWNER, CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE E.R. TRACT, A 3.048 ACRE ADDITION OUT OF LOT 14, BLOCK 1, OF THE RAYMOND TOWN AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 575. TRANSCRIBED RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY TO WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:06 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, CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE E.R. TRACT, A 3.048 ACRE ADDITION OUT OF LOT 14, BLOCK 1, OF THE RAYMOND TOWN AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN VOLUME 1, PAGE 575. TRANSCRIBED RECORDS OF CAMERON COUNTY TO WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request from owner, City of Raymondville, Texas, for the approval of the E.R. Tract, a 3.048 acre addition out of Lot 14, Block 1, of the Raymond town and Improvement Company Subdivision, recorded in volume 1, Page 575, transcribed records of Cameron County to Willacy County, Texas. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

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 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 5:08 p.m.

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:09 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 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

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve proposed annexation of Las Majadas 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 into the City of Raymondville, Texas. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Alexandre, Smith and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

PUBLI HEARING ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM TO REVIEW PERFORMANCE AND OBTAIN COMMENTS REGARDING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S 2017 TEXAS CDBG TEXAS CAPTIAL FUND (TCF) DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM (DRP) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT 7216292

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

No public comments.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:12 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, USING FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, IN AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING \$10,000. (FREE STANDING EMERGENCY HOSPITAL)

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the second reading of resolution approving an economic development project, using funds provided by the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation, in an amount exceeding \$10,000. (Free Standing Emergency Hospital) 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 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND WILLACY COUNTY, TEXAS FOR THE ASSESSING AND COLLECTION OF ADVOREM TAX FOR THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County, Texas for the advorem tax for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year. 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 AUTHORIZATION FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESSES WANTING TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND CREATE ADDITIONAL JOBS WITHIN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the authorization for grant administrator to apply for grant funding to provide assistance to businesses wanting to improve economic conditions and create additional jobs within the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS HOME PROGRAM HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE GRANT

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to award Langford CMS administrative services for Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Home Program Homeowner Rehabilitation assistance grant. Commissioner Alexandre 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 390 TO INSTALL A BLACK MARBLE HEADSTONE, RESEMBLING THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL IN WASHINGTON D.C., AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request from the American Legion Post 390 to install a black marble headstone, resembling the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C., at the City of Raymondville Municipal Cemetery. Commissioner Gonzales 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 CERTIFICATION PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, RENE TREVINO

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the certification pay increase of a \$1.00 per hour for Water Distribution employee, Rene Trevino. Commissioner Alexandre 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO PICKUPS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE (FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS)

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to advertise for the purchase of two pickups for the City of Raymondville (Fire Department and Public Works). 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 REQUEST FROM WILLACY COUNTY EMS FOR AUTHORIZATION TO USE THE CITY SWEEPER AT THE WILLACY COUNTY EMS SITE TO SWEEP PERIODICALLY, IN ORDER TO LAND AIR EVAC HELICOPTER WHEN NECESSARY

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the request from Willacy County EMS for authorization to use the city sweeper at the Willacy County EMS site to sweep periodically, in order to land Air Evac Helicopter when necessary. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2019 AS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming February 2019 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness. 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

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. Olga Fadely-Property Tax –Corpus Christi, Texas-Feb.4-6, 2019
2. Joel Perales-Ground Water-San Antonio, Texas-Feb. 26-28, 2019
3. Jesse Gonzales-Surface Water-SPI, TX-Jan. 29-31, 2019
4. Joe Fierro and Nathan Reyna-Basic Water Works-SPI, TX-Jan. 29-31, 2019

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Gonzales 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, Smith, Gonzales, Alexandre 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 December, 2018.

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 the street signs.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

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