

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8, 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, January 8, 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 DECEMBER 11 AND DECEMBER 19, 2018

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for December 11, and December 19, 2019. Commissioner Gonzales 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

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 December, 2018. Total collected for December, 2018 was \$16,554.98.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDER FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S OFFICER GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2019

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the order for the City of Raymondville's officer general election to be held on May 4, 2019. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTION NOTICE FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S OFFICER GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2019

Commissioner Gonzales moved to accept the election notice for the City of Raymondville's officer general election to be held on May 4, 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S OFFICER GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2019

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the order establishing procedures for the City of Raymondville's officer general election to be held on May 4, 2019. Commissioner Alexandre 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ELECTION CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND WILLACY COUNTY TO CONDUCT THE UPCOMING MAY 4, 2019 CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S OFFICER GENERAL ELECTION

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the election contract between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County to conduct the upcoming May 4, 2019 City of Raymondville's officer general election. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, USING FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, IN AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING \$10,000.00 (FREE STANDING EMERGENCY HOSPITAL)

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the first reading of resolution approving an economic development project, using funds provided by the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation, in an amount exceeding \$10,000.00 (Free Standing Emergency Hospital). Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA) STARTUP GRANT DOCUMENTATION:

- a) Group A Documents-Compliance with Civil Rights Requirements
- b) Depository/Authorized Signatories with Resolution

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve 6a and 6b for the TDA startup grant. Commissioner Smith 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 REVISED HOLIDAY POLICY

FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve two half days one on the day before Thanksgiving and one on New Year’s Eve. Employees will be released at 12 p.m. Commissioner Gonzales 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 MILITARY LEAVE FOR RAYMONDVILLE POLICE OFFICER, VICTOR ESTRADA

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve 13 weeks of military leave for Raymondville Police Officer, Victor Estrada. 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 TEMPORARY PERSONNEL FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

This agenda item was tabled.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION SUBMITTED BY LAS MAJADAS RANCH DESCRIBED AS TRACTS 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 497.71 ACRES NET AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the petition for voluntary annexation submitted by Las Majadas Ranch, described as tracts 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 497.71 acres net and authorization for City Manager to proceed with the necessary procedures. Commissioner Alexandre 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO BEGIN PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE CITY ATTORNEY POSITION

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve authorization to begin procurement process for the City of Raymondville City Attorney position. 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

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. Delma Garza-Texas Workforce Commission Conference-Brownsville, TX-Feb. 8th, 2019
2. Olga Fadely-Income Approach to Value-Edinburg, TX-Jan. 21-24, 2019
3. 2 officers-Pipeline first response-Sarita, TX- Jan. 22, 2019

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

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

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

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

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

REPORTS

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported that no major incidents during the holidays.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

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

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, had no reports.

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 the Tractor Supply grand opening and ribbon cutting.

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