

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**

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, September 25, 2018, 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

Absent: William R. Wepfer, City Attorney

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 SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for September 11, 2018. Commissioner Gonzales 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

AUDIENCE

Raymondville Police Department demonstrated an officer getting tazed.

Cindy Cruz approached the Board of Commissioners with a concern having to do with mosquitoes at the Veterans Park.

BUDGET WORKSHOP ON FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 BUDGET

No action taken on this agenda item.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1223, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1223, Adopting a Budget for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year as presented with a 5% raise. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1224, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL NECESSARY EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

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

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

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1224, Making Appropriations of Sums of Money for all necessary expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018-19. 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, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1225, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY, ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF DEBT SERVICE TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENDITURES BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

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

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

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the passage, and adoption of Ordinance No. 1225, providing for the Levy, Assessment and collection of debt service taxes for debt service expenditures and maintenance and operation taxes for maintenance and operation expenditures by the City of Raymondville for Fiscal Year 2018-19. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1226, AMENDING THE 2017-18 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1213, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. 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

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1226, Amending the 2017-18 Budget Ordinance No. 1213. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1227, AMENDING THE 2017-18 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 1214, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. 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

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 1227, amending the 2017-18 Appropriations Ordinance No. 1214. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF CHEMICAL BIDS FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the chemical bids as presented for the upcoming year for the City of Raymondville Water Treatment Plant. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BID ON THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD PROPOSED REVERSE OSMOSIS WATER TREATMENT PLANT SYSTEM PROJECT

No action taken on this agenda item.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the budget amendments. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME ON CONDEMNATION ORDER FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 514 E. CHARLES AVENUE, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS 78580, AS DESCRIBED AS HARDWICK-WHITFIELD SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 2, LOTS 1 THRU 2, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, WILLACY COUNTY

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the request for extension of 180 days for the property located at 514 E. Charles Avenue, Raymondville, Texas 78580, as described as Hardwick-Whitfield Subdivision, Block 2, Lots 1 thru 2, Raymondville, Texas Willacy County. 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 OPENING AND AWARDING OF PROPOSALS ON COMPUTER MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to accept the bids as presented and form a committee to review and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING OPENING AND AWARDING OF PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to accept the bids as presented and form a committee to review and make a recommendation at the next city meeting. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION PROCESS:

- a) Begin procurement phase for professional services for engineering and administrative services according to TDA guidelines
- b) Appoint a review and evaluation committee that includes at least one (1) elected official.

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to begin the procurement phase for professional services for engineering and administrative services according to TDA guidelines. Commissioner Alexandre 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 Tamez moved to appoint a review and evaluation committee that includes at least one (1) elected official. 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 FOR POLICE CHIEF TO DESIGNATE A DRUG ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATOR WITH SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS TO BE REIMBURSED BY OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GRANT NUMBER 3568601 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization for Police Chief to designate a drug enforcement investigator with salary and fringe benefits to be reimbursed by Office of the Governor grant number 3568601 effective October 1, 2018. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/ADVERTISE FOR POLICE OFFICER POSITION FOR OFFICER TRANSFERRED TO DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICER POSITION

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the authorization to hire/advertise for police officer position. 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 AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE PART-TIME INVESTIGATOR FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire part-time investigator for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE, NAZARIO BELLA

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Water Distribution Employee, Nazario Bella. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER/HIRE/ADVERTISE FOR TWO (2) WATER DISTRIBUTION EMPLOYEE AND ONE (1) VACTOR TRUCK OPERATOR POSITION FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization to transfer/hire/advertise for two (2) Water Distribution employees and one (1) Vactor Truck Operator position for the City of Raymondville Public Works Department. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Smith, Tamez, 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 (STREET DEPARTMENT)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 6:06 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:10 p.m.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 20

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to terminate George Cervantes for violating city policy as recommended by the Public Works Director. 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

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. Robert Castro-Crime Victim Training-Brownsville, TX-9/28/18, 2018
2. David Gomez-2018 Basic Economic Development Course-Arlington, TX-9/18/18-9/21/18

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Alexandre 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, Gonzales, Alexandre, Smith 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 August, 2018.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the crew has been working on potholes and spraying for mosquitoes.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, reported to the Board of Commissioners that he has sent out 26 citations due to high grass.

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