

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at City of Raymondville City Hall, 142 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor  
Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Chris Tamez, Commissioner  
Edward Gonzales, Commissioner  
Joel Garcia, Commissioner  
Andy Chavez, City Manager  
Alejandro Gallaga, City Attorney  
Joel Soto, Public Works Director  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

Absent: Delma Garza, City Secretary

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

Roll Call:

The following board members were present for the city meeting:

1. Mayor Gilbert Gonzales-present
2. Commissioner Joel Garcia-present
3. Commissioner Christine (Cris) Tamez-present
4. Commissioner Clifton Smith-present
5. Commissioner Edward Gonzales-present

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF ABSENCE FROM MEETING BY MAYOR OR CITY COMMISSIONERS AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 6, OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S HOME RULE CHARTER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY MAYOR GILBERT GONZALES:** Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

**INVOCATION BY MAYOR GILBERT GONZALES:** Invocation was given by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 1, 2025 AND DECEMBER 15, 2025**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for December 1, 2025 and December 15, 2025. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Tamez, Gonzales, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST: UNDER STATE LAW, A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS IF A BOARD MEMBER OR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THAT PERSON'S FAMILY, HAS A QUALIFYING FINANCIAL INTEREST IN AN AGENDA ITEM. MEMBERS WITH A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION OR VOTE ON AGENDA ITEMS. ARE THERE ANY KNOWN CONFLICTS OF INTEREST TO DISCLOSE AT THIS TIME? (CITY ATTORNEY-CITY MANAGER IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY SHALL READ)**

NAYS: Mayor Gonzales, Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Tamez, Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Garcia

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**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this city meeting.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT**

Judge Gutierrez was absent and no report was presented.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jaime Faz, Finance Director presented to the Board of Commissioners the finance report for the month of November, 2025.

**CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Jose Munoz, City Engineer gave the Board of Commissioners an update on the water well and water shed projects.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF TEMPORARY OVERTIME PAY POLICY FOR PATROL OFFICERS PROVIDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS COVERAGE FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH RETROACTIVE PAY**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to implementation of temporary overtime pay policy for patrol officers providing telecommunications coverage for the Raymondville Police Department with retroactive pay. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO ACCEPT RFQ'S FOR GRANT WRITING FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TO BE SCORED AND THE AWARDED AT THE NEXT CITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING ON JANUARY 27, 2026**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to accept RFQ's for grant writing for the City of Raymondville, to be scored and to award at the next city Board of Commissioners meeting on January 27, 2026. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL FOR CITY HALL AND THE PD TO PURGE ANY OUTDATED DOCUMENTS**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve for city hall and the police department to purge any outdated documents. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT CADET SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to implement the Raymondville Police Department cadet sponsorship program. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVE TO ALLOW THE CITY MANAGER/CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXERCISE FUTURE EMERGENCY CONTRACTUAL AND EMERGENCY HIRE FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WHEN NEEDED**

Commissioner Garcia approved to allow the City Manager/Chief of Police to exercise future emergency contractual and emergency hire for the Raymondville Police Department when needed. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PASSING A RESOLUTION FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE MARKET DAYS EVENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FROM JANUARY TO JULY 2026**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to pass a resolution for the Raymondville Market Days Event between the City of Raymondville and Texas Department of Transportation from January to July 2026. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES**

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

1. Noemi Garza-Active shooter for public safety –Weslaco, TX-January 29, 2026
2. Sgt. Gonzales and Officer Hernandez-Breathalyzer Course-San Antonio, TX-1/27-29/26
3. Joe Pareds, Andy Chavez, and Edward Ramirez-Pest Control-Reber Library-2/4/26
4. Adrian Saenz, Edward Ramirez, Andrew Cantu, Joel Soto, and Mathew Rodriguez-Resilience Class-online

**REPORTS**

Andy Chavez, City Manager, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Eddie Stark park is being worked on the football/soccer field. Measurements for the playground equipment will also be done.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Humberto Garza, Economic Development Director, presented to the Board of Commissioners an update on upcoming and current projects.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that curbs are being painted.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Mayor Gilberto Gonzales declared this regular meeting adjourned.

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Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Delma Garza, City Secretary