

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 14, 2026**

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, April 14, 2026, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

Absent: Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor

Mayor Pro Temp Clifton Smith 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-absent
2. Commissioner Joel Garcia-present
3. Commissioner Christine (Chris) 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

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales was absent at this city meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY MAYOR PRO TEMP CLIFTON SMITH: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Temp Clifton Smith.

INVOCATION BY MAYOR PRO TEMP CLIFTON SMITH: Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Temp Clifton Smith.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 24, 2026

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the minutes for March 24, 2026. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Tamez, Gonzales, and Mayor Pro Temp Clifton Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

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: Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Tamez, Commissioner Garcia and Mayor Pro Temp

Smith

AUDIENCE

Oscar Montoya, Port director of Willacy County Navigation District came to the city meeting to introduce himself.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Municipal Court monthly report for March, 2026 total collected was \$17,282.75.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jaime Faz, Finance Director presented to the Board of Commissioners the finance report for the month of February, 2026.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Joe Munoz, City Engineer gave the Board of Commissioners an update on the ditch project.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO PROCLAIM APRIL 14, 2026 RAYMONDVILLE BEARKAT POWERLIFTING TEAM DAY

This agenda item was tabled.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL FOR AN MOU BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE VETERAN'S POST 6719 (VFW) REGARDING THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND FESTIVITIES

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve for an MOU between the City of Raymondville and the Veteran's Post 6719 (VFW) regarding the Memorial Day Parade and Festivities. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO AWARD THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE "SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT SERVICES" TO STRATEGIC SPARK RGV AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SCORING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to award the City of Raymondville "Social Media Management Services" to strategic Spark RGV as recommended by the scoring committee. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO AWARD ENGINEERING/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE 2026/2027 TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO GUZMAN AND MUNOZ ENGINEERING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SCORING COMMITTEE

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to award engineering/administrative services for the 2026/2027 Texas Water Development Board to Guzman and Munoz Engineering as recommended by the scoring committee. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO GRANT A PAY INCREASE

TO LAZARUS RAMIREZ, ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER, FOR ACO STATE CERTIFICATION

Commissioner Gonzales approve a pay increase to Lazarus Ramirez, Animal Control Officer, for ACO state certification. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO WAIVE FEES FOR THE TOURIST CENTER FOR VTX ANNUAL FUNCTION FOR APRIL 21, 2026

This agenda item was passed.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to adopt a resolution to designate authorized signatories for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE/CONTRACT FOR THE POSITION IN THE STREET MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to hire/transfer/advertise/contract for the position in the street maintenance department. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE/CONTRACT FOR A TEMPORARY STREET MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to hire/transfer/advertise/contract for a temporary street maintenance department employee. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Gonzales 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, Gonzales, and Mayor Pro Temp Smith

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Mayor Gonzales

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Justin Torres-Basic water course-online

REPORTS

Andy Chavez, City Manager, meet with State Rep. Janie Lopez in reference to funding for splash pad.

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

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Easter Egg hunt was a success.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on the downtown sidewalk project.

ADJOURN

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

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Delma Garza, City Secretary