

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR APRIL 28, 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, April 28, 2026, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor  
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: Clifton Smith, Commissioner

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-came in at 5:20 p.m.
4. Commissioner Clifton Smith-absent
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**

Commissioner Smith was absent at this city meeting.

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**AUDIENCE**

No audience participation at this city meeting.

**ENGINEERS REPORT**

Jose Lucio, City Engineer gave the Board of Commissioners an update on current projects.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO PROCLAIM APRIL 28, 2026 AS RAYMONDVILLE BEARKAT POWERLIFTING TEAM DAY**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to proclaim April 28, 2026 as Raymondville Bearkat Powerlifting Team Day. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Garcia, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF A PROCLAMATION TO RE-NAME THE (CACCWC) CHILDS ADVOCACY CENTERS OF CAMERON AND WILLACY COUNTY RAYMONDVILLE SATELLITE OFFICE TO JESSE'S HOUSE**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the proclamation to rename the (CACCWC) Childs Advocacy Centers of Cameron and Willacy County Raymondville Satellite Office to Jesse's House. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Garcia, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO ADOPT A DOCUMENT AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR THE CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY FUNDING PROGRAM (ARPA)**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to adopt a document and records management policy for the Coronavirus recovery funding program (ARPA). Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Gonzales, Garcia, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

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Points Program. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AND TRUST AGREEMENT FOR THE CREATION OF A SOUTH TEXAS RISK POOL FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the resolution approving an interlocal and trust agreement for the creation of a South Texas Risk Pool for the creation of a South Texas Risk Pool for the City of Raymondville employee health insurance program. Commissioner Garcia 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO APPLY FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION AND RECOVERY OF MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS, INCLUDING CATALYTIC CONVERTERS, TO DESIGNATE AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS, AND TO AGREE TO MEET MATCHING FUNDS**

This agenda item was tabled.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO AMEND CITY ORDINANCE #915 (HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX ORDINANCE) SECTION 5, REPORTS AND TAX COLLECTION DATES**

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to amend city ordinance #915 (Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax Ordinance) section 5, reports and tax collection dates. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Tamez, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

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**REPORTS**

Andy Chavez, City Manager, had no reports.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**REPORTS**

Humberto Garza, Economic Development Corporation Director, gave the Board of Commissioners an update on projects.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, gave an update on the Smiley Face Park.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RE-ASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, (PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT)**

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:54 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:04 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AGENDA #XIV**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the dismissal of duties for Joel Salazar. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Gonzales, Garcia and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Smith

**ADJOURN**

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