

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JUNE 9, 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, June 9, 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
Delma Garza, City Secretary
Alejandro Gallaga, City Attorney
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police

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 (Chris) Tamez-arrived at 5:21 p.m.
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 MAY 26, 2026

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes for May 26, 2026. 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 Tamez

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: UNDER STATE LAW, A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS

Julian Alvarez representative from LSNB approached the Board of Commissioners with some ideas for the future and good fits for the community.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

No action taken.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO AWARD THE PROJECT FOR THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD CLEAN WATER SRF GRANT-PROJECT #73924 TO SOUTHERN TRENCHLESS SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR WASTEWATER LIFTSTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to award the project for the Texas Water Development Board Clean Water SRF Grant-Project #73924 to Southern Trenchless Solutions, LLC for Wastewater Lift Stations and Infrastructure Rehabilitation. 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 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE REGARDING A SPLASHPAD AND OTHER PARK ENHANCEMENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve for a resolution authorizing submission of an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife regarding a splash pad and other park enhancement for our community. Commissioner Tamez 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 WAIVE PARK RENTAL FEES FOR THE EDDIE STARK PARK FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK EVENT TO BE HELD ON JUNE 15/17, 2026

This agenda item was tabled.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO EXTEND FMLA BENEFITS TO JESUS GALLARDO UNTIL AUGUST 29, 2026

Commissioner Tamez approved to extend FMLA benefits to Jesus Gallardo until August 29, 2026.

Commissioner Garcia approve to renew the EDC lease agreement with Texas Workforce Solutions for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Commissioner Smith 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 APPROVAL FOR THE 1ST READING AMENDING CITY ORDINANCE #1123, GARBAGE ORDINANCE TO SET FINES AND PENALTIES REGARDING ILLEGAL DUMPING

Commissioner Gonzales approved for the 1st reading amending city ordinance #1123, Garbage Ordinance to set fines and penalties regarding illegal dumping. 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 TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE/CONTRACT FOR THE POSITION OF PUBLIC WORKS STREET MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Smith approved to hire/transfer/advertise/contract for the position of Public Works Street Maintenance Department. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Smith approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Gonzales 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. Pat Carranza–Mental Health-Pharr, TX-June 12, 2026
2. Pat Carranza-P.A.T.H. conference-Edinburg, TX – July 29 & 30, 2026

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that 15 arrests had been made due to narcotics.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, was absent and had no reports.

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: _____
Delma Garza, City Secretary