

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR JULY 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, July 14, 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-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 JUNE 23 2026 AND JULY 2, 2026

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for June 23, 2026 and July 2, 2026. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

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

Willacy County Little League thanked the city for a good season.

Ramon Ramirez approached the Board of Commissioners with concern in reference to abandon cars.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Municipal Court monthly report for June, 2026.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jaime Faz, Finance Director presented to the Board of Commissioners the finance report for the month of May, 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 WAIVE ALL PARK FEES TO THE WILLACY WARRIORS SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to waive all park fees to the Willacy Warriors Summer Softball League. Commissioner Tamez 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 HOSTING AND SUPPORTING THE 2026 MISS RAYMONDVILLE PAGEANT

Commissioner Smith moved the approval to hosting and supporting the 2026 Miss Raymondville Pageant. 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 THE PURCHASE OF A BRUSH FIRE TRUCK FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE TEXAS FOREST SERVICE

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve for the purchase of a brush fire truck for the Raymondville Fire Department through the Texas Forest Service. 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 FOR PAY INCREASE FOR THE FOLLOWING CITY EMPLOYEES FOR OBTAINING REQUIRED STATE LICENSING:

1. Javier Rodriguez-Class "B" Ground Water Licensing
2. Edward James Ramirez- Class "D" Water Operator License

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO AMEND SIGN ORDINANCE #1099 REGARDING "TEMPORARY POLITICAL SIGNS" SECTION 6, SUBSECTION (B) TO WAIVE ALL FEES, TIMEFRAME OF ERECTED SIGNAGE, AND CONTINUE TO ENFORCE UNAUTHORIZED AREAS OF PLACEMENT

Commissioner Gonzales approved to amend sign ordinance #1099 regarding "Temporary Political Signs" section 6, subsection (B) to waive all fees, timeframe of erected signage, and continue to enforce unauthorized areas of placement. Commissioner Garcia 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 TO AMEND BUILDING ORDINANCE #618, SECTION 3, SUBSECTION (A) (4) TO ADHERE TO A 25-YEAR STORM EVENT FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES

Commissioner Smith approve to amend building ordinance #618, section 3, (A) to adhere to a 25-year storm event for construction purposes. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM DERRICK MOORE, PUBLIC WORKS WASTEWATER COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT, AND TO PAY ANY ACCRUED TIME

Commissioner Smith approved to accept the resignation from Derrick Moore, Public Works Wastewater Collections Department and to pay any accrued time. 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 ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ANDREW CANTU, WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR AND PAY ANY ACCRUED TIME OWED

Commissioner Garcia approve to accept the resignation of Andrew Cantu, water treatment plant operator and pay any accrued time owed. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE/CONTRACT FOR THE POSITION OF WASTE WATER COLLECTIONS OPERATOR

Commissioner Gonzales approved to hire/transfer/advertise/contract for the position of wastewater collections operator. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO ACCEPT AND OPEN RFQ BID PACKETS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE HUD GRANT # B-26-CP-TX-2029, PARK IMPROVEMENTS GRANT, AND FOR THE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO COME BACK WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON THE NEXT CITY MEETING

Commissioner Garcia approve to accept and open RFQ bid packets for engineering services for the HUD grant #B-26-CP-TX-2029, park improvements grant, and for the review committee to come back with a recommendation on the next city meeting. 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 USE EDC FUNDING FOR WILLACY WINTERFEST 2026 AND CITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Commissioner Tamez approved to use EDC funding for Willacy Winterfest 2026 and city park improvements. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO ALLOW AN HOURLY RATE FOR THE RENTAL OF THE RAYMONDVILLE TOURIST CENTER

Commissioner Garcia approved to allow an hourly rate for the rental of the Raymondville Tourist Center. 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 CITY BILLS

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

1. Detective Gomez, Rubalcaba, Maldonado, Juarez and Sepulveda-sexual assault conference-Aug. 26-28, 2026
2. Patty Carranza-mandated conference-Austin, TX-September 9 & 10, 2026
3. Jacob Zepeda-WWTP license-August. 8, 2026
4. John Adame-Water Distribution course

REPORTS

Andy Chavez, City Manager, reported to the Board of Commissioners that he met with Adam Hinojosa. Mr. Chavez mentioned that Congressman Gonzales will be presenting a check to the city on October 13, 2026.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, invited the Board of Commissioners to National Night Out at the Veterans Park on August 13, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, updated the Board of Commissioners on the Welcome to Raymondville sign. Mr. Soto also mentioned that the sink hole on Wood Street has been addressed.

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