BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 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 7th Street, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, City 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
All board members were present for this city meeting.

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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2026
Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for September 22, 2026. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners 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

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT
Municipal Court monthly report for September, 2026.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Jaime Faz, Finance Director presented to the Board of Commissioners the finance report for the month of August, 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 ACCEPT AND OPEN RFP'S FOR THE 2027/2028 TEXAS COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, TO BE SCORED AND AWARDED AT THE NEXT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to accept and open RFP's for the 2027/2028 Texas Community Block Grant Program through the Texas Department of Agricultural for Grant Administrative services, to be scored and awarded at the next Board of Commissioners meeting. 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 CREATE A CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AND APPOINT RECOMMENDED MEMBERS
Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to bring back names of recommended members at the next city meeting. 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 WAIVE RENTAL FEES FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE TOURIST CENTER FOR VALLEY TELEPHONE FOR NOVEMBER 20 & DECEMBER 17, 2026
Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to waive rental fees for the Raymondville Tourist Center for Valley Telephone for November 20 & December 17, 2026. Commissioner Gonzales 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

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 HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE/CONTRACT FOR THE STREET MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Garcia approve to hire/transfer/advertise/contract for the Street Maintenance Department. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE/CONTRACT FOR THE PARK MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Garcia approve to hire/transfer/advertise/contract for the Park Maintenance Department. Commissioner Smith 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

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

This agenda item was passed.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. Noemi Garza-Public Safety & Emergency Communications Conference-SPI, TX-Oct.14-16, 2026
2. Brianna Lopez-Texas Public Info. Act Seminar-San Marcos, TX-Nov. 4 and 5, 2026

REPORTS

Andy Chavez, City Manager, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners park improvements.

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

EMPLOYEE, (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 6:06 p.m.
The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:50 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AGENDA ITEM # XVI

No action taken.

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