BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 27, 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 27, 2026, 5:15 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

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

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 MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 13, 2026
Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for October 13, 2026. 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

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

REPORTS

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO CONTRACT GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES TO GRANTWORKS INC., AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SCORING COMMITTEE REGARDING THE TEXAS COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL FOR FY 2027/2028

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to contract Grant Administrative services to GrantWorks Inc., as recommended by the scoring committee regarding the Texas Community Block Grant Program through the Texas Department of Agricultural for FY 2027/2028. Commissioner Smith 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 RFP'S FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE TO BE SCORED AND RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD AT THE NEXT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to accept and open RFP's for Information Technology (IT) services for the City of Raymondville to be scored and recommendation to award at the next Board of Commissioners meeting. 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 FOR THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve for the recommendation for the charter review committee members. Committee members Delma Jetton, Letty Tellez-Guzman, Frank Cantu, Commissioner Tamez, and Commissioner Gonzales. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO JOIN THE TIPS

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve for a resolution to participate in the Region 8 TIPS purchasing Cooperative Program. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO RECOMMEND AND APPOINT NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to recommend and appoint Bobby Rodriguez as the new Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors member. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO GRANT THE WILLACY COUNTY VETERANS OFFICE AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE CRISIS AWARENESS SIGNS THROUGHTOUT THE CITY

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the grant the Willacy County Veterans Office authorization to place crisis awareness signs throughout the city. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO CLOSE THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH 5TH STREET FOR THE PURPOSE OF A COMMUNITY VENDOR EVENT FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2026

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve to close the 100 block of South 5th street for the purpose of a community vendor event for November 14, 2026. Commissioner Garcia 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL TO TRANSFER/HIRE/ADVERTISE/CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC WORKS STREET MAINTENANCE POSITION

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve to transfer/hire/advertise/contract for public works street

LUNCHEON TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 24, 2026

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve to waive rental fees for the Loaves and Fishes organization for a community Thanksgiving luncheon to be held on November 24, 2026. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Garcia, Smith, Tamez, Gonzales 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 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

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. Joseph Hendricks–Basic Waterworks Operations-December 1-3, 2026
2. Jesus Huerta-Water Utilities Management-Dec. 8-10, 2026

REPORTS

Andy Chavez, City Manager, reported to the Board of Commissioners that QT opening date would be November 19, 2026.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reminded the Board of Commissioners that the Safe Haven is on Saturday and the haunted house will be open on Friday.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the playground at the Veterans is being installed. Mr. Soto mentioned that the fence at the Little League Park has been installed.

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

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:48 p.m.
The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:14 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AGENDA ITEM # XIV

ATTEST:

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Delma Garza, City Secretary