

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 11, 2023**

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, April 11, 2023, 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
Tony Chavez, City Manager
Delma Garza, City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
Joel Soto, Public Works Director
Alejandro Gallaga, City Attorney

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales declared a quorum present and called this regular meeting to order.

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

No action on this agenda item.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 28, 2023

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes for March 28, 2023. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Municipal Court monthly report for March, 2023 total collected was \$19,161.54.

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the monthly municipal court report for March, 2023. Commissioner Gonzales seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADOPTING OF A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the adopting of a resolution to designate authorized signatories for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Commissioner Gonzales 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 ADOPTING OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (CD) APPLICATION AND ADOPTING REQUIRED CDBG CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the adopting of a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant-Community Development Fund (CD) application and adopting required CDBG Civil Rights Policies. Commissioner Gonzales second 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 ACCEPTING A COMMUNITY-WIDE HOUSING ANALYSIS REGARDING IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the acceptance of a community-wide housing analysis regarding impediments to Fair Housing for the City of Raymondville. 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 THE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ACCRUED VACATION LEAVE (20 HOURS) FOR ROSA SAUCEDO

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the request for payment of accrued vacation leave (20 hours) for Rosa Saucedo. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ACCRUED VACATION LEAVE (16 HOURS) FOR ROBUEL ESTRADA

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the request for payment of accrued vacation leave (16 hours) for Robuel Estrada. Commissioner Garcia 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE/TRANSFER/ADVERTISE FOR THE COMMUNICATION OFFICER POSITION

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to hire/transfer/advertise for the Communication Officer position. 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 RESCINDING THE REQUEST MADE BY MED TEAM, INC. ON MARCH 28, 2023 TO WAIVE RENTAL FEES FOR THE USAGE OF THE SMILEY FACE PARK TO HOST A FREE EASTER EVENT FOR THE COMMUNITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ON APRIL 8, 2023 FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM

Commissioner Smith moved to approve to rescind the request made by Med Team, Inc. on March 28, 2023 to waive rental fees for the usage of the Smiley Face Park to host a free Easter event for the community of Raymondville on April 8, 2023 from 10 am to 2 pm. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 (1) (A), TO (CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:28 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 6:08 p.m

DISCAUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 8
No action taken.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

No travel and training.

APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS

Commissioner Gonzales approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Garcia 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

REPORTS

Tony Chavez, City Manager, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that there will be a Crime Victims Fair will be held on April 26th from 5:30 pm to 7 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, mentioned to the Board of Commissioners that the city crew has begun cleaning grass that has been growing on the street. Mr. Soto also mentioned that he has several interviews pending for employment.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, had no reports.

ADJOURN

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

Gilbert Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Tony Chavez, City Manager