

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 14, 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, March 14, 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

Chris Tamez was absent at this city meeting.

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

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilbert Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2023

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

AUDIENCE

No audience participation at this meeting.

MUNICIPAL JUDGE REPORT

Municipal Court monthly report for February, 2023 total collected was \$5,823.16.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the monthly municipal court report for February, 2023. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE RAYMONDVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (RISD) FOR THE UPCOMING

MAY 6, 2023 CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S OFFICERS REGULAR ELECTION AND RISD'S GENERAL ELECTION

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the joint election agreement between the City of Raymondville and the Raymondville Independent School District (RISD) for the upcoming May 6, 2023 City of Raymondville's Officers regular election and RISD's general election. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM THE WILLACY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR WAIVING OF RENTAL FEES FOR THE USE OF THE VETERANS PARK TO HOLD A HEALTH FAIR ON SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the request from the Willacy County District Attorney's Office for waiving of rental fees for the use of the Veterans Park to hold a health fair on Saturday, April 1, 2023. Commissioner Gonzales second the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TO AUTHORIZED THE USE OF THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX REVENUE FUND TO PURCHASE GOLF COURSE GOLF BALL PICKER EQUIPMENT

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the authorization to use the hotel/motel tax revenue fund to purchase golf course golf ball picker equipment. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Garcia, Gonzales and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: Commissioner Tamez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING TO AUTHORIZED THE USE OF THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS TO PROMOTE WINTER TEXAS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the use of the hotel/motel tax funds to promote Winter Texas appreciation luncheon. 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: Commissioner Tamez

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO HOST EASTER EGG HUNT AND MOVIE NIGHT FESTIVITIES TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 AT THE VETERANS PARK

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization for the City of Raymondville Police Department to host Easter Egg Hunt and Movie Night Festivities to be held on Thursday, April 6, 2023 at the Veterans Park. 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

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF THE RAYMONDVILLE RURAL TECHNICAL CENTER CLASSROOM/OFFICE BY TEXAS SENATOR DISTRICT 27 MORGAN LAMANTIA AND OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the authorization for the use of the Raymondville Rural Technical Center classroom/office by Texas Senator District 27 Morgan LaMantia and other Federal or State elected officials. Commissioner Tamez 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 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TEMPORARY USE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATIONAL SPECIAL FUND TO REIMBURSE THE WILLACY COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE FOR SUPPLIES PURCHASE FOR UPCOMING BASEBALL SEASON AT THE VETERANS PARK

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the authorization for the temporary use of the parks and recreational special fund to reimburse the Willacy County Little League for supplies purchase for upcoming baseball season at the Veterans Park. 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074, TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RE-ASSIGNING DUTIES, DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE (RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION)

The City Commissioners entered in Executive Session at approximately 5:29 p.m.

The City Commissioners returned from Executive Session at approximately 7:12 p.m

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM NO. 9

No action taken.

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. Belinda Villarreal and Judge Gutierrez-South Texas Regional Clerks Seminar-Corpus Christi, Texas-May 2-4, 2023
2. City Staff and officials-TML Region 12 City Officials-SPI, Texas-May 18 & 19, 2023
3. Ramon Cruz and Jason Garcia-Crime Scene Investigation-Brownsville, Texas-Aug. 21-25, 2023
4. City supervisors-TML training

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 Tamez, Smith, Garcia, Gonzales, and Mayor Gonzales
NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Tony Chavez, City Manager, presented to the Board of Commissioners the financial report for the month of January, 2023.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

David Gomez, EDC Coordinator, updated the Board of Commissioners on the EZ Carwash project.

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