

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 28, 2017**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Raymondville, Texas met in a Regular Session at Raymondville Rural Technology Center, 700 FM 3168, Raymondville, Texas, on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor
Clifton Smith, Commissioner
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner
Chris Tamez, Commissioner
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner
Eleazar Garcia, Commissioner
Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney

Absent: Joel Soto, Public Works Director

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Gilberto Gonzales and Boy Scout Troop 440.

INVOCATION: Invocation was given by Mayor Gilberto Gonzales.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 14, 2017

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the minutes for March 14, 2017. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

AUDIENCE

Rina Castillo, EDC Director, thanked the Board of Commissioners and the Board members for the EDC for their support in the Small Business Workshop.

Ramon Ramirez approached the Board of Commissioners with a concern on a loose dog on 1st and Durango.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANNING WORKSHOP ASSOCIATED WITH TXCDBG PLANNING STUDY CONTRACT NO. 7215154 AS PART OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS FOR 2017-2027. ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WATER, WASTEWATER, DRAINAGE AND STREETS, AS WELL AS HOUSING CONDITIONS AND LAND USE

Mayor Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:05 p.m.

Aurora Pedraza stated her ideas from housing on the north side of town, to jobs, sidewalks and lights in dark areas.

Commissioner Cavazos expressed concern on the drainage in the city.

Mayor Gonzales brought up clean curbs and gutters.

Rina Castillo stated her ideas from education, technology and tourism.

Mayor Gonzales closed the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE SIGNATORS FOR THE 2016 TEXAS CDBG-DRP PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 7216292

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution to designate Mayor Gonzales, Mr. Garcia and Rina Castillo for signators for the 2016 Texas CDBG-DRP program contract no. 7216292. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION ADOPTING REQUIRED CDBG CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution adopting required CDBG Civil Rights Policies. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Cavazos, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN THE CITY OF

RAYMONDVILLE

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the proclamation proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Raymondville. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Alexandre, Smith, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1211, AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS PROHIBITING SMOKING OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING MATERIALS IN CERTAIN ENCLOSED AND NON-ENCLOSED AREAS WITHIN CITY LIMITS; PROHIBITING SMOKING ON CITY PREMISES AND OTHER PROPERTY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the third and final reading of ordinance no. 1211, an ordinance to provide regulations prohibiting smoking of tobacco products and electronic smoking materials in certain enclosed and non-enclosed areas within city limits; prohibiting smoking on city premises and other property; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing a savings clause; providing for effective date and publication; providing a severability clause; providing for a penalty; providing for proper notice and meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Cavazos, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE AND THE TEXAS BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION FOUNDATION, INC. FOR SPACE AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the lease agreement between the City of Raymondville and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. for space at the City of Raymondville Industrial Park. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE, JUAN ANGUIANO

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from police department maintenance employee, Juan Anguiano. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cavazos, Smith, Alexandre, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE/HIRE/TRANSFER EMPLOYEE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE POSITION

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to advertise/hire/transfer employee for the Police Department Maintenance position. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Alexandre, Smith, Tamez, Cavazos and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH FOR THE WAIVING OF PAVILION RENTAL FEES AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE VETERAN'S PARK IN ORDER TO CONDUCT A COMMUNITY OUTREACH EASTER EVENT ON APRIL 15, 2017. EVENT WILL INCLUDE FREE FOOD, AN EASTER EGG HUNT, MUSIC, GAMES AND PRIZES

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the request from First Assembly of God Church for the waiving of pavilion rental fees at the City of Raymondville Veteran's Park in order to conduct a community outreach Easter event on April 15, 2017. Event will include free food, an easter egg hunt, music, games and prizes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Tamez, Cavazos, Smith, Alexandre, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM EL JEFE LOANS FOR THE USE OF THE PAVILION AT THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE SMILEY FACE PARK ON APRIL 15, 2017, IN ORDER TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC EVENT

FOR THE FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. EVENT WILL INCLUDE AN EASTER EGG HUNT, GAMES, MUSIC AND FOOD AT NO COST

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the request from El Jefe Loans for the use of the pavilion at the City of Raymondville Smiley Face Park on April 15, 2017, in order to conduct a public event for the families in our community. Event will include an easter egg hunt, games, music and food at no cost. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Alexandre, Cavazos, Tamez and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES

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

1. City officials and Mr. Garcia-TML Region 12-SPI, TX-May 11 & 12, 2017
2. City officials, Mr. Garcia and Chief Zamora-TX Emergency Management-San Antonio, TX-May 17-19, 2017
3. Mayor Gonzales-chamber meeting-Austin, TX-March 29, 2017
4. Rick Moreno-Water Utilities- Harlingen, TX-April 25-27, 2017

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, Alexandre, Cavazos, Tamez, and Mayor Gonzales

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

REPORTS

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented to the Board of Commissioners the Financial Report for the month of February, 2017.

RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that on April 6, 2017 there would be a crime victim event at the Smiley Face Park at 4 o'clock and a candle light vigil at the court house at 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REPORTS

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, was absent and had no reports.

Andy Chavez, Assistant Public Works Director, had no reports.

RAYMONDVILLE FIRE CHIEF OSCAR GUTIERREZ

REPORTS

Oscar Gutierrez, Fire Chief, was absent and had no reports.

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:

Eleazar Garcia, Jr.
City Manager/Secretary