

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

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, September 8, 2015, 5:00 P.M., with the following officials and members present:

Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor  
Clifton Smith, Commissioner  
Eziquiel Cavazos, Commissioner  
Yolanda Alexandre, Commissioner  
Chris Tamez, Commissioner  
Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager  
William R. Wepfer, City Attorney  
Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police  
Joel Soto, Public Works Director

Absent: Delma Garza, Assistant City Secretary

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.

**INVOCATION:** Invocation was given by Mayor Gilberto Gonzales.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the minutes for September 8, 2015. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**AUDIENCE**

Vanessa Tijerina, approached the Board of Commissioners with some concerns with some of the items on the agenda for the meeting of September 22, 2015.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF THE FOLLOWING TRACT OF LAND INTO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS:**

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*A 20.06 acre tract of land, more or less, out of Lot Number Six (6), Block Number One (1), and Lot Number Five (5), Block Number Two (2), of the Raymond Hallam Land Company Subdivision, San Juan de Carricitos Grant, Willacy County, Texas as per the plat thereof recorded in Volume Q, Page 416, Map Records, Cameron County, Texas.*

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales opened the public hearing at 5:10 p.m.

No comments were made.

Mayor Gilbert Gonzales closed the public hearing at 5:11 p.m.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FOLLOWING TRACT OF LAND INTO THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS:**

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Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the public hearing on the above listed tract of land into the City of Raymondville, Texas. 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AWARDING OF BIDS ON THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S TWDB NEW WATER WELL PROJECT**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve to award the bid to Alsay Incorporated on the City of Raymondville's TWDB New Water Well Project. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS REQUIRED FOR RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S OVERTIME AND EQUIPMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

- a) **Resolution to the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division for overtime.**

**b) Interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County on equipment.**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the resolution to the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division for overtime. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the interlocal agreement between the City of Raymondville and Willacy County on equipment. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING CERTIFICATION PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER, ROBUEL ESTRADA**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve a \$1.00 increase certification pay adjustment for communications officer, Robuel Estrada. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION FROM RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL SERGEANT, GABRIEL GARZA**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the acceptance of resignation from Raymondville Police Department Patrol Sergeant, Gabriel Garza. 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE POLICE**

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**OFFICER FOR THE RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to hire police officer for the Raymondville Police Department. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE UNIFORM SHIRTS FOR CITY HALL AND MUNICIPAL COURT STAFF**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the authorization to purchase uniform shirts for City Hall and Municipal Court Staff. 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION IN REGARDS TO NAMING OF NEW CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE SPORTS COMPLEX**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve naming the new City of Raymondville Sports Complex "Veteran's Park". Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT TO THE FRONT OFFICE AT THE RAYMONDVILLE FIRE HALL ADJACENT TO THE NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING**

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve the authorization to transfer the City of Raymondville Municipal Court to the front office at the Raymondville Fire Hall adjacent to the new police department building. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

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ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE DEPARTMENTS**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the budget amendments for City of Raymondville Departments. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**BUDGET WORKSHOP ON FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 BUDGET**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the budget workshop on fiscal year 2015-16 budget. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1196, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE 2015-16 FISCAL YEAR, WAIVING THE THREE READING AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. 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

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve passage and adoption of ordinance no. 1196, adopting a budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1197, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL NECESSARY EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. 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

Commissioner Smith moved approve passage and adoption of ordinance no. 1197, Making Appropriations of Sums of money for all necessary expenditure for Fiscal Year 2015-16, waiving the three readings and approval on one reading. Commissioner Alexandre seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1198, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY, ASSESMENT AND COLLECTION OF DEBT SERVICE TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE EXPENDITURES AND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION EXPENDITURES BY THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. Commissioner Cavazos 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

Commissioner Smith moved to approve passage and adoption of ordinance no. 1198, providing for the levy, assessment and collection of debt service taxes for debt service expenditures and maintenance and operation taxes for maintenance and operation expenditures by the City of Raymondville for fiscal year 2015-16.

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1199, AMENDING THE 2014-15 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 1186, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. 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

Commissioner Tamez moved to approve passage and adoption of ordinance no. 1199, amending the 2014-15 appropriations ordinance no. 1186. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL, PASSAGE AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1200, AMENDING THE 2014-15 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 1186, WAIVING THE THREE READINGS AND APPROVAL ON ONE READING**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to waive the three readings and approve on one reading. 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

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve passage and adoption of ordinance no. 1200, amending the 2014-15 appropriations ordinance no. 1186. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

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ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the City of Raymondville Economic Development Corporation's budget for fiscal year 2015-16. Commissioner Tamez 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 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION THAT ESTABLISHES THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S HISTORIC COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution that establishes the boundaries of the City of Raymondville's Historic Commercial District pending EDC approval. Commissioner Cavazos 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 THAT DESIGNATES AREAS WITHIN THE DESIGNATED HISTORIC COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AS SLUM/BLIGHTED AND IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution that designates areas within the designated historic commercial district as slum/blighted and in need of improvement pending EDC approval. Commissioner Tamez 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 APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION THAT AUTHORIZES THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR A 2015 TEXAS CAPITAL FUND-DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT TO CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK, LIGHTING AND HANDICAP-ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DESIGNATED HISTORIC**



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**COMMERCIAL DISTRICT**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the resolution that authorizes the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a 2015 Texas Capital Fund-Downtown Revitalization Program Grant to construct sidewalk, lighting and handicap-accessibility improvements in the designated Historic Commercial District pending EDC approval. 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 THAT ADOPTS A PUBLIC ACCESS PLAN TO BE UTILIZED DURING INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH THE TEXAS CAPITAL FUND-DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

Commissioner Alexandre moved to approve the resolution that adopts a public access plan to be utilized during infrastructure construction projects funded through the Texas Capital Fund-Downtown Revitalization Program pending EDC approval. Commissioner Tamez 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 ADOPTION OF A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AND CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED DURING IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM TEXAS CAPITAL FUND PROJECTS**

Commissioner Cavazos moved to approve the adoption of a citizen participation plan and citizen complaint procedures to be followed during implementation of Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Texas Capital Fund Projects. 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

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO APPLY FOR A RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO ESTABLISH A THIRD REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM**

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the resolution authorizing the City of Raymondville's Economic Development Corporation to apply for a Rural Business Enterprise Grant from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development to establish a third revolving loan program. Commissioner Alexandre 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 TERMINATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR TENANT, JUAN FIGUEROA, FLOOR MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT**

Commissioner Cavazos approved to terminate the lease agreement for Small Business Incubator tenant, Juan Figueroa, Floor Management Consultant. Commissioner Alexandre 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

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND TRAINING FOR CITY OF RAYMONDVILLE EMPLOYEES**

No travel and training at this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF CITY BILLS**

Commissioner Alexandre approved and authorize payment of the City's bills as presented. Commissioner Tamez seconded the motion which carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT FOR VOTE: None

**REPORTS**

Eleazar Garcia, Jr., City Manager/Secretary, presented the financial report for the month of August, 2015.

**RAYMONDVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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**REPORTS**

Uvaldo Zamora, Chief of Police, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the Animal Control Officer had a surprise inspection from TCEQ and did very well.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**REPORTS**

Joel Soto, Public Works Director, reported to the Board of Commissioners that the crew had been working on weedy lots, potholes and replacing fire hydrants.

Andy Chavez, Public Works Supervisor, updated the Board of Commissioners that movie night is pending a date due to Friday football game.

**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.

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Gilberto Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Eleazar Garcia, Jr.  
City Manager/Secretary