

THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF RIO HONDO
COUNTY OF CAMERON

Rick Tello, Commissioner Place 1
Margaret Perez, Commissioner Place 3
Joseph Lopez, Commissioner Place 5

Steve Bocanegra, Commissioner Place 2
Olga L. Gallegos, Commissioner Place 4

Gustavo Olivares
Mayor

**Notice of a Regular Meeting of the
City Commission of the City of Rio Hondo
June 22, 2021**

Revised

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Tittle 5 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that the governing body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas will convene for a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday June 22, 2021, at the **Civic Center** on the Second Floor of the Rio Hondo Municipal Building located at 121 N. Arroyo Blvd., Rio Hondo, Texas 78583.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNITED STATES PLEDGE

INVOCATION:


Regular Agenda:

1. Mayor's and Commissioner's Report
2. Reports – Administration
3. **Public Comment Period: *Please Note- The Public Comment Period is designated for hearing concerns regarding City of Rio Hondo Public Policy or City of Rio Hondo business for both items not on the agenda and items listed on the agenda.***
4. Consideration and Action approving the City Commission minutes of May 11, 2021, and May 25, 2021. (Ben Medina, Jr. Administrator)
5. Consideration and Action on a Memorandum of Understanding between the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rio Hondo, the City of Primera, City of Combes and the City of Santa Rosa and the City of Los Indios for extension of Chamber resources, education and advocacy to local business. (Ben Medina)
6. Workshop on the Bridge – Fest celebration with volunteer committee. Ben Medina and Committee Members)

7. Consideration and Action authorizing funding of \$10,000 for the Bridge-Fest Celebration from General Fund 10 -5035-401 Professional Services.
8. Executive Session:
 - a. Deliberations regarding Real Property as described in Texas Local Government Code 551.072 and Economic Development matter as described in Texas Local Government Code 551.087 regarding the property located at 201 Colorado Blvd, known as "Fred's Drug Store"
 - b. Consultation with the attorney as described in Texas Local Government Code 551.071 regarding the lease and possible sale of 201 Colorado Blvd, known as Fred's Drug Store to Triple A Farm and Ranch. (Mayor Olivares and Ben Medina)
9. Consideration and Action on a three-year lease between the City of Rio Hondo and Triple A Farm and Ranch for use of the building and property located at 201 Colorado known as Fred's Drug Store.
10. Adjourn.

Note: The City Commission for the City of Rio Hondo reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters, on the agenda as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.087 (Economic Development).

Note: The Meeting is accessible to Americans with Disabilities. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need assistance, please call the City Secretary at (956) 748-2102, with at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.



Gustavo Olivares
Mayor of the City of Rio Hondo

POSTED

I, City Secretary for the City of Rio Hondo, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting is a true and correct record and was posted in the bulletin board outside City Hall, and the bulletin board in the City Hall lobby, at 121 N. Arroyo Blvd, Rio Hondo, Texas 78583 and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

DATE: TIME:

June 18, 2021 6.50 pm

City Administrator/City Secretary

Minutes

MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING ON May 11, 2021

The Government Body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on May 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the Civic Center at City Hall, with Mayor Gustavo Olivares Presiding, Mayor-ProTem Margaret Perez-Present and Commissioners, Joseph Lopez- Present, Olga Gallegos- Present, Esteban Bocanegra- Absent, and Rick Tello- Present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Mayor Olivares

INVOCATION: by Commissioner Margaret Perez

Regular Agenda:

1. Mayor's and Commissioner's Report --Mr. Lopez stated that brush had not been picked up in over a month. Mayor stated that the city needs to be at 75 percent capacity for the park usage and must follow CDC guideline. Bridgefest is being mentioned by committee.
2. **Reports – Administration—The second does is being proposed for the coming Friday. Grant for sidewalks has been approved. This is a \$1,041,000 grant. In the recent past there has been 2- million dollars for the city. Mayor thanked Mr. Medina.**
3. **Public Comment Period: *Please Note- The Public Comment Period is designated for hearing concerns regarding City of Rio Hondo Public Policy or City of Rio Hondo business for both items not on the agenda and items listed on the agenda. No comments were given.***
4. Acknowledge the City of Rio Hondo Public Safety Racial Profiling Report. (Ben Medina and William Bilokury, Public Safety Director) The Public Safety Director present the Racial Profiling Report. No action was taken. William Bilokury, Chief of Police present the Racial Profiling Report. The Chief stated that was a report on race of how they encountered. Mayor asked how does race get report if the citizen does not state. The Chief explained that usually the driver's license or it is the officer's discretion. The Chief explained that all reports are up to date. The Mayor asked if he has had a chance to work with the new sheriff. Mr. Lopez asked if all the cars are working.
5. Consideration and Action on Minutes of the April 27, 2021 City Commission Meeting. (Ben Medina, City Administrator). Commissioner Margaret Perez motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Gallegos and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Consideration and Action on a contract with U.S. Underwater Commercial Dive Team for repairs to the water tower. (Ben Medina and Murl Kimberling). Mr. Medina explained that this project was to repair a leak on the water tower. This was underwater dive team that will attempt to repair the leak. A motion to approve the repairs was motion by Commissioner Lopez seconded by Commissioner Perez the motion passed unanimously.
7. Consideration and Action to request bids/quotes for one 12 air condition unit for City Hall, one 12-ton air condition unit for the Library and two 3.5 ton air conditioning units for the Learning Center.

Motion was made to solicit quotes by Commissioner Perez and Seconded by Commissioner Gallegos. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved by the City Commission on June 7, 2021.

Gustavo Olivares, Mayor

Minutes

MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING ON May 25, 2021

The Government Body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on May 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the Civic Center at City Hall, with Mayor Gustavo Olivares Presiding, Mayor-ProTem Margaret Perez- Present and Commissioners, Joseph Lopez- Absent, Olga Gallegos- Present, Esteban Bocanegra- Present and Rick Tello- Absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Mayor Olivares

INVOCATION: by Commissioner Margaret Perez

Regular Agenda:

1. Mayor's and Commissioner's Report Mayor requested staff keep cutting the grass and spraying.
2. **Reports – Administration. Mr. Medina explained that staff had monitored possible flooding on Heywood and Huisache Street staff had made some correction to the drains and flooding did not occur.**
3. **Public Comment Period: *Please Note- The Public Comment Period is designated for hearing concerns regarding City of Rio Hondo Public Policy or City of Rio Hondo business for both items not on the Agenda and items listed on the agenda.***
No Public Comments
4. Status Report on Mesquite Street reconstruction project. (Raul Garcia, Engineer) Mr. Raul Garcia explained that some of the delays were because of utilities on the roadway. He mentioned that AT&T had moved the cables and AEP was moving a telephone pole.
5. Discussion regarding Rio Grande Valley garbage collection rates. (Ben Medina and Murl Kimberling). Mr. Medina explained the different rates charged by Republic Services through out the valley. Three Cities that are not with Republic Services.
6. Consideration and Action to authorize the City Attorney to develop a contract to extend the current solid waste, bulky waste, and vegetation collection contract with Republic Services for an additional four years. Mr. Omar Rodriguez with Republic Services explained the Republic Services offer of no increase the first year and possible increase of no more than 4% of the water consumer price index for years 3-4. Commissioner Bocanegra motion to permit the attorney to develop a contract with Republic Services and seconded by Commissioner Perez and the motion passed unanimously.
7. Consideration and Action contracting Dave's Air Conditioning LLC for the purchase and installation of two (2) ton air condition units for the Library and City Hall in the sum of \$23,485. Mr. Medina explained that the Library Air Condition will be paid by Cameron County Library System and the City Hall will be paid using budget funds. Commissioner Perez and seconded by Commissioner Gallegos to approve the purchase and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Consideration and Action in purchasing one 2020 F-150 Police Responder 4x4 WB XL for the sum of \$35,184. Mr. Medina explained that the Police Truck now available at Boggus Ford will be paid using budget funds Covid - 19. Commissioner Perez and seconded by Commissioner Gallegos to approve the purchase and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Consideration and Action on contracting A-3 Utility Company to install two lift station pumps at the Robert Garza lift station and the sewer plant lift station in the sum of \$30,000. Mr. Medina explained that this project was to install 2 pumps at lift stations. They will be paid using budget funds. Commissioner Perez and seconded by Commissioner Bocanegra to approve the installation and the motion passed unanimously.

Passed on June 8, 2021 by the City Commission.

Gustavo Olivares, Mayor

Memorandum of Understanding
Item 5



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Between the

HARLINGEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Along with

THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, THE CITY OF PRIMERA,

THE CITY OF COMBES, THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, and THE CITY OF LOS INDIOS

Objective:

The Harlingen Chamber of Commerce, ("The Chamber") in association with, The City of Rio Hondo, The City of Primera, The City of Combes, The City of Santa Rosa, and The City of Los Indios ("Parties") share the common goal of developing businesses through education, promotion, and advocacy.

Principle:

Recognizing this mutual goal, this memorandum seeks to formalize a process of cooperation and understanding between the respective organizations and the "Chamber". A working relationship will allow the respective "parties" to share common objectives and solutions to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.

Scope:

The basis of this agreement will be structured upon the primary areas:

- A) Provide a voice for the Harlingen area region's professional community at the local and state level.
- B) Work with our members and community partners to ensure the Region stays vibrant and prosperous for years to come.
- C) Support regional businesses through networking, professional development, marketing opportunities, business building, and advocacy efforts.
- D) Provide tangible business tools and educational opportunities.
- E) Through our benefits, our goal is to ensure our partnership is mutually beneficial and long lasting.

Communications & Financial aspects:

- A) All external communications relating to the promotion of activities of the memorandum will be done with mutual consent.
- B) Activities inscribed in the memorandum will be actively promoted by the "Chamber" and the respective Parties
- C) Any financial aspects related to the organization of the various activities and the dividing of expenses will be mutually agreed upon by the "Parties" and "Chamber" on a case-by-case basis.
- D) All Cities will participate as a Chamber Partner with a minimum of bronze level membership.

Validity:

The Memorandum will take effect on the date of signature. It will remain initially for a period of one year. It may be renewed thereafter by mutual consent. However, should either party decide to terminate this memorandum, prior to the completion of one year, the same may be amicably decided by the participating organizations by giving a written notice of 3 months from either side. Their joint decision in this regard will be final.

Signed this date: _____

"Original Signed By"

The City of Rio Hondo

And

"Original Signed By"

The City of Primera

And

"Original Signed By"

The City of Combes

And

"Original Signed By"

The City of Santa Rosa

And

“Original Signed By”

The City of Los Indios

“Original Signed By”

Javier De Leon President/CEO

The Harlingen Chamber of Commerce

Bridge-Fest Celebration

Item **6**

Bridge-Fest Celebration

The Bridge-Fest committee met on June 17, 2021 at 6pm and discussed the Bridge-Fest celebration.

August 14, 2021 Bridge-Fest Day

The committee agreed to provide free food from 5pm to 6 pm.

Music will be provided by Los Jilgueros del Norte and music by Alonzo Hernandez

Fireworks will be solicited

Local Churches will have some time between bands.

Restaurants and food vendors will be invited.