

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
CITY OF RIO HONDO  
COUNTY OF CAMERON

Juan Garza, Commissioner Place 1  
Margaret Perez, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Jose S. Cavazos, Commissioner Place 5

Esteban Bocanegra, Place 2  
Olga Gallegos, Commissioner, Place 3

Gustavo Olivares  
Mayor

**Notice of a Regular Meeting of the  
City Commission of the City of Rio Hondo  
September 13, 2022**

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 September 13, 2022**, at the **City Commission Chambers** on the Second Floor of the Rio Hondo Municipal Building located at 121 N. Arroyo Blvd., Rio Hondo, Texas 78583.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNITED STATES PLEDGE

INVOCATION:


**Regular Agenda:**

1. Mayor's and Commissioner's Report
2. Reports: Administrator, Public Works, Public Safety, Library, Senior Center
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 that is or is not on the agenda or items listed on the agenda.***
4. Consideration and Action on the City Commission Minutes of August 23, 2022, City Commission Meeting.
5. Consideration and Action on Resolution No. 2022-06, authorizing the participation of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas in the 791 Purchasing Cooperative offered by Region 15 Education Service Center.
6. Consideration and Action on Resolution 2022-07 adopting the goal vision zero by 2050 of ending deaths and severe injuries on county and city roadways.

7. Consideration and Action on Resolution 2022-08 adopting the 2022 Cameron County Safety Travel Plan.
8. Consideration and Action Resolution 2002-09 appointing Directors to the Board of the Rio Hondo Industrial Development Corporation.
9. Consideration and Action on Resolution No. 2022- 10, approving amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Rio Hondo Industrial Development Corporation.
10. Presentation on an economic development project by Mr. Clyde Cobb..
11. Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance No. 2022-07 to rezone from Open Space Classification to Single Family Classification 5.92 AC of Rio Hondo Park Block 101 located approximately 500 feet north of the intersection of N. Reynolds and Bates Drive in Rio Hondo, Texas.
12. Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance 2022- 05 to approve the City of Rio Hondo Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2022 and ending on September 30, 2023.
13. Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance No. 2022-06 levying Ad Valorem Taxes for the maintenance and operation of the Municipal Government of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, distributing the tax levy among the various funds, and proving for a lien on real and personal property to secure the payment of taxes assessed.
14. Consideration and Action adopting the City of Rio Hondo October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2023, Holiday Schedule.
15. Consideration and Action approving Saturday December 17, 2022, as the date for the Christmas Parade.
16. Acknowledgement as October 26, 2022, as Halloween Spooktacular at the Park an event provided by the City of Rio Hondo, Rio Hondo Youth Sports League, and the Rio Hondo Independent School District.
17. Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.087, Texas Local Government Code, regarding the offer of financial incentives for economic development for:
  - A. Project Business Park
  - B. Project Arroyo.
  - C. Project Barge
18. Adjournment

Note: The City Commission for the City of Rio Hondo reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during this meeting to discuss any matters, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, including but not limited to 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.*

  
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Gustavo Olivares POSTED  
Mayor of the City of Rio Hondo

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

DATE: 9/9/2022 TIME: 10:20 AM

## Item 4 Minutes

## MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING ON AUGUST 23, 2022

The Government Body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on August 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, with Mayor- Gustavo Olivares Presiding- Present, Mayor Pro-Tem- Margaret Perez and Commissioners, Juan Garza- Present, Esteban Bocanegra- Present, Olga Gallegos- Present, and Jose Cavazos- Present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –Led by Mayor Olivares at 6:30 p.m.**

**INVOCATION: By Commissioner Perez**

### **Regular Agenda:**

1. Mayor's and Commissioner's Report – No Reports
2. Reports: Administrator, Bridge-Fest 2022 Public Safety A report was given by the City Administrator and the Police Chief.
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 that is or is not on the agenda or items listed on the agenda.***
4. Consideration and Action on the City Commission Minutes of July 26, 2022, and August 9, 2022 City Commission Meeting. After reviewing the minutes Commissioner Perez made the motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Cavazos and the motion passed unanimously.
5. First Public Hearing and Action condemning and ordering the demolition of a structure located on Lot 18, Block 28 Rio Hondo Original Townsite (214 Ebony Street). Mr. Medina told the City Commission that this house was an dilapidated and a fire hazard. The owners were deceased and notices have been returned. The city has weedy lot fines issued on this lot and the neighbor complain the tall grass and rats. Commissioner Bocanegra made a motion to condemn the unit and seconded by Commissioner Cavazos. The motion was passed unanimously.
6. Consideration and Action authorizing the City Administrator and the City Attorney to develop or reauthorize the Industrial Development Corporation for the participation in Industrial Revenue Bonds Program. Mr. Medina explained that a developer wanted to build a steel plant and need the tax-exempt bonds. The Rio Hondo Industrial Development Corporation is the organization can be the conduit to do so. The IDC has been dormant since 2009 and will need to be authorized. Mr. explained that he need permission to reauthorize the IDC and work with Tom Spugeon and the City Attorney to reactivate the IDC. A motion was made by Commissioner Perez seconded by Commissioner Bocanegra and the motion was passed unanimously.
7. Public Hearing on the City of Rio Hondo Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2022, and ending on September 30 2023. Mr. Medina discussed the budget the City Commission. No Action was taken.

Adjournment Meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Commissioner Perez.

# Item 12 Budget

# Item 13 Tax Rate Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO 2022--05

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 DISTRIBUTING THE TAX LEVY AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS, AND PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RIO HONDO, TEXAS.

Section 1. That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the maintenance and operation of the municipal government of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year upon all property, real, personal, and mixed, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.812207 cents on each One Hundred Dollars (\$ 100) valuation on property.

**THIS TAX RATE WILL NOT RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

Section 2. That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the City of Rio Hondo, Texas to provide for Interest and Sinking Funds for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year upon all property, real, personal property, within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation, a tax of \$0.181522 cents on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) valuation on property.

SUMMARY

1. Maintenance and operations of the general government (General Fund)	\$0.630685
2. Interest and Sinking fund (Debt Rate)	<u>\$0.181522</u>
Total Tax per \$100 of valuation (No New Revenue Rate)	\$0.812207

That the City Administrator shall ensure that the City's home page of its internet website shall include the following statement: "**THE CITY OF RIO HONDO ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL NOT RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEARS TAX RATE.**"



Section 3. That all monies collected under this Ordinance for the specific items herein named, be and the same hereby appropriated and set apart for the specific purposes indicated in each item and the Assessor/Collector of Taxes, and the City Administrator shall keep these accounts so as to readily and distinctly show the amount collected, the amount expended and the amount on hand at any time belonging, to such funds. All receipts for the City not specifically apportioned are hereby made payable to the General fund.

Taxes levied under this Ordinance shall be due October 1, 2022, and if not paid on or before January 31, 2023 shall immediately become delinquent.

Section 4. All taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the tax assessor and collector for the City of Rio Hondo is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and Ordinances of the City of Rio Hondo shall, by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, for the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest, and the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be appropriated to the General Fund of the City of Rio Hondo. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from date of delinquency at the rate prescribed by state law.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force on October 1, 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022.

APPROVED:

MAYOR: Gustavo Olivares

ATTEST:

City Administrator: Ben Medina, Jr.

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# Item 14 Holiday Schedule



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## 2022 – 2023 CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	DATE(S) OBSERVED
Veterans Day	Friday, November 11, 2022
Thanksgiving	Thursday & Friday, November 24-25, 2022
Christmas Day	Monday, December 26, 2022
New Year's Day	Monday, January 2, 2023
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 16, 2023
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 20, 2023
Cesar Chavez Day	Friday, March 31, 2023
Good Friday	Friday, April 7, 2023
Memorial Day	Monday, May 29, 2023
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4, 2023
Labor Day	Monday, September 4, 2023