

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 4

Gustavo Olivares
Mayor
City Commission of the City of Rio Hondo
February 25, 2025

Pursuant to Chapter 551, Title 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 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 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.

Call meeting to Order (City Commission)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNITED STATES PLEDGE

INVOCATION:

Regular Agenda:

1. Mayor's and Commissioners' Reports
2. Reports: Administrator Report


Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415, the City Commission, without having provided notice, may make reports about items of community interest if action is not taken and possible action is not discussed regarding the information provided in the report. "Items of community interest" include: (1) expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolence; (2) information regarding holiday schedules; (3) an honorary or salutatory recognition of a public official, public employee, or another citizen, except the discussions regarding a change in the status of a person's public office or public employment is not an honorary or salutatory recognition for the purposes of the City of Rio Hondo; (4) a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; (5) information regarding a social, ceremonial or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the City of Rio Hondo that attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the City of Rio Hondo; and (6) announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the political subdivision that has arisen after the posting of the agenda

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 approving January 28, 2025, City Commission minutes.
5. Report on Financial Condition and Capital Projects for Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025.

6. Status Report on the Spotted Sea Trout Park Ribbon Cutting Project.
7. Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance 2025 -03 amending Ordinance Number 374 to set the City Commission meeting time at 6:00 pm on every fourth (4th) Tuesday of every month.
8. Adjournment

Note: The City Commission for the City of Rio Hondo 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.



Gustavo Olivares

Mayor of the City of Rio Hondo

Posted: Friday, February 21, 2025 at: 3:15

Attest: Ben Medina, Jr. City Administrator

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

MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING ON January 28, 2025

The Government Body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on January 28, 2025 at 6:03 pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, with Mayor- Gustavo Olivares Presiding- Present, Mayor Pro-Tem- Margaret Perez , Present and Commissioners, Juan Garza- Present, Esteban Bocanegra- Present, Olga Gallegos- Absent, and Jose Cavazos- Absent

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Medina - City Administrator, Ana Hernandez - Assistant City Administrator, Robert Drinkard - City Attorney, Lucy Garza – Finance Director, Carolyn Dawson – Library Director, Murl Kemmerling – Public Works Director, Melanie Wilson with Twin Palms

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –Led Commissioner Garza

INVOCATION: By Commissioner Juan Garza

Regular Agenda:

1. Mayor's and Commissioners' Reports

- No reports from Mayor nor Commissioners

2. Reports: Administrator

Mr. Medina:

- The Christmas Parade was a success
- MOU for Mayor to sign
- Contracted with Express Employment for 2 general laborers.
- In the process of acquiring tables, benches, trash cans
- Water line crossing permit approved by Army Corps of Engineer; project should be complete mid February
- Letter received this morning CDBG and Federal Funding on Hold
- Sidewalk moving along very fast

Ms. Dawson: Library Report

- Reported on Angel Tree with 35 families
- Twin Palms supported this event
- Christmas meal for a Family

- Clothing Drive in Partnership with RHHS Student Council
- Use of Meeting Rooms by Women’s Study Group, Girl Scouts, Dungeons & Drangons, and Friend of the Library
- Saturday classes will resume in January 2025

Murl Kemmerling – PW Director

- Repaired 2 submersible pumps
- Electrical work at water plant for elevated storage and ground storage tank
- TCEQ inspection waiting on results
- Removed Fence on North Robertson at the Trailer Park
- Mayor expressed concerns with Murl about him not picking up his phone and he also told him to fix whatever needed to be fixed.

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- Melanie Wilson addressed the council regarding some concerns with Twin Palms and the sidewalk

4. Consideration and Action to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2024, City Commission minutes.

Commissioner Perez made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2024, City Commission Meeting. Commissioner Bocanegra seconded the motion, all voted “aye” to approve; motion carried.

5. Consideration and Action on City of Rio Hondo Spotted Sea Trout Policies.

- Ana Hernandez reviewed Park Policies with council members
- Mayor had an issue with the drinking not being allowed; drinking allowed except for playground area.

Commissioner Perez made a motion to approve the Spotted Sea Trout Policies with recommended changes. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion, all voted “aye” to approve; motion carried

6. Status Report on the Spotted Sea Trout Park Project.

- Need some plants
- Staff upkeeping the park
- The arm should be in place by the end of February
- Signage being worked on

- Lights need to stay on overnight
- Sign will be on Harris Rd
- Park is technically open will schedule ceremony for the end of February

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Perez made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:51 pm. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion; all voted “aye to approve”, motion carried.

Approved:

Gustavo Olivares, Mayor

Date: _____

Attest:

Ben Medina, City Administrator.

*The City of Rio Hondo
Cordially Invites You to the*

Ribbon

Cutting

Ceremony celebrating the opening of our new park
Spotted Sea Trout

**Thursday,
March 6, 2025
at 10 am**

**400 Harris St
Rio Hondo, Texas**



**TEXAS
PARKS &
WILDLIFE**

City of Rio Hondo, Texas
General Election
May 3, 2025

Applications for a place on the ballot are being accepted for the offices of
(Aplicaciones para un lugar en la boleta electoral estan siendo aceptadas para el cargo de:)

(3) Commissioners
Concejales de tres

LIST OF DECLARED CANDIDATES

(Lista de candidatos declarados)

NAME OF CANDIDATE
(Nombre del Candidato)

OFFICE SOUGHT
(Puesto Oficial Solicitado)

Juan Garza

Commissioner

Jose "peps" Cavazos

Commissioner

Pedro Serna

Commissioner

Diana Bustamante

Commissioner

Enrique Tello

Commissioner

Arnulfo "kitter" Huerta

Commissioner

CITY OF RIO HONDO

February 20, 2025

THE STATE OF TEXAS
CAMERON COUNTY

NOTICE OF DRAWING FOR PLACE ON THE BALLOT

Notice is hereby given that a drawing will be held on the 25th day of February 2025, at 5:15 p.m. in the Commission Chamber, City Hall, 121 N. Arroyo Blvd., Texas, 78583, for the purpose of determining the order in which the names of candidates are to be printed on the ballot in the City of Rio Hondo General Election to be held on the 3rd of May, 2025.

Ben Medina, Jr.

City Administrator

20 de febrero de 2025

EL ESTADO DE TEXAS
CONDADO DE CAMERON

AVISO DE SORTEO DE LUGARES EN LA BOLETA DE VOTACION

Se notifica por el presente que se realizara un sorteo el dia 245 de febrero de 2025 a las 5:15 p.m. en la Camara del Consejo de la Alcaldia ubicada en 121 N. Arroyo Blvd, Rio Hondo, Texas, 78583 con el proposito de determinar el orden en que apareceran impresos los nombres de los candidatos en la boleta de votacion de la Eleccion General de la Ciudad de Rio Hondo que se llevara a cabo el 3 de mayo de 2025.

Ben Medina, Jr.,Administrador the la Cuidad