

**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
February 9, 2021**

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 February 9, 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 on approving the January 26, 2021 minutes.
5. Presentation the City of Rio Hondo Wellness Program for the 2020 Year. (Ben Medina)
6. Consideration and Action appointing Mr. James Byram, Mr. Jose Garza as members to a Veterans Affairs Committee. (Ben Medina, City Administrator and Gustavo Olivares, Mayor).
7. Executive Session

8. Executive Session

- a. Discussion under Texas Local Government Code Section 551.087 (Economic Development) offers extended to the City of Rio Hondo by owner of the Arroyo Escondido Subdivision.
- b. Discussion under Texas Local Government Code Section 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations) regarding the west 3.47 ac out of 4.10 ac out of lots 103 and 104, Rio Hondo Park and Town and Small Acreage Tracts Cameron County.
- c. Discussion pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Gov't Code, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, i.e. the Municipal Court Judge.


9. Open Session:

- a. No action will be taken regarding offers extended to the City of Rio Hondo by owners of the Arroyo Escondido.
- b. Consideration and Action regarding the acceptance of the donation of the west 3.47 ac out of 4.10 ac out of lots 103 and 104, Rio Hondo Park and Town and Small Acreage Tracts Cameron County.
- c. Consideration and Action regarding the appointment of the Municipal Court Judge.

10. Adjournment

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

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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: 2/5/2020 TIME: 4:00 PM

City Administrator/City Secretary

City of Rio Hondo
City Administration Office
February 9, 2021

Briefing Paper

To: Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Ben Medina, City Administrator

Subject: Status of Projects

February 9, 2021

Report for the Mayor and City Commission a briefing paper regarding the status of projects and any outstanding issues.

Current Status:

Mesquite Street Reconstruction will begin on Monday, February 8th 2021

Water Plant renovation will be completed by February 28th. 2020

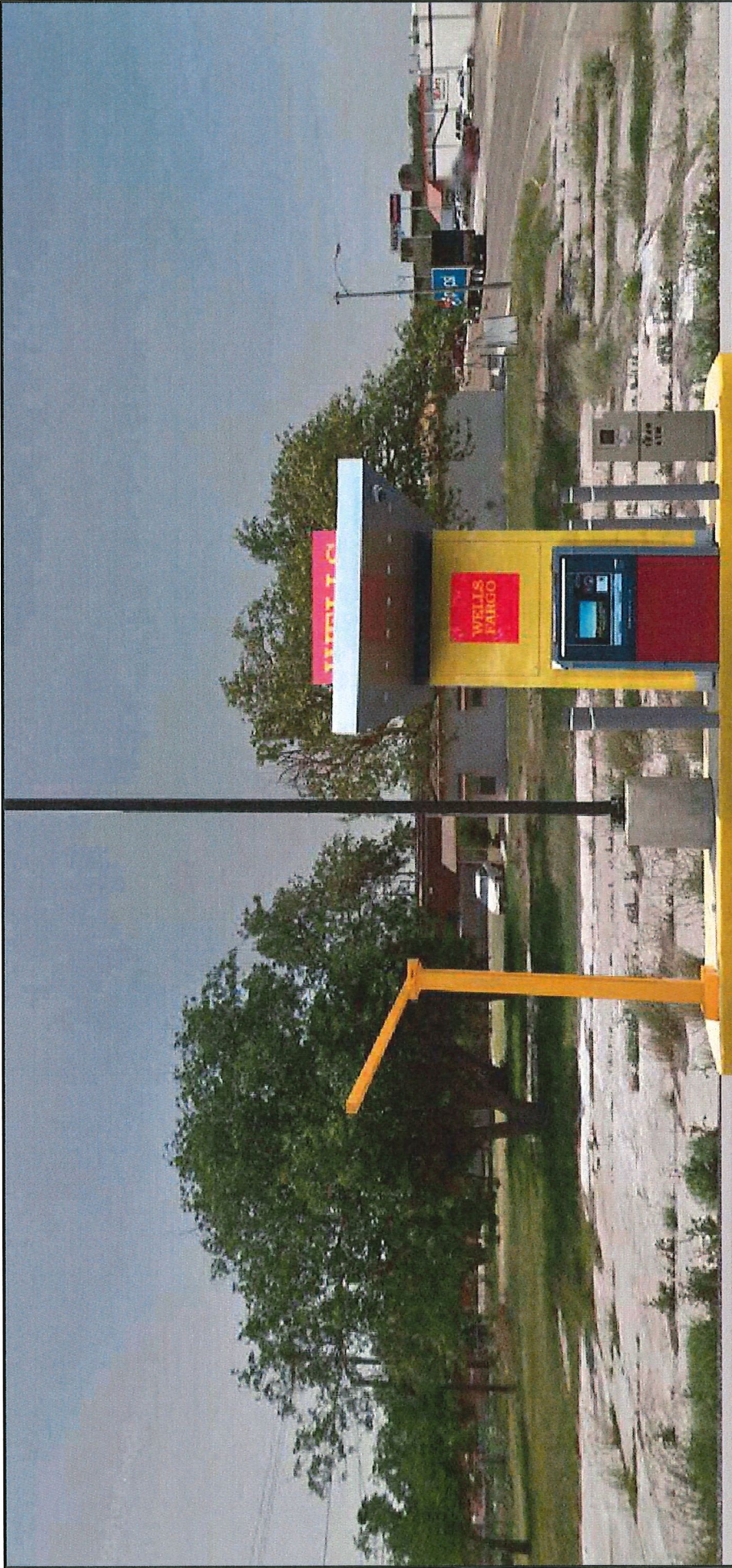
FEMA denied all assistance to Cameron County and Rio Hondo lost over \$37,000 of assistance.

Staff will prepare a report of possible CDBG projects for your review and acceptance.

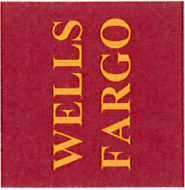
All Criminal Justice applications have been submitted ahead of the due date.

Key Projects by Department:

1. Library is working with the Rio Hondo ISD to expand the e-book program
2. Library patrons continues to increase.
3. Library is open 1-6 Monday – Friday.
4. Senior Center was closed this week because the Director is ill
5. Senior will continue with meals curb side beginning on Monday.
6. Public Works all grass cutting is done including alleys.
7. Public Works- has maintained the park and will paint the bathrooms.
8. Public Works all equipment is maintained and working.
9. Public Safety report will be presented at the meeting.



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Rio Hondo
 201 W Colorado Ave.
 Rio Hondo, TX 78583

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PROJECT:

WELLS FARGO

NEW DRIVE-UP ATM
201 W. COLORADO AVE.
RIO HONDO, TX 78583

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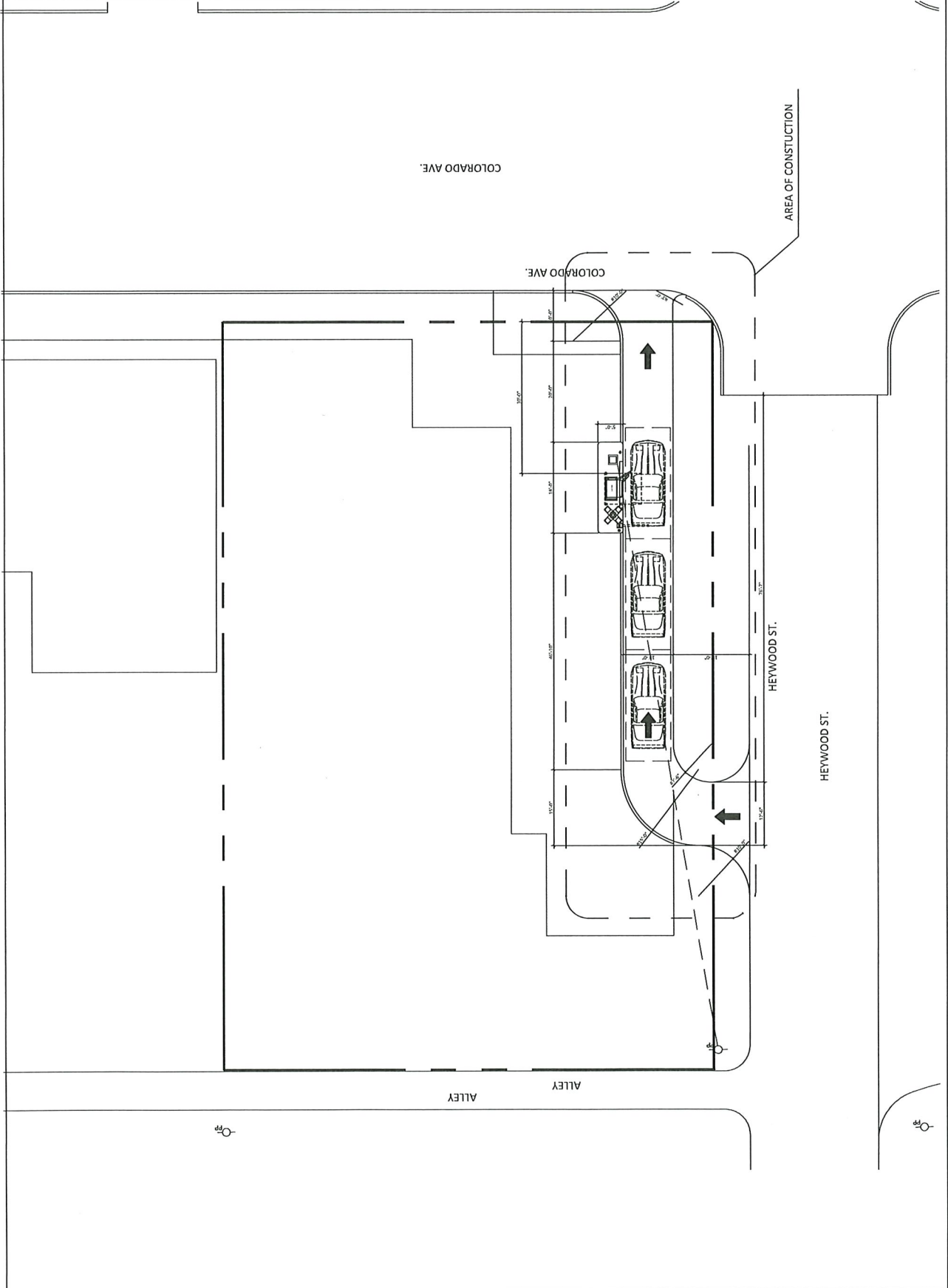
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MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING ON January 26, 2021

The Government Body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on January 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the Civic Center at City Hall, with Mayor- Gustavo Olivares presiding and Commissioners, Rick Tello- present, Olga Gallegos- present, Esteban Bocanegra- present, and Joseph Lopez- present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gustavo Olivares led the pledge at 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Led by Commissioner Margaret Perez

Regular Agenda:

1. Mayor's and Commissioner's Report
Commissioner Joseph Lopez mentioned cars being parked along the side of Robertson, a lot of trash in the yards by Bluebonnet, and there are a lot of kids running in between if we could have more police to patrol that area. Mayor Gus Olivares mentioned about possibly putting up some safety signs and parking lot ordinance.
2. **Reports – Administration**
Commissioner Lopez asked where we were getting the vaccine vouchers from. Mayor Olivares said they were given by county, Commissioner Garza. Mr. Medina mentioned that we received them Wednesday, January 20, 2021 and he went door to door to hand out vouchers. Mayor Olivares informed us that Commissioner Garza called to let us know that we will be getting more and if they knew any anyone 65 year or over. Commissioner Lopez mentioned that it is hard for people to go on such short notice.
3. **Oath of Office of Mayor Gustavo Olivares.**
4. **Proclamation honoring Mrs. Rosa Salazar on her 100th Birthday** Commissioner Rick Tello read the Proclamation honoring Rosa Galvan Salazar and Mayor Olivares signed the Proclamation.
5. **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.
6. Consideration and Action on approving the December 15, 2020, January 12, 2021 minutes. Minutes were reviewed by Mayor and Commission. Commissioner Margaret Perez made the motion to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Rick Tello. The motion was passed unanimously.
7. Consideration and Possible Action on a contract for electric energy with Verity Energy Group. Nathan Hartwell of Verity Energy Group presented himself. Action was taken as Commissioner Margaret Perez made the motion to approve and was seconded by Commissioner Joseph Lopez. The motion was passed unanimously.

8. Presentation the City of Rio Hondo Wellness Program for the 2020 Year. Mr. Medina presented the Wellness Program and the yearly highlights for them. Also introduced that they have moved online due to the pandemic. You can log onto Facebook and do the session from home. Mr. Medina input that a lot of people have been walking since the pandemic started. Mayor Olivares mentioned possible projects for the community. One being improving the walking trails. Commissioner Joseph Lopez made the motion to approve and was seconded by

9. Consideration and Action on a contract between the City of Rio Hondo and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston on behalf of the Department of Brownsville Regional campus, an agency of the State of Texas and governed by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System for a Wellness Program. Commissioner Joseph Lopez question where the \$ 60,000 was coming from. Mr. Medina briefly spoke of the Well Program being granted \$60,000 from the university. Started in November 2020 and ends September 2021. Commissioner Joseph Lopez made the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Margaret Perez and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Consideration and Action on contract between Cameron County Emergency Services District No. 1 and the City of Rio Hondo for fire protection services. Representative was not able to attend to address annual contract. Commissioner Joseph Lopez questioned if we would be getting additional territory. PD might take over Arroyo City for awhile since they are backed up by Rio Hondo. Possibly as well as partial of Santa Rosa. Mayor Olivares stated if get extra territory and go all the way to Laguna Vista then possibly thin about getting an assistant chief. Motion was made by Commissioner Joseph Lopez and was seconded by Commissioner Olga Gallegos. The motion passes unanimously.

11. Consideration and Action authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate the cost 24-acre feet of Push Water purchase from surrounding Irrigation Districts. Received letter about water shortage. Mr. Medina spoke about possibly having East Rio Hondo and Alamo work with Rio Hondo. Motion by Commissioner Joseph Lopez and seconded by Commissioner Steve Bocanegra. The motion was passed unanimously.

12. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.