

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
CITY OF RIO HONDO  
COUNTY OF CAMERON

Juan Garza, Commissioner, Place 1  
Diana Bustamante Zavala, Place 3  
Jose S. Cavazos, Commissioner, Place 5

Esteban Bocanegra, Place 2  
Olga Gallegos, Commissioner, Place 4

Gustavo Olivares  
Mayor  
**Special Meeting of the City Commission of the  
City of Rio Hondo  
April 14, 2026**

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 Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 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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Call meeting to Order (Mayor)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**UNITED STATES PLEDGE**

**INVOCATION:**

**Regular Agenda:**

- 1. Mayor's and Commissioners' Reports**
- 2. Reports: Administration**

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. The Public is*

*allowed 3 minutes to address the Council The speaker must identify themselves before speaking. A speaker request form must be submitted to the City Secretary prior to the meeting.*

4. Consideration and action to approve the City Commission Minutes for March 24, 2026. (City Administrator)
5. Presentation of the October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, Single Audit by Garcia and Pena Auditors for the City of Rio Hondo. (Manuel Garcia, Auditor)
6. Consideration and Action authorizing the posting and publishing of the Notice of May 2 General Election. (Ben Medina, City Administrator, and Mayor Olivares)
7. Consideration and Action to approve a contract between Cameron County Election and Voter Registration Office and the City of Rio Hondo to conduct the May 2, 2026, General Election. (Ben Medina, City Administrator and Mayor Olivares)
8. Second and Final Public Hearing and Action to approve Ordinance 2026-01 to amend the Building Permit and Developmental Fees. (Ben Medina City Administrator and Ana Hernandez, Assistant Administrator)
9. Second and Final Public Hearing and Action of Ordinance 2026-02 of the City Commission of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas amending its code of ordinances by providing for the establishment of regulations and administrative procedures for the governance and remediation of substandard structures, pursuant to chapter 214, subchapter A, Texas Local Government Code; providing for definitions, notice, hearings, remedies, assessment of costs, liens, and appeals; repealing conflicting ordinances; providing severability clause; and providing and effective date. (Ben Medina, City Administrator, and Robert Drinkand and Allison Bastian)
10. Discussion, Presentation and possible action regarding budgeted City Expenditures, and reconciled actual expenditures with the budget. ( Ben Medina, City Administrator, Lucia Garza, Finance Director, Esteban Bocanegra, Commissioner, and Juan Garza, Commissioner)
11. Consideration and Action in the possible engagement of a Certified Public Accounting firm to perform the September 30, 2025, to October 1, 2026, single audit in accordance with state laws. (Esteban Bocanegra, Commissioner, and Juan Garza, Commissioner).
12. Discussion and possible action regarding general city personnel matters, including employee job descriptions, employee duties and responsibilities, organizational and staffing considerations, compensation (salary/and hourly pay), and related administrative issues. (Esteban Bocanegra, Commissioner, and Juan Garza, Commissioner).
13. Consideration and possible action regarding the evaluation and duties of the City Administrator. (Esteban Bocanegra, Commissioner, and Juan Garza, Commissioner).

14. Consideration and Action canceling the April 28, 2026, City Commission meeting and scheduling a Special Meeting on May 12, 2026. (Ben Medina, City Administrator and Mayor Olivares).
15. Consideration and Action allocating funds for the relocation of the Police Department to the Od High School Building on Harrolds Street.
16. Executive Session: Attorney consultation pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to discuss claim or potential lawsuit related to ex-employees.


Attorney consultation pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to discuss a lawsuit related to William Bilokury.

17. Consideration and Action regarding items discussed in Executive Session.

Adjournment.

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

Attest: 

I, Ben Medina Jr., City Administrator/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 on April 7, 2026 at 4:00 pm and on the bulletin board in the City Hall lobby, at 121 N. Arroyo Blvd, Rio Hondo, Texas 78583 and remained so posted continuously with at least three (3) business days in between the posting date and the date of the Meeting.