

MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING ON July 23, 2024

The Government Body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on July 23, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, with Mayor- Gustavo Olivares - Absent, Mayor Pro-Tem- Margaret Perez- Present and Commissioners, Juan Garza- Present, Esteban Bocanegra- Present, Olga Gallegos- Present, and Jose Cavazos- Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –Led by Mayor Olivares at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: By Commissioner Garza

Regular Agenda:

1. Mayor's and Commissioners' Reports Mayor and Commissioners reports. **None**
2. Reports: Administrator Mr. Medina stated updates on the Rio Hondo County Park play apparatus which is to be completed in the next two weeks, weather permitting. Medina mentioned a Rio Hondo news page that will be available on the city's web page and social media that addresses any updates and information pertaining projects and events that are happening in the city. A health fair in September is coming soon.
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 not on the agenda.* **None.**
4. Consideration and Action to approve the July 9, 2024, City Commission Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Bocanegra motioned to the table and seconded by Commissioner Gallegos. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Discussion Boat Ramp Park Project. Mr. Medina reviewed an excel spreadsheet on Boat Ramp Project.
6. Discussion Bridge-Fest Celebration. Reviewed current revenues from fundraiser, vendors, and sponsors. \$10,450.00 in revenue has been received. A sponsor letter to committee members via email for further potential sponsors has been sent to Commissioners and the public.
7. Presentation of the draft budget for the City of Rio Hondo from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. Mr. Medina stated the need to expedite summary to include revenue and timeline. Commissioner Bocanegra requested detailed information demonstrating individual positions, responsibilities of job descriptions for accountability purposes. Mr. Medina proposed windstorm insurance which is based on topographic location. Will set up future workshop to discuss budget.
8. Consideration and Action on the Buyout and Transfer of Service Area Agreement between the City of Rio Hondo and East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation. Mr. Medina stated if CNN transfer is not accomplished, property will need to be purchased. The easement is the property between Industrial Parkway and Ebony Street. If the easement is not transferred it can be purchased for \$75,000. This easement can serve as the alignment for a new waterline. Commissioner Garza motioned to approve and seconded by Commissioner Gallegos. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Consideration and Action on a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Rio Hondo and the Rio Hondo Independent School District to provide bus services for evacuation during an emergency. The City Attorney presented the MOU and requested to be tabled. A motion by Commissioner Bocanegra was made to the table and seconded by Commissioner Perez. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjournment.



Gustavo Olivares
Mayor of the City of Rio Hondo

Attest: 

Ben Medina, City Administrator