

**THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF RIO HONDO
COUNTY OF CAMERON**

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Gustavo Olivares
Mayor

**City Commission of the City of Rio Hondo
June 13, 2023**

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 June 13, 2023, 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, Library, Senior Center, Public Works, Public Safety

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.0415, the City Commission, without having provided notice, may make reports about items of community interest if no action is taken and possible action is not discussed regarding the information provided in the report. "Items of community interest" include: (1) expressions thanks, congratulations or condolence; (2) information regarding holiday schedules; (3) an honorary or salutatory recognition of a public official, public employee or other 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 was attend 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 a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Rio Hondo and the South Texas Independent School District to pick up students and drop off students at 121 N. Arroyo City.

5. Consideration and Possible Action amending the City's Personnel Handbook; Section 2.09 Nepotism, and Insurance eligibility.
6. Discussion of the 2023 Preliminary Tax Values for the City of Rio Hondo. (City Administrator and Finance Director).
7. Consideration and Action on a three-year contract in the sum of \$562.00 per month for dedicated fiber communications for the City of Rio Hondo City Hall with AT&T Corporation.
8. Consideration and Action to award a contract to JNH Construction Company in the sum of \$53,428.00 for the overlay pavement of Harris Drive to the Boat Ramp entrance. (Mayor and City Administrator)
9. Status Report on Heywood Street Reconstruction. (Guzman Munoz Engineering).
10. Status Report on Boat Ramp Park (GDJ Engineering)
11. Status Report on 2018 and 2019 Floods Stormwater program. (City Administrator)
12. 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 June 9, 2023 at 3:50 pm

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

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Ben Medina

From: Hernandez, Rodolfo <Rodolfo.Hernandez@stisd.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 2:57 PM
To: Ben Medina
Cc: Basaldua, Norma; Saenz, Martin
Subject: South Texas ISD
Attachments: Rio Hondo MOU w-map.pdf

Good Afternoon Mr. Medina,

I would like to request permission to use Rio Hondo City Hall as a pick up/ drop off location due to Rio Hondo ISD asking us to no longer use their property. We are needing to be able to start using this location this summer thru next school year.

We need to relocate 3 buses that provide transportation to students in the area so that they may attend RSA in San Benito and Medical Professions in Olmito, Health Professions and Science Academy in Mercedes.

Please see the attached MOU agreement. If you have any other questions feel free to contact me.

Thank You



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Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

This memorandum of understanding (herein referred to as "MOU") made on this the ____ day of _____ will serve as an agreement between City of Rio Hondo and the South Texas Independent School District, herein referred to as "South Texas ISD" regarding South Texas ISD's use of the parking lot facilities located at 121 N Arroyo Blvd ST, Rio Hondo, TX 78583

1. Background

This MOU establishes the terms and conditions under which South Texas ISD may use the parking lot facilities located on 121 N Arroyo Blvd ST, Rio Hondo, TX 78583. Attachment A shall describe the dates and times the facility is to be utilized by South Texas ISD

2. Purpose

City of Rio Hondo Agrees to allow use of said facility to South Texas ISD for the purpose of providing transportation for South Texas ISD students and using the parking lot facilities as a stop.

3. Scope

This scope of this agreement refers to facility use as described in Section 1: Background. If applicable, the scope of agreements for other cooperative arrangements, such as those regarding fares, is beyond this agreement.

This agreement shall be in effect from June 7, 2023 to August 31, 2024. Both parties, if so desired, may review and execute an additional annual MOU describing the terms and conditions. If both parties are unable to execute an agreement, then South Texas ISD must cease using facilities until an agreement can be executed.

4. Duties

(a) South Texas ISD may use said facility as a boarding and de-boarding location for its transit system. Vehicles may park in the designed areas, as described in Attachment B in order to board and alight passengers. South Texas vehicles will not remain at said location overnight.

(b) South Texas ISD agrees that it will assume all responsibility of their vehicles and shall not hold City of Rio Hondo, its employee, officials or its affiliates liable for any and all damages.

(c) Any act related to the operation and maintenance of South Texas ISD equipment and supplies,

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such as movement of vehicles, must be performed by South Texas ISD personnel.

(d) South Texas ISD, its employees, agents staff and any person acting on behalf of South Texas ISD shall not engage in any reckless, negligent, unsafe, or otherwise illegal or unethical behavior while on City of Rio Hondo property.

(e) South Texas ISD, its employees, agents, staff and any person acting on its behalf shall not modify City of Rio Hondo Facilities in any way. Facilities will be left in exactly the same condition in which they are encountered.

(f) South Texas ISD's use of the parking lot facilities must not in any way interfere with the normal operations of City of Rio Hondo.

5. Contact Person

For the purposes of this agreement, South Texas ISD will coordinate with:
City of Rio Hondo City Mgr.- Ben Medina (956)748-2102, bmedina@riohondo.us

6. Notice

South Texas ISD shall provide notice of its schedules and times of pick-up/drop-off of students, names and photos of drivers and other individuals who will have access to the facility. Any change, bussing schedule, or any other important changes must be given at least two (2) weeks in advance. South Texas ISD drivers and other personnel subject to this agreement must possess and maintain appropriate licensure from the State of Texas.

7. Liability

City of Rio Hondo Assumes no liability for any lost, damaged, or stolen property. South Texas ISD assumes all risk in using the parking lot facilities and agrees to be responsible for any damages caused by the negligence of its personnel or negligent use of its equipment to the extent allowed by law. Nothing in this agreement shall be interpreted or construed to waive so sovereign or governmental immunity afforded to South Texas ISD pursuant Texas law.

8. Termination

This agreement may be terminated at any time in writing by mutual agreement of the parties or terminated by either party with Ninety (90) days' notice, in writing, to the other party.

9. Breach of Obligation

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Failure to abide by any provision of this agreement shall constitute a breach. Any party claiming a breach will have the right to terminate the agreement immediately in writing.

10. Authority

We the undersigned hereby attest we have authority of behalf of City of Rio Hondo and the South Texas Independent School District, respectively, to execute and abide by this agreement.

EXECUTED, in duplicate, on this _____ day of _____, in _____ County, Texas.

Location:

121 N Arroyo Blvd ST, Rio Hondo, TX 78583

Ben Medina- City Mgr.

Name, Title

Signature

Date

South Texas Independent School District

By: _____

Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

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EFRAIN GARZA
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Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

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Attachment A
 6/7/2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to request permission for South Texas ISD to use Rio Hondo City Hall located at 121 N Arroyo Blvd ST, Rio Hondo, TX 78583 as a pick up/ drop off location for our students in the area.

We currently need to relocate 3 buses that provide transportation to students in the area so that they may attend Rising Scholar Academy in San Benito and Medical Professions in Olmito, Health Professions and Science Academy in Mercedes. Please see bus schedules below:

Regular Route:

	Departure/ Arrival
<u>Mercedes Campus</u>	
Rio Hondo	7:20am 5:00pm
<u>San Benito Campus</u>	
Rio Hondo	7:40am 4:35pm
<u>Olmito Campus</u>	
Rio Hondo	7:00am 5:00pm

Tutorial Route- M-TH: 6pm or later

If additional information is needed please contact Rodolfo Hernandez- Transportation Coordinator at 956-564-3627.

Thank You



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Departure Arrival

Mercedes Campus

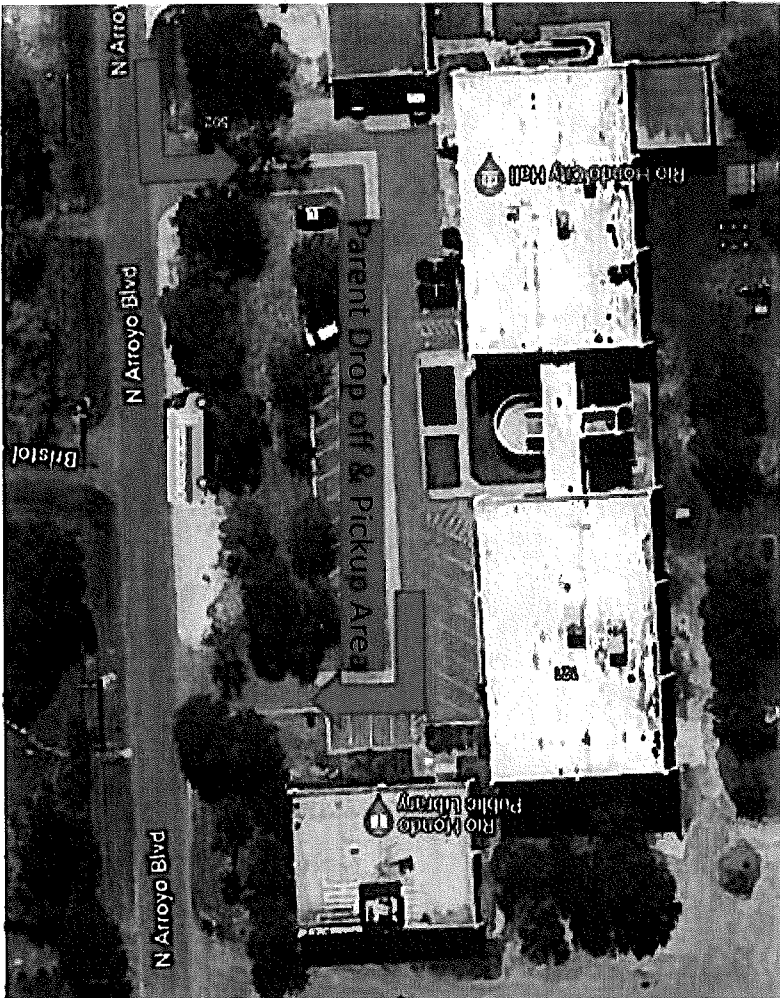
Rio Hondo 7:20am 5:00pm

San Benito Campus

Rio Hondo 7:40am 4:35pm

Olmito Campus

Rio Hondo 7:00am 5:00pm



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background checks. The refusal by an employee to execute such a form is grounds for immediate termination.

2.09 Nepotism

A. The City of Rio Hondo will not employ anyone (including the City of Rio Hondo Administrator) as a new employee who is related to any current member of the Commission or the Mayor by the second degree of affinity or the third degree of consanguinity. This does not prevent any person falling within such degree of relationship to continue as a city employee, if, prior to the election or appointment of such Commission member or Mayor, such member's relative has already been continuously employed with city for:

1. Thirty (30) days or more, if the Commission member is appointed to his or her position; or
2. Six (6) months or more, if the Commission member is elected.

However, such Board/Commission member may not vote on compensation or other matters affecting only his relative's employment.

B. No person will be employed in a department wherein the supervisor and/or department head, whether immediate or in a direct chain of command, is related within the second degree affinity or consanguinity.

2.09 Political Activity

Employees of the City may participate in political activities of their own choosing, such as contributing to political parties, and attending party precincts and other conventions, as long as such activities are not conducted during the working hours of the employee. Employees may take time off during working hours to cast their vote in any election. An employee may not use his position as a City employee to influence publicity in any way for or against any candidate for elected office in the government. No employee of the City may be pressured or coerced into voting or campaigning for any person running for public office.

2.10 Dress and Appearance Code

Some departments of the City have specific dress and appearance codes for their department members for safety reasons which you will be required to follow. These regulations may include the wearing of safety apparel and special apparatus, and prohibit the wearing of safety type of canvas and tennis shoes. Employees from all departments are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate for their position. If an employee will be working directly with the public, employees are expected to be clean, well

GOVERNMENT CODE

TITLE 5. OPEN GOVERNMENT; ETHICS

SUBTITLE B. ETHICS

CHAPTER 573. DEGREES OF RELATIONSHIP; NEPOTISM PROHIBITIONS

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 573.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Candidate" has the meaning assigned by Section 251.001, Election Code.

(2) "Position" includes an office, clerkship, employment, or duty.

(3) "Public official" means:

(A) an officer of this state or of a district, county, municipality, precinct, school district, or other political subdivision of this state;

(B) an officer or member of a board of this state or of a district, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of this state; or

(C) a judge of a court created by or under a statute of this state.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

Sec. 573.002. DEGREES OF RELATIONSHIP. Except as provided by Section 573.043, this chapter applies to relationships within the third degree by consanguinity or within the second degree by affinity.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

SUBCHAPTER B. RELATIONSHIPS BY CONSANGUINITY OR BY AFFINITY

Sec. 573.021. METHOD OF COMPUTING DEGREE OF RELATIONSHIP. The degree of a relationship is computed by the civil law method.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

Sec. 573.022. DETERMINATION OF CONSANGUINITY. (a) Two individuals are related to each other by consanguinity if:

- (1) one is a descendant of the other; or
- (2) they share a common ancestor.

(b) An adopted child is considered to be a child of the adoptive parent for this purpose.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

Sec. 573.023. COMPUTATION OF DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY. (a) The degree of relationship by consanguinity between an individual and the individual's descendant is determined by the number of generations that separate them. A parent and child are related in the first degree, a grandparent and grandchild in the second degree, a great-grandparent and great-grandchild in the third degree and so on.

(b) If an individual and the individual's relative are related by consanguinity, but neither is descended from the other, the degree of relationship is determined by adding:

(1) the number of generations between the individual and the nearest common ancestor of the individual and the individual's relative; and

(2) the number of generations between the relative and the nearest common ancestor.

(c) An individual's relatives within the third degree by consanguinity are the individual's:

(1) parent or child (relatives in the first degree);

(2) brother, sister, grandparent, or grandchild (relatives in the second degree); and

(3) great-grandparent, great-grandchild, aunt who is a sister of a parent of the individual, uncle who is a brother of a parent of the individual, nephew who is a child of a brother or sister of the individual, or niece who is a child of a brother or sister of the individual (relatives in the third degree).

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

Sec. 573.024. DETERMINATION OF AFFINITY. (a) Two individuals are related to each other by affinity if:

(1) they are married to each other; or

(2) the spouse of one of the individuals is related by consanguinity to the other individual.

(b) The ending of a marriage by divorce or the death of a spouse ends relationships by affinity created by that marriage unless a child of that marriage is living, in which case the marriage is considered to continue as long as a child of that marriage lives.

(c) Subsection (b) applies to a member of the board of trustees of or an officer of a school district only until the youngest child of the marriage reaches the age of 21 years.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 260, Sec. 32, eff. May 30, 1995.

Sec. 573.025. COMPUTATION OF DEGREE OF AFFINITY. (a) A husband and wife are related to each other in the first degree by affinity. For other relationships by affinity, the degree of relationship is the same as the degree of the underlying relationship by consanguinity. For example: if two individuals are related to each other in the second degree by consanguinity, the spouse of one of the individuals is related to the other individual in the second degree by affinity.

(b) An individual's relatives within the third degree by affinity are:

(1) anyone related by consanguinity to the individual's spouse in one of the ways named in Section 573.023(c); and

(2) the spouse of anyone related to the individual by consanguinity in one of the ways named in Section 573.023(c).

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

SUBCHAPTER C. NEPOTISM PROHIBITIONS

Sec. 573.041. PROHIBITION APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC OFFICIAL. A public official may not appoint, confirm the appointment of, or vote for the appointment or confirmation of the appointment of an individual to a position that is to be directly or indirectly compensated from public funds or fees of office if:

(1) the individual is related to the public official within a degree described by Section 573.002; or

(2) the public official holds the appointment or confirmation authority as a member of a state or local board, the legislature, or a court and the individual is related to another member of that board, legislature, or court within a degree described by Section 573.002.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

Sec. 573.042. PROHIBITION APPLICABLE TO CANDIDATE. (a) A candidate may not take an affirmative action to influence the following individuals regarding the appointment, reappointment, confirmation of the appointment or reappointment, employment, reemployment, change in status, compensation, or dismissal of another individual related to the candidate within a degree described by Section 573.002:

(1) an employee of the office to which the candidate seeks election; or

(2) an employee or another officer of the governmental body to which the candidate seeks election, if the office the candidate seeks is one office of a multimember governmental body.

(b) The prohibition imposed by this section does not apply to a candidate's actions taken regarding a bona fide class or category of employees or prospective employees.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

Sec. 573.043. PROHIBITION APPLICABLE TO DISTRICT JUDGE. A district judge may not appoint as official stenographer of the judge's district an individual related to the judge or to the district attorney of the district within the third degree.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

Sec. 573.044. PROHIBITION APPLICABLE TO TRADING. A public official may not appoint, confirm the appointment of, or vote for the appointment or confirmation of the appointment of an individual to a position in which the individual's services are under the public official's direction or control and that is to be compensated directly or indirectly from public funds or fees of office if:

(1) the individual is related to another public official within a degree described by Section 573.002; and

(2) the appointment, confirmation of the appointment, or vote for appointment or confirmation of the appointment would be carried out in whole or partial consideration for the other public official appointing, confirming the appointment, or voting for the appointment or confirmation of the appointment of an individual who is related to the first public official within a degree described by Section 573.002.

SUBCHAPTER D. EXCEPTIONS

Subject to veto by the governor, the following section was amended by the 88th Legislature. Pending publication of the current statutes, see H.B. 1789, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, for amendments affecting the following section.

Sec. 573.061. GENERAL EXCEPTIONS. Section 573.041 does not apply to:

- (1) an appointment to the office of a notary public or to the confirmation of that appointment;
- (2) an appointment of a page, secretary, attendant, or other employee by the legislature for attendance on any member of the legislature who, because of physical infirmities, is required to have a personal attendant;
- (3) a confirmation of the appointment of an appointee appointed to a first term on a date when no individual related to the appointee within a degree described by Section 573.002 was a member of or a candidate for the legislature, or confirmation on reappointment of the appointee to any subsequent consecutive term;
- (4) an appointment or employment of a bus driver by a school district if:
 - (A) the district is located wholly in a county with a population of less than 35,000; or
 - (B) the district is located in more than one county and the county in which the largest part of the district is located has a population of less than 35,000;
- (5) an appointment or employment of a personal attendant by an officer of the state or a political subdivision of the state for attendance on the officer who, because of physical infirmities, is required to have a personal attendant;
- (6) an appointment or employment of a substitute teacher by a school district;
- (7) an appointment or employment of a person by a municipality that has a population of less than 200; or
- (8) an appointment of an election clerk under Section 32.031, Election Code, who is not related in the first degree by consanguinity or affinity to an elected official of the authority that appoints the election judges for that election.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.
Amended by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 76, Sec. 5.07(a), eff. Sept. 1, 1995;
Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 260, Sec. 33, eff. May 30, 1995; Acts 1997, 75th
Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 31.01(48), eff. Sept. 1, 1997; Acts 1999, 76th Leg.,
ch. 1026, Sec. 1, eff. June 18, 1999.

Amended by:

Acts 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., Ch. 1002 (H.B. 2194), Sec. 14, eff.
September 1, 2011.

Sec. 573.062. CONTINUOUS EMPLOYMENT. (a) A nepotism prohibition prescribed by Section 573.041 or by a municipal charter or ordinance does not apply to an appointment, confirmation of an appointment, or vote for an appointment or confirmation of an appointment of an individual to a position if:

(1) the individual is employed in the position immediately before the election or appointment of the public official to whom the individual is related in a prohibited degree; and

(2) that prior employment of the individual is continuous for at least:

(A) 30 days, if the public official is appointed;

(B) six months, if the public official is elected at an election other than the general election for state and county officers; or

(C) one year, if the public official is elected at the general election for state and county officers.

(b) If, under Subsection (a), an individual continues in a position, the public official to whom the individual is related in a prohibited degree may not participate in any deliberation or voting on the appointment, reappointment, confirmation of the appointment or reappointment, employment, reemployment, change in status, compensation, or dismissal of the individual if that action applies only to the individual and is not taken regarding a bona fide class or category of employees.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

SUBCHAPTER E. ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 573.081. REMOVAL IN GENERAL. (a) An individual who violates Subchapter C or Section 573.062(b) shall be removed from the individual's position. The removal must be made in accordance with the removal provisions in the constitution of this state, if applicable. If a

provision of the constitution does not govern the removal, the removal must be by a quo warranto proceeding.

(b) A removal from a position shall be made immediately and summarily by the original appointing authority if a criminal conviction against the appointee for a violation of Subchapter C or Section 573.062(b) becomes final. If the removal is not made within 30 days after the date the conviction becomes final, the individual holding the position may be removed under Subsection (a).

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

Sec. 573.082. REMOVAL BY QUO WARRANTO PROCEEDING. (a) A quo warranto proceeding under this chapter must be brought by the attorney general in a district court in Travis County or in a district court of the county in which the defendant resides.

(b) The district or county attorney of the county in which a suit is filed under this section shall assist the attorney general at the attorney general's discretion.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

Sec. 573.083. WITHHOLDING PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION. A public official may not approve an account or draw or authorize the drawing of a warrant or order to pay the compensation of an ineligible individual if the official knows the individual is ineligible.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

Sec. 573.084. CRIMINAL PENALTY. (a) An individual commits an offense involving official misconduct if the individual violates Subchapter C or Section 573.062(b) or 573.083.

(b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not less than \$100 or more than \$1,000.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 268, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1993.

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May 1, 2023

CITY OF RIO HONDO
BEN MEDINA - CITY MANAGER
PO BOX 389 /121 N Arroyo Blvd
RIO HONDO, TX 78583

Dear BEN MEDINA - CITY MANAGER:

Attached are the 2023 Preliminary Values dated April 27, 2023 and comparison worksheet received from the Cameron Appraisal District on April 28, 2023 for your jurisdiction.

As always if my office can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us at any time.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Neiva P. Cortez, Property Tax Manager at (956) 589-7078.

Respectfully,

Antonio "Tony" Yzaguirre, Jr. – Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector
Cameron County Tax Assessor-Collector

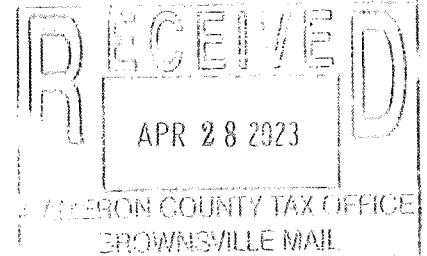
cc: Rick Camarillo-Chief Deputy

CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT



4/28/2023

Rick Camarillo
Administrative Assistant
Cameron County Tax Office
835 E Levee / PO Box 952
Brownsville, TX 78522



Mr. Camarillo,

Enclosed are the 2023 Preliminary Values for your taxing unit(s). Please be advised that preliminary values are a “work in progress” and are subject to change; therefore, these values should be used for planning purposes only. Our records indicate that your office currently collects for the taxing unit(s) identified below:

Taxing Unit Code(s): CBR, CBV, CCB, CHG, CIL, CLA, CLI, CLO, CLV, CPI, CPR, CPV, CRH, CRV, CSB, CSP, CSR, GCC, IBR, IHG, ILA, ILO, ILY, IPI, ISB, ISM, ISR, SAN, SBN, SC1, SCLIV, SD1, SD3, SD4, SD5, SD6, SES, SP1, SP2, SP3, SPL, SST, STS, SV2

For your information, Notices of Appraised Value will be mailed on May 1st, 2023 and ARB hearings will begin May 15, 2023. We will provide you with follow-up reports as we progress through the appeal process.

If I could be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (956) 399-9322 Ext: 3313 or email at jorozco@cameroncad.org.

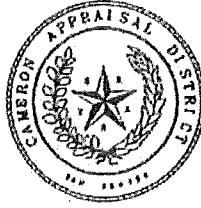
Sincerely,

Joe L. Orozco
IT Department Manager

cc: Richard Molina, Chief Appraiser

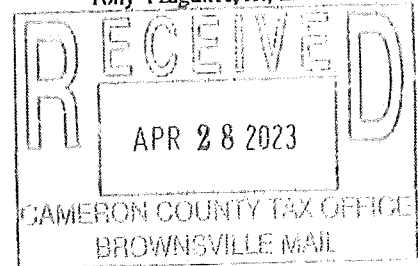
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DATE: April 28, 2023
TO: All Entities
FROM: Richard Molina, RPA *RM*
Chief Appraiser
SUBJECT: Preliminary Values for 2023



I am writing to provide an update on the 2023 Notice of Appraised Values that will be mailed out on May 1st or soon thereafter. The Cameron Appraisal District performed its reappraisal for all areas of the County, and it is indicating a 31.51% increase, with single family residential values indicating an increase of 36% and commercial property values indicating an increase of 12.5%. While the volume of home sales has decreased in 2022 (2,605) as compared to 2021 (3,181), sale prices continue to rise. In fact, the average value of a home in Cameron County has increased to \$280,634 during the 2022 year. There are several factors that have played into the rise in property valuations. Most importantly, the market conditions which have been affected by the rise in material cost, the shortage of supplies available, the shortage of residential inventory, and factors such as the progress of Space X's ability to produce a successful rocket launch. These have driven the economy up and have caused many changes like higher cost of fuel, higher cost of groceries, automobiles selling at higher prices, along with higher rents and sale prices of homes in the area.

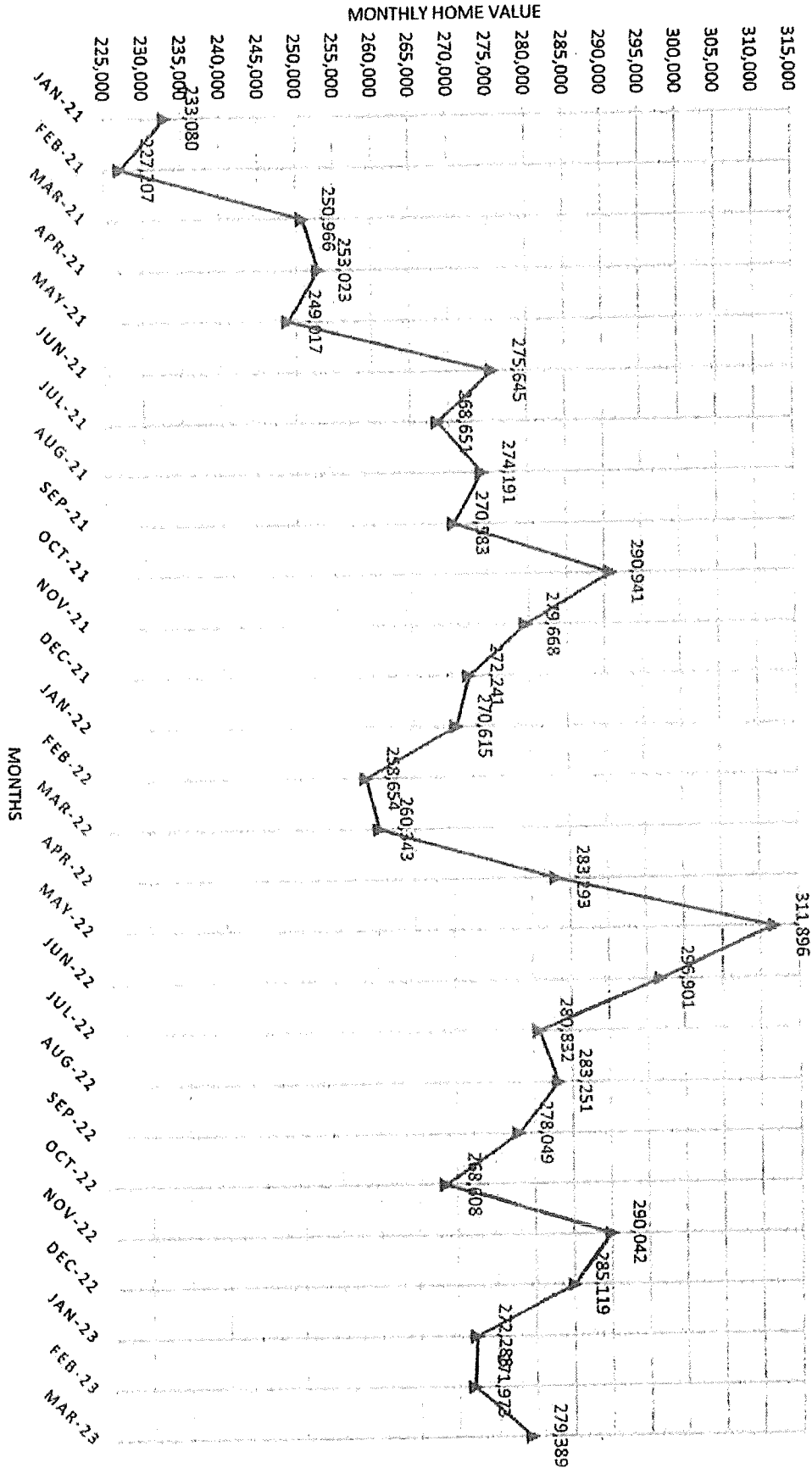
As you may be aware, the Appraisal District is required to appraise all property at its market value as of January 1 through guidance of the Property Tax Code. These values were derived from analyzing the market conditions from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. For a better understanding of how the sales indicate a rising market, please see the attached graph for 2021 to current time. You will notice that the height of rise still has not come down to the level as prior to 2021.

I do expect that you will receive numerous calls, comments, and questions from constituents about appraised values in light of the current economy, as will District staff. You may, at any time, refer the taxpayer to our office and we will do the best job possible to explain the change in values.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

RM/lis
Attachment

DETAILED CHART OF RISING HOUSE MARKET DURING 2021-2022



	NOT UNDER REVIEW	UNDER REVIEW	TOTAL
REAL PROPERTY & MFT HOMES	(Count) (1,062)	(Count) (0)	(Count) (1,062)
Land HS Value	19,542,341	0	19,542,341
Land NHS Value	19,792,796	0	19,792,796
Ag Land Market Value	2,270,736	0	2,270,736
Total Land Value	41,605,873	0	41,605,873
Improvement HS Value	38,571,454	0	38,571,454
Improvement NHS Value	26,318,645	0	26,318,645
Total Improvement	64,890,099	0	64,890,099
Market Value	106,495,972	0	106,495,972
BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY	(114)	(0)	(114)
Market Value	6,482,755	0	6,482,755
OIL & GAS / MINERALS	(0)	(0)	(0)
Market Value	0	0	0
OTHER (Intangibles)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Market Value	0	0	0
	(Total Count) (1,176)	(Total Count) (0)	(Total Count) (1,176)
TOTAL MARKET	112,978,727	0	112,978,727
Ag Land Market Value	2,270,736	0	2,270,736
Ag Use	59,518	0	59,518
Ag Loss (-)	2,211,218	0	2,211,218
APPRAISED VALUE	110,767,509	0	110,767,509
	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
HS CAP Limitation Value (-)	6,533,296	0	6,533,296
NET APPRAISED VALUE	104,234,213	0	104,234,213
Total Exemption Amount	16,054,801	0	16,054,801
NET TAXABLE	88,179,412	0	88,179,412
TAX LIMIT/FREEZE ADJUSTMENT	13,938,961	0	13,938,961
LIMIT ADJ TAXABLE (I&S)	74,240,451	0	74,240,451
CHAPTER 313 ADJUSTMENT	0	0	0
LIMIT ADJ TAXABLE (M&O)	74,240,451	0	74,240,451

APPROX TOTAL LEVY = LIMIT ADJ TAXABLE * (TAX RATE / 100) + ACTUAL TAX
 \$692,508.64 = 74,240,451 * 0.812207 / 100 + \$89,522.5

CITY OF RIO HONDO
Tax Limit Adjustment Breakdown
(Freeze)

NOT UNDER REVIEW

Limitation	Net Appr	Taxable	Actual Tax	Ceiling	Count
DP	1,811,462	1,811,462	10,902.18	10,991.79	21
OV65	12,485,892	11,897,420	77,386.45	79,892.74	157
OV65S	162,017	162,017	1,233.87	1,233.87	2
Total	14,459,371	13,870,899	89,522.5	92,118.4	180

Tax Rate: 0.812207

Transfer	Net Appr	Taxable	Post % Taxable	Adjustment	Count
OV65	68,062	68,062	0	68,062	1
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UNDER REVIEW

TOTAL

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EXEMPTIONS		NOT UNDER REVIEW		UNDER REVIEW		TOTAL	
Code	Method	Total	Count	Total	Count	Total	Count
DP	DP-Local	0	0	0	0	0	0
DP	DP-Prorated	0	0	0	0	0	0
DP	DP-State	0	0	0	0	0	0
DV1	DV1	22,000	3	0	0	22,000	3
DV2	DV2	24,000	2	0	0	24,000	2
DV2S	DV2S	7,500	1	0	0	7,500	1
DV3	DV3	58,000	5	0	0	58,000	5
DV4	DV4	105,522	12	0	0	105,522	12
DV4S	DV4S	5,093	3	0	0	5,093	3
DVHS	DVHS	1,055,148	8	0	0	1,055,148	8
DVHS	DVHS-Prorated	0	0	0	0	0	0
DVHSS	DVHSS	146,100	2	0	0	146,100	2
DVHSS	DVHSS-Prorated	0	0	0	0	0	0
EX	EX	53,600	1	0	0	53,600	1
EX	EX-Prorated	0	0	0	0	0	0
EX-XR	EX-XR	162,202	3	0	0	162,202	3
EX-XR	EX-XR-PRORATED	0	0	0	0	0	0
EX-XV	EX-XV	14,398,136	92	0	0	14,398,136	92
EX-XV	EX-XV-PRORATED	0	0	0	0	0	0
EX366	EX366	17,500	16	0	0	17,500	16
OV65	OV65-Local	0	0	0	0	0	0
OV65	OV65-Prorated	0	0	0	0	0	0
OV65	OV65-State	0	0	0	0	0	0
OV65S	OV65S-Local	0	0	0	0	0	0
OV65S	OV65S-Prorated	0	0	0	0	0	0
OV65S	OV65S-State	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:		16,054,801	148	0	0	16,054,801	148

New Value

Total New Market Value: \$3,205,295
Total New Taxable Value: \$3,205,295

Exemption Loss

New Absolute Exemptions

Exemption Description	Count	Last Year Market Value
Absolute Exemption Value Loss:	0	0

New Partial Exemptions

Exemption Description	Count	Partial Exemption Amt
DV3 Disabled Veterans 50% - 69%	1	12,000
DV4 Disabled Veterans 70% - 100%	1	12,000
OV65 Over 65	4	0
Partial Exemption Value Loss:	6	24,000
Total NEW Exemption Value		24,000

Increased Exemptions

Exemption Description	Count	Increased Exemption Amt
Increased Exemption Value Loss:	0	0
Total Exemption Value Loss:		24,000

Average Homestead Value

Category	Count of HS	Average Market	Average Exemption	Average Taxable
A Only	338	107,133	3,122	82,986
A & E	345	109,797	3,058	84,395

Not Under Review

Code	Description	Count	Acres	New Value	Market Value	Taxable Value
A	Single-family Residential	686		192,272	66,886,363	59,585,936
B	Multifamily Residential	13		3,011,847	7,023,141	7,023,141
C1	Vacant Lots and Tracts	132		1,176	5,508,418	3,587,985
D1	Qualified Open-Space Land	29	225.72	0	2,270,736	59,518
D2	Farm or Ranch Improvements on Qualified	3		0	34,680	34,680
E	Rural Land, Not Qualified for Open-Space Land	18		0	2,620,266	1,916,335
F1	Commercial Real Property	66		0	8,960,588	8,831,088
J2	Gas Distribution Systems	1		0	245,920	245,920
J3	Electric Companies (including Co-ops)	8		0	1,383,450	1,383,450
J4	Telephone Companies (including Co-ops)	3		0	168,030	168,030
J7	Cable Companies	1		0	454,120	454,120
J8	Other Type of Utility	2		0	294,300	294,300
L1	Commercial Personal Property	98		0	3,883,335	3,865,835
M1	Mobile Homes	68		0	747,669	704,109
X	Conversion	70		0	12,497,711	24,965
Totals:			225.72	3,205,295	112,978,727	88,179,412

Under Review

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CITY OF RIO HONDO
Top Taxpayers

Rank	Owner ID	Taxpayer Name	Market Value	Taxable Value
1	730191	RISE RIO HONDO LP	\$3,077,887	\$3,077,887
2	643630	FLORES INCOME INVESTMENTS LLC	\$1,852,919	\$1,852,919
3	581501	CHG-RIO HONDO VILLAGE LLC	\$1,504,451	\$1,504,451
4	617087	HUNTINGTON ESTATES LP	\$1,292,662	\$1,292,662
5	324942	AEP TEXAS INC-07C	\$1,223,250	\$1,223,250
6	584300	ARC SCHROTX001	\$1,063,870	\$1,063,870
7	699611	DODSON CHERYL MAE	\$997,752	\$997,752
8	702129	SPARKS CHRISTOPHER MCNEIL TR OF	\$952,503	\$952,503
9	521495	FLDG ASSOCIATES POOL 6 LLC	\$850,641	\$850,641
10	586312	7-ELEVEN INC	\$813,403	\$813,403
11	618349	OREILLEY AUTO ENTERPRISES LLC	\$785,193	\$785,193
12	623345	SILGUERO PEDRO ANTONIO &	\$685,029	\$685,029
13	89226	USSERY LEE SR TRUSTEE	\$672,903	\$672,903
14	88939	ROBERTS RICHARD D & IRAZEMA	\$557,220	\$557,220
15	89033	FREY KARL F & ROSEMARY COURTNEY	\$721,111	\$537,903
16	722991	GARCIA FRANCISCO A JR TRS OF THE	\$518,556	\$518,556
17	88568	HARTZOG G L	\$524,255	\$484,622
18	741611	SPECTRUM GULF COAST LLC	\$454,120	\$454,120
19	722482	EDWARDS BRUCE JR	\$438,233	\$438,233
20	89029	BACULIS DAVE SR & KAREN K	\$413,537	\$413,537
Total			\$19,399,495	\$19,176,654

Year Entity Description	2022		2023		Value Diff	% Diff
	CRH	CITY OF RIO HONDO	CRH	CITY OF RIO HONDO		
Properties	1,175		1,176		1	0.09%
Land Value	30,802,564		41,605,873		10,803,309	35.07%
Imp Value	54,045,718		64,890,099		10,844,381	20.07%
Personal	6,467,039		6,482,755		15,716	0.24%
Mineral	0		0		0	0.00%
Market	91,315,321		112,978,727		21,663,406	23.72%
Ag Loss	1,299,499		2,211,218		911,719	70.16%
Cap Loss	659,314		6,533,296		5,873,982	890.92%
Assessed	89,356,508		104,234,213		14,877,705	16.65%
Total Exemptions	13,758,320		16,054,801		2,296,481	16.69%
Taxable Value	75,598,188		88,179,412		12,581,224	16.64%
Tax Rate	0.812207		0.812207		0	0.00%
Run Date	4/28/2023		4/27/2023			
Supplement No.	11		0			

05/25/2023 #7

AT&T Dedicated Internet Proposal for City of Rio Hondo



Presented by
JOSEPH QUINTANILLA
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361-876-7425

Pricing Information

Feature	Qty.	Monthly Recurring	Non Recurring
AT&T Dedicated Internet Includes: Access, Equipment and Installation for a term of 36 Months		\$562.20	\$0.00
<i>Pricing does not include FARF and applicable taxes.</i>			
Total		\$562.20	\$0.00

Disclaimer: This quote/proposal is not a firm offer to purchase, and is for budgetary purposes only. Only the contract for this solution is a firm offer to purchase.

Location Pricing Details

Location	Feature	Qty.	Non Recurring	Monthly Recurring
City Hall 121 ARROYO BLVD , Rio Hondo, TX, 78583	AT&T Dedicated Internet		\$0.00	\$562.20
	50 Mbps Minimum Commitment		\$0.00	\$38.20
	50 Mbps Access		\$0.00	\$524.00
	Installation		\$0.00	\$0.00
Location Total			\$0.00	\$562.20

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GNH Company LLC
GNH Company LLC
956.509.5726 Phone
jhernandez@gnhcompany.com

Date
5/31/2023

Quote

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Name / Address
City of Rio Hondo

Project Name
Harris Dr.
Rio Hondo Tx.

Name	Qty	Units	Rate	Price Each
Parking Lot Asphalt/ Dirt				
Asphalt Overlay	2,888	SY	\$ 17.00	\$ 49,096.00
Tack Oil	2,888	SY	\$ 1.50	\$ 4,332.00
Total				\$ 53,428.00

Any Alteration or Deviation from above Specification Involving Extra Cost
 Will be Executed only upon Written orders, and will become an extra Charge,
 Over and Above the Estimate. All agreements Contingent upon strikes, Accidents
 or Delays beyond our Control.

#10

Boat Ramp Park

1. Septic System (Awarded Contract)
2. Pavillion Structure (State Price)
3. Bathrooms Redesigned to exclude showers
4. Fishing pier is being priced
5. Lighting /Electrical is being priced
6. Walking Trail is being redesigned and priced

#11

Status Report on FY 2018 and FY 2019 Flood Projects

- 1. Heywood Street Catherine Street Stormwater improvements have been approved and the General Land Office will issue a contract by August 1, 2023**