

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
March 4, 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 March 4, 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 salutory 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 salutory 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 February 11, 2025, City Commission minutes.
5. Financial Report October 1, 2024 to February 28, 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 28, 2025 at: **3:30**

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 February 11, 2025

The Government Body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on February 11, 2025 at 6:00 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- Absent, Olga Gallegos- Present, and Jose Cavazos- Present

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Medina - City Administrator, Ana Hernandez - Assistant City Administrator, Robert Drinkard - City Attorney, Lucy Garza – Finance Director, Aaron Martinez - Parks Supervisor, Chief Bilokury, Sgt Michael Rodriguez, Officer Christopherh Rodriguez, Chaplain Ruben Perez, Chaplain Janie Perez, Daniel Bryant – Citizen, Rob Fracasso – Citizen, Kendra Busse Rocha – GrantWorks, Nelda Barrera - GrantWorks

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

INVOCATION: Led by Chaplain Ruben Perez

Regular Agenda:

1. Mayor's and Commissioners' Reports

- No reports from Mayor nor Commissioners

2. Reports: Administrator

Mr. Medina:

- The School sold stadium
- Recreational facility for the community

Robert Fracasso:

- Presented some ideas for the Veteran's Memorial
- Currently working on Fund raisers with VFW and American Legion
- Trying to establish roster of Veterans

Aaron Martinez – Parks Supervisor

- Mr. Martinez introduced himself to the Mayor and Commissioners
- Mayor told Mr. Martinez to please try to upkeep the Parks and Sidewalks

Public Hearing closed at 6:26 pm

7. Consideration and Action to implement and allocate funds for an Employee Assistance Program to promote employee well-being.

- Mr. Medina is asking to develop a program especially for mental health
- Mr. Medina does not have a dollar amount
- Commissioner Cavazos stated the County offers it; its an EAP
- Mr. Medina asking for approval to move forward
- Mayor wants this to be brought back with a dollar amount
- Mayor wants to know cost before approving
- Mr. Medina asking for no more than \$20,000

Commissioner Cavazos made a motion to table this item until next council meeting. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion, all voted "aye" to approve; motion carried.

8. Consideration and Action on City of Rio Hondo Sea Trout Park Policies.

- This item had already been approved at previous meeting but needed some corrections on some policies. All recommendations and changes were done. Mr. Medina recommended an action be taken.

Commissioner Cavazos made a motion to approve the updated Spotted Sea Trout Park Policies. Commissioner Gallegos seconded the motion, all voted "aye" to approve, motion carried.

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

- Mr. Medina went over the punch list. All items have been taken care of with the exception of new items added to the list but they are all being worked on and will be completed by the end of week. Signage will also be ready by the end of this week.
- Clean and extend ditch behind RV pads – (new item)
- Protect dro off behind pavillion
- Level up or place speed hump at exit or park access (new item)
- Install final signs (new item)
- Regrade all park areas with loose soil and evidence of erosion (new item)
- Drain water away from pavillion (new item)

Commissioner Cavazos made a motion to table this item. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion, all voted "aye" to approve; motion carried.

15. **Consideration and Action on Resolution 2025-04 supporting HB 1901 relating to the release of certain areas from a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by petition or election.**

- Mr. Medina addressed the council regarding HB 1901 and explained Resolution 2025-04. ETJ being reduced if this passes not good for any city.

Commissioner Cavazos made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 opposing HB No 191 relating to the release of certain areas from a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by petition or election. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion, all voted "aye" to approve; motion carried.

16. **Consideration and Action to purchase one police vehicle from CAP-Fleet for \$60,000.**

- Chief Bilokury addressed the council regarding this grant funded vehicle is at \$56,400, (2022) vehicle is practically brand new. Chief recommends we obtain this unit.

Commissioner Garza made a motion to approve the purchase of one police vehicle from CAP-Fleet for \$60,000 grant funded. Commissioner Gallegos seconded the motion, all voted "aye" to approve; motion carried

17. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Gallegos made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:18 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**

