

MINUTES FROM A SPECIAL MEETING ON April 15, 2025

The Government Body of the City of Rio Hondo, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on April 15, 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- ABSENT, Esteban Bocanegra- Present, Olga Gallegos- ABSENT, and Jose Cavazos- Present

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Medina - City Administrator, Ana Hernandez - Assistant City Administrator, Robert Drinkard - City Attorney, Chief Bilokury, Sgt Michael Rodriguez, Kendra Busse Rocha with Grantworks, Sue Ann with RHISD

Call meeting to Order (City Commission) at 6:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

UNITED STATES PLEDGE

INVOCATION:

Regular Agenda:

1. Mayor's and Commissioners' Reports
No Reports
2. Reports: Administrator Report
No Reports
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.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Consideration and Action on Ordinance 2025-04 to abandoning Park F Street as described in the Metes and Bounds as 0.21 acre of land and Mira Mar Street described as in the Metes and Bounds as 0.99 acre of land from Lots 1 through 8 of Block 17, Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Block 18 and Farm Lots 107, 108, 109, and 110 as described in Rio Hondo Park Townsite and Small Acreage Subdivision, Cameron County Plat recorded in Volume 2 Page 1, Cameron County, Texas.
 - **Mr. Medina stated that Mr. Drinkard has looked over the Ordinance and make corrections. Mr. Medina stated we are removing “conveyance” and just leave “abandonment” He also stated that a petition from the School Board; he will draft and take over to School District for a signature. This is to eliminate Park St & Miramar.**
 - **Mr. Drinkard added clarification that a general law city cannot abandon streets unless you have a petition/signed request. Mr. Drinkard advised to pass ordinance subject to receiving the petition from School District.**

Commissioner Bocanegra made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-04 to abandoning Park F Street as described in the Metes and Bounds as 0.21 acre of land and Mira Mar Street described as in the Metes and Bounds as 0.99 acre of land subject to receiving petition from School District. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion, all voted “aye” to approve, motion carried

5. Consideration and Action to submit a contract amendment for Resolution 2025-05 to amend TXCDBG contract CDV23-087 to provide additional street reconstruction improvements by adding Harrold Street.

- **Kendra B Rocha with GrantWorks explained that Catherine Street was removed because of the duplication of funds with GLO Contract and this Resolution will allow to amend in Harrold Street to be able to utilize all funds but because of the dollar amount it does require a Resolution to approved by the City Council.**
- **Mr. Drinkard voiced a concern stating that in the Resolution it mentions as described on attachment A but there is no attachment A**
- **Kendra responded that figure A is usually provided by the Engineer once the Resolution has been approved so they have the authorization to provide the maps, Kendra stated they could put at a different date and it will be an updated map to show Harrold St**
- **Mr. Drinkard said they could I either push it altogether or they can remove as described on attachment A**

Commissioner Bocanegra made a motion to submit a contract amendment for Resolution 2025-05 to amend TXCDBG contract CDV23-087 to provide additional street reconstruction improvements by adding Harrold Street with the revisions as discussed. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion, all voted “aye” to approve; motion carried.

6. Consideration and Action on the approval to award the base bid for the Rio Hondo TXCDBG TDA Contract No CDV 23-087

- **Mr. Medina stated we went out for bids for Mira Mar, Killinger, and Harrold St, we had 9 bidders; the lowest bidder being G & T out of Brownsville including the base bid \$ 284,805.51 and the alternate \$65,534.50 for a total project of \$350,340.01 which is within our budget.**
- **Mayor asked if Mr Medina reviewed the contract with G & T.**
- **Commissioner Bocanegra asked if on previous projects has G & T stayed within budget; Mr. Medina replied that they have.**

Commissioner Cavazos made a motion to award the base bid for the Rio Hondo TXCDBG TDA Contract No CDV 23-087 to G & T Paving. Commissioner Bocanegra seconded the motion, all voted “aye” to approve; motion carried.

7. Consideration and Action on the approval to award the additive alternate for Harrold's Street conditional upon approval of a proposed amendment with TX Department of Agriculture for the Rio Hondo TXCDBG Contract No. CDV 23-0187.

- **Mr. Medina stated this is for the alternate in the amount of \$65,534.50.**

Commissioner Bocanegra made a motion to award the additive alternate for Harrold's Street conditional upon approval of a proposed amendment with TX Department of Agriculture for the Rio Hondo TXCDBG Contract No. CDV 23-0187 to G & T Paving. Commissioner Perez seconded the motion, all voted "aye" to approve; motion carried.

8. Consideration and Action to purchase one air conditioning unit for City Hall at a cost of \$23,000 from Lone Star Air Conditioning Company.

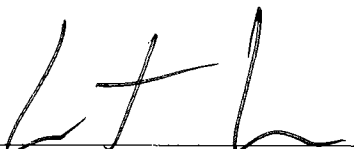
- **Mr. Medina stated that the storm damaged our air conditioners. One of the units was fixed but the other one needs to be replaced.**

Commissioner Bocanegra made a motion to approve the the purchase of an air conditioning unit for City Hall at a cost of \$ 23,000 from Lone Star Air Conditioning Company. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion, all voted "aye" to approve motion carried.

9. Adjournment

Commissioner Perez made a motion to adjourn at 6:17 pm. Commissioner Cavazos seconded the motion, all voted "aye" to approve; motion carried.

Approved:



Gustavo Olivares, Mayor

Date: 5/27/2025

Attest:

Ben Medina, City Administrator

Date: _____