



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2025
6:00 PM.

NOTICE is hereby given of a REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF ALDERMEN of the TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, to be held on APRIL 8, 2025, at 6:00 PM, in the TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 3301 CARMEN AVENUE, RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS to consider the following items:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation and Pledge
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of Minutes –Regular Meeting March 11, 2025
6. Announcement – Keep Rancho Viejo Beautiful Great American Cleanup, Saturday, April 12, 2025, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
7. Consideration/Approval of a Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of The Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, Authorizing Bank Accounts and Depository Heretofore Established and Authorizing Certain Persons to Sign Checks and Other Necessary Transactions for Same
8. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Multi-Use Facility Project Update – Rudy/Roan Gomez, GMS Architects
9. Streets Update - Jose Munoz, Town Engineer
10. Consideration/Action on Ordinance of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas Amending Chapter 62 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles”, Article V Golf Carts, Section 62 by Amending Section 62-100, Definitions, and Amending Section 62-101, Use of Golf Carts, Providing for a Penalty, Providing for an Effective Date, and Publication in Caption Form
11. Consideration/Action on a Resolution of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, Supporting HB 4050 Filed by State Representative Janie Lopez in Support of a Study by the Texas Water Development Board to Incorporate Drainage in Its Planning Process.
12. Consideration/Action on a Resolution of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, Supporting HB 4329 Filed by State Representative Janie Lopez in Support of a Study by the Texas Water Development Board on the Factors that Affect the Costs of Developing Drainage Infrastructure.
13. Consideration/Action on a Resolution of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, Supporting HB 4331 Filed by State Representative Janie Lopez in Support of a Study by the Texas Water Development Board to Identify Ways to Streamline the Environmental Review Process for Flood Infrastructure Fund Projects.
14. Consideration/Action on Fee Schedule Amendment for Special Events Permits for Police Officer Rate of Pay from \$30 to be \$35
15. March 2025 Police Report – Police Chief
16. Adjourn


Isabel Perales, Interim Town Administrator

State of Texas
County of Cameron
Town of Rancho Viejo

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above NOTICE OF MEETING of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas is a true and correct copy of said NOTICE, which has been posted on the window of the Town of Rancho Viejo Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the General Public, on April 4, 2025, at 5:00 PM and which will be continuously posted for a period of seventy-two (72) hours prior to the date and time said meeting was convened.

ATTEST:

Isabel Perales, Interim Town Administrator

1. Call to Order

by Mayor Guerrero

2. Roll Call

by Isabel Perales

Aldерwoman Christi Burnias

Alderman Todd Day

Alderman Mark Johnson

Alderman Marcos Ricoy

Alderman Javier Vera

Legal Counsel, Daniel Rentfro, Jr.

Police Chief, Robert Tyler.

Interim Town Administrator,
Isabel Perales

3. Invocation and Pledge:

The pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

AND the pledge of allegiance to the Texas State Flag:

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

4. Public Comment

5. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting March 11, 2025

TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 2025

A REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF ALDERMEN of the TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, was held on March 11, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., in the TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 3301 CARMEN AVENUE, RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS to consider the following items:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Guerrero at 6:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL:

Roll call was made by Isabel Perales, Executive Administrative Assistant.

Members present at the meeting were: Christi Burnias, Todd Day, Mark Johnson, Marcos Ricoy, and Javier Vera.

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Legal Counsel David Irwin, Town Administrator Fred Blanco, and Police Chief Robert Tyler were also present at the meeting.

Those present in the audience were:

John Shergold

Ulrich Weisse

Marija Jette

Rose Timmer

John Clint

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Alderman Vera led the group in the invocation and the pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion was made by Alderman Vera, seconded by Alderman Ricoy, and unanimously carried, to open public comment.

John Shergold expressed his concerns about the speed limit on the Morelos curve and suggested putting up a permanent sign with a lower speed limit.

Motion was made by Alderman Day, seconded by Alderwoman Burnias, and unanimously carried, to close public comment.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING February 11, 2025, Special Meeting February 18, 2025:

Motion was made by Alderman Vera, seconded by Alderwoman Burnias, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2025 and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on February 18, 2025, as written.

6. ROTARY CLUB OF RANCHO VIEJO ANNOUNCEMENT:

Rose Timmer and Marija Jette and with the Healthy Communities of Brownsville, Inc. made a presentation on what makes a community age-friendly. They talked about the environmental, educational healthy living programs through community partnerships and presented the 2024 AARP Community Challenge and Age Friendly Quality of Life survey to help understand the needs of the community.

7. CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON ORDINANCE ANNEXATION FROM MIGUEL ORTIZ, MANAGER FOR AMPF DEVELOPMENT, LLC, CONCERNING ABST 2 - 4.413 ACRE TRACT OUT OF A CERTAIN 70-ACRE TRACT, OUT OF A 368.16 ACRE TRACT IN UNSUBDIVIDED SHARE 1 ESPIRITU SANTO GRANT OF 1781, (NORIEGA PLANTATION) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN'S ORDINANCES, ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID TOWN SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN SAID TOWN LIMITS, AND GRANTING TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS OF SAID TOWN; AND ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN:

John Clint, Halff Associates went over some of the details of the annexation request. Alderman Vera asked about the water and sewer agreement. Mr. Clint mentioned that before the final plat is approved, they will have an agreement to be annexed into the Valley Municipal Utility District for water and sewer services.

Motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Ricoy, and unanimously carried to approve Ordinance No. 259 – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID TOWN SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN SAID TOWN LIMITS, AND GRANTING TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS OF SAID TOWN; AND ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN, subject to legal review.

8. STREETS UPDATE – JOSE MUÑOZ, TOWN ENGINEER:

Jose Muñoz, Guzman and Muñoz Engineering stated that they will start surveying and will be sharing and adding information to the plan.

The first phase includes Santa Ana Avenue and Plantation Drive, they will be working on a schedule to advertise for bids on the construction projects. They will then be looking at the addition of headers and maintenance projects.

Alderman Vera asked about the phases and what projects were to be done. Mr. Munoz stated that the second phase would include the cul-de-sacs. They will need to work on street elevations for the water lines and work with VMUD#2 to proceed with the work.

Mayor Guerrero stated that item # 9 will be reviewed later in the agenda.

10. CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON AN ELECTION EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CAMERON COUNTY:

Town Administrator Fred Blanco gave a summary of the election lease agreement. Motion was made by Alderman Ricoy, seconded by Alderman Day, and unanimously carried, to approve the Lease Agreement of Election Equipment with Cameron County for the May 3, 2025 election.

11. CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES, APPOINTMENT OF EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD, AND RATE OF PAY FOR ELECTION JUDGES:

Motion was made by Alderman Vera, seconded by Alderman Day, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 406 – A RESOLUTION ON APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION JUDGES, APPOINTMENT OF EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD, AND RATE OF PAY FOR ELECTION JUDGES.

12. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION, OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT PROGRAM:

Motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Ricoy, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 407 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS DIVISION, OPERATION LONE STAR GRANT PROGRAM, for the 2026 grant cycle.

13. CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON EMPLOYMENT OF REGULAR POLICE OFFICER AND SETTING OF SALARY:

Police Chief Robert Tyler stated that an officer resigned, and they had a full-time position available. Chief Tyler recommended the employment of Ricardo Gonzalez as a full-time regular officer.

Motion was made by Alderman Day, seconded by Alderman Johnson, and unanimously carried, to approve the employment of Ricardo Gonzalez as a regular Police Officer and setting the salary at the \$46,786.00.

14. February 2025 POLICE REPORT - POLICE CHIEF:

Police Chief Robert Tyler presented the February 2025 Police Report. The Board asked about amending the golf cart ordinance to include for drivers to be licensed, and to be reviewed by legal.

9. CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON FARMERS MARKET AGREEMENT RENEWAL:

Bonnie Emerson stated that there were no changes to the current Farmer's Market agreement. The only thing that could change was the time that the event is to be held because of the weather. Alderman Ricoy stated if they could add temporary signs and send out alerts to announce the event ahead of time so that they are able to get more attendees.

Motion was made by Alderman Day, and seconded by Alderman Ricoy, to approve the agreement renewal for the Farmer's Market for one year and to have the market up to twice a month on Sundays with times subject to change depending on the weather.

Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Alderwoman Burnias, Alderman Day, Alderman Ricoy, and Alderman Vera.

NAYES: None

ABSTAINING: Alderman Johnson.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE: SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.074 TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO TAKE ANY ACTION REGARDING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AND TO OTHERWISE DISCUSS WITH TOWN ATTORNEY ANY RELATED MATTER

IN WHICH THE DUTIES OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY UNDER THE RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT CLEARLY
CONFLICT WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:

Motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Ricoy, and unanimously carried, to go
into Executive Session at 7:05 PM.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:51 PM.

16. POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Day, and unanimously carried, to proceed
as discussed in executive session.

17. ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderwoman Burnias, and unanimously carried, to
adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.

BY: _____
Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

APPROVED: _____
Maribel B. Guerrero, Mayor

DATE: _____

6. Announcement – Keep
Rancho Viejo Beautiful Great
American Cleanup, Saturday,
April 12, 2025, 9:00 AM to
12:00 PM



AFFILIATE



Keep Rancho Viejo Beautiful

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

Saturday, April 12, 2025

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

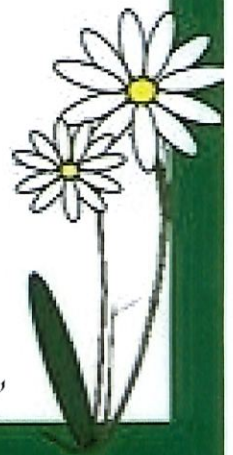
at Rancho Viejo Town Hall

**ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS FOR COLLECTION OF BULKY ITEMS AND
RECYCLING ARE PROVIDED BY REPUBLIC SERVICES**

This event is ONLY for Rancho Viejo residents.

- Accepted items include **ONLY** Brush/Bulky items: Tree limbs, shrubs, grass leaves, furniture, sofa, table, chairs, mattress, washer/dryer, and water heater.
- Items **NOT** Accepted: Tires, construction material, demolition, shingles, corrugated metal, sheet rock, concrete/asphalt, lumber, cardboard boxes, liquids, hazardous materials, blocks/brick, dirt, car parts, household garbage, batteries, and items containing freon.
- Keep bulky and recycling items separate.

***Youth encouraged to participate; contact Town all
at (956) 350-4093 for community service credit
hours. Drinks and snacks will be provided.**



7. Consideration/Approval of a
Resolution of the Board of
Aldermen of The Town of
Rancho Viejo, Texas,
Authorizing Bank Accounts and
Depository Heretofore
Established and Authorizing
Certain Persons to Sign Checks
and Other Necessary
Transactions for Same

RESOLUTION NO. 407

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING BANK ACCOUNTS AND DEPOSITORY HERETOFORE ESTABLISHED AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONS TO SIGN CHECKS AND OTHER NECESSARY TRANSACTIONS FOR SAME

WHEREAS, it is necessary that accounts be maintained at Plains Capital Bank for the payment of expenses of the Town and the deposit of monies received; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that certain persons be authorized to sign checks for the withdrawal of funds from said accounts;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Required on all transactions shall be two signatures, one of these to be a primary signer which is the Interim Town Administrator or Mayor. Secondary signers are any one of the other Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo.

Section 2. Required for entry to any safety deposit boxes shall be two signatures, one of these to be a primary signer which is the Interim Town Administrator or Mayor. Secondary signers are any one of the other Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective on this the 8th day of April 2025.

Maribel B. Guerrero, Mayor

Isabel Perales, Interim Town Administrator

Marcos Ricoy, Mayor Pro Tem

Christi Burnias, Alderwoman

Todd Day, Alderman

Mark A. Johnson, Alderman

Javier Vera, Alderman

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, on this the 8th day of April 2025.

Maribel B. Guerrero, Mayor

ATTEST:

Isabel Perales, Interim Town Administrator

8. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Multi-Use Facility Project Update – Rudy/Roan Gomez, GMS Architects

9. Streets Update - Jose Munoz, Town Engineer

10. Consideration/Action on Ordinance of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas Amending Chapter 62 “Traffic and Motor Vehicles”, Article V Golf Carts, Section 62 by Amending Section 62-100, Definitions, and Amending Section 62-101, Use of Golf Carts, Providing for a Penalty, Providing for an Effective Date, and Publication in Caption Form

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 62 "TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES", ARTICLE V GOLF CARTS, SECTION 62 BY AMENDING SECTION 62-100, DEFINITIONS, AND AMENDING SECTION 62-101, USE OF GOLF CARTS, PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND PUBLICATION IN CAPTION FORM

WHEREAS, for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, an ordinance authorizing the use of golf carts are deemed to be in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas (the "Town"); and

WHEREAS, an ordinance for the use of golf carts on Town streets aligns with the Rancho Viejo Vision Statement 2020, adopted January 2007, which states that its predominant objectives are, in part, to retain Rancho Viejo's small/resort town atmosphere, to protect the quality of life as the population increases, and to maintain the safety of the Rancho Viejo residents; and

WHEREAS, golf cart use can help to reduce overall emissions and their use is an eco-friendly or "green" alternative to traditional passenger vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen passed, adopted, and approved Ordinance No. 216 on March 17, 2015 and Ordinance No. 216A on March 24, 2015 to authorize and regulate golf cart use on public roadways and in parking areas of the Town (the "Golf Cart Ordinance"); and,

WHEREAS, given that a golf cart is considered a "motor vehicle" under the Texas Transportation Code, the Board of Aldermen wishes to amend the Golf Cart Ordinance to specifically reflect the Texas Transportation Code's requirement that all drivers of golf carts on public roadways must have a driver's license and such golf carts must each display a license plate;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted by the Section 551.404 of the Texas Transportation Code, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1: Section 62-100 of Chapter 62, Article V "GOLF CARTS" is amended to read, as follows:

"In this Article:

(A) "Golf Cart" means a motor vehicle designed by the manufacturer primarily for use on a golf course.

(B) A "Public Roadway" includes a road, street, way, thoroughfare, or bridge:

- a. That is within the city limits of the Town of Rancho Viejo;
- b. That is for the use of vehicles; and,
- c. That is not privately owned or controlled."

Section 2: Section 62-101 of Chapter 62, Article V "GOLF CARTS" is amended to read, as follows:

"Subject to Section 62-103, Prohibited Acts, and applicable provisions of the Texas Transportation Code, as may be amended from time to time, a Golf Cart may only be used on a Public Roadway if:

1. The Public Roadway has a posted speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour;
2. All drivers of Golf Carts have a driver's license in accordance with TEX. TRANSP. CODE § 521.021 to operate a motor vehicle on the Public Roadway;
3. The Golf Cart displays a license plate in accordance with TEX. TRANSP. CODE § 551.402;
4. All drivers of Golf Carts shall abide by all traffic regulations applicable to vehicular traffic when using the Public Roadway and parking areas of the Town;
5. All passengers of a Golf Cart must be seated at all times while the Golf Cart is in motion; and,
6. The Golf Cart has the following equipment properly attached:
 - a. Headlamps;
 - b. Taillamps;
 - c. Reflectors;
 - d. Parking brake;
 - e. Mirrors; and,
 - f. A slow moving vehicle emblem."

Section 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4: That the Code of the Town of Rancho Viejo, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

Section 5: That if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any purpose, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 6: That it is hereby found and determined that the meetings at which this ordinance was passed were open to the public, as required by Section 551.001 et. seq., Texas Government Code, and that advance public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meetings was given.

Section 7: This Ordinance shall become effective from and after the date of its passage and publication, and it is accordingly so ordained.

Section 8: Any fines or penalties or relief imposed by the Code of the Town of Rancho Viejo for violation of Chapter 62 shall continue to apply.

Section 9: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any conflict.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED on this 11th day of March 2025.

Maribel Guerrero, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

11. Consideration/Action on a Resolution of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, Supporting HB 4050 Filed by State Representative Janie Lopez in Support of a Study by the Texas Water Development Board to Incorporate Drainage in Its Planning Process.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS SUPPORTING HB 4050 FILED BY
STATE REPRESENTATIVE JANIE LOPEZ IN SUPPORT OF A STUDY BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION TO INCORPORATE DRAINAGE IN ITS PLANNING PROCESS.**

WHEREAS, municipalities, counties, and drainage districts have enjoyed working with the Texas Department of Transportation as it works to build and to upgrade its state highways;

WHEREAS, municipalities, counties, and drainage districts recognize their responsibilities in funding drainage projects;

WHEREAS, the importance of investing in drainage and in ensuring that all governmental entities are partaking in the planning of drainage improvements is vitally important;

WHEREAS, working collaboratively on drainage improvements helps, in the long run, to save taxpayers' money and helps to better plan drainage projects on state highways;

WHEREAS drainage planning is fundamental not only to the quality of life of citizens throughout the State of Texas but also to mitigating flooding;

WHEREAS, drainage planning, however, should not be limited to municipalities and drainage districts but also include the Texas Department of Transportation;

WHEREAS, State Representative Janie Lopez has filed HB 4050 to mandate that the Texas Department of Transportation study its current planning process to ensure that drainage is included in this process;

WHEREAS, the Town of Rancho Viejo supports State Representative Janie Lopez and her efforts to ensure that planning be part of the transportation planning process of the Texas Department of Transportation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS THAT IT:

SECTION 1. SUPPORTS HB 4050 filed by State Representative Janie Lopez for a study to be initiated by the Texas Department of Transportation to incorporate drainage in its planning process.

SECTION 2. SUPPORTS the efforts by State Representative Janie Lopez to get HB 4050 placed on the agenda of the Committee on Transportation.

SECTION 3. URGES the Committee on Transportation to act favorably on this legislation for this study.

CONSIDERED, PASSED, AND APPROVED AND SIGNED this 8th day of April, 2025 at a regular meeting of the _____ at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

12. Consideration/Action on a Resolution of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, Supporting HB 4329 Filed by State Representative Janie Lopez in Support of a Study by the Texas Water Development Board on the Factors that Affect the Costs of Developing Drainage Infrastructure.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, SUPPORTING HB 4329 FILED BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE JANIE LOPEZ IN SUPPORT OF A STUDY BY THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD ON THE FACTORS THAT AFFECT THE COSTS OF DEVELOPING DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, as part of HB 4742 signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott in 2023, the Texas Water Development Board prepared a written report to study the issues with communities in Texas that lack natural topographic relief, slope, or naturally defined floodways;

WHEREAS, with limited natural channels, these communities have to create artificial drainage systems to mitigate flooding that end up increasing its costs due to downstream drainage improvements;

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Development Board completed its written report on January 1, 2025, titled "Study of Issues Faced by Communities with Artificial Drainage Systems Lacking Topographic Relief, Slope, and Naturally Defined Floodways" that shed light on this challenge;

WHEREAS, one of the recommendations made in this written report is the need for a more detailed study to identify all the main factors that impact the cost of developing drainage infrastructure;

WHEREAS in order to continue to find equitable solutions for communities with artificial drainage systems, there is a need for this study to be completed by the Texas Water Development Board on or before January 1, 2027;

WHEREAS, State Representative Janie Lopez has filed HB 4329 for the Texas Water Development Board to initiate this study;

WHEREAS, the Town of Rancho Viejo supports State Representative Janie Lopez and her efforts to ensure that the issues that communities with artificial drainage systems face are studied further;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, THAT IT:

SECTION 1. SUPPORTS HB 4329 filed by State Representative Janie Lopez for a study be initiated by the Texas Water Development Board on the issues that communities with artificial drainage systems face are studied further.

SECTION 2. SUPPORTS the efforts by State Representative Janie Lopez to get HB 4329 placed on the agenda of the Committee on Natural Resources.

SECTION 3. URGES the Committee on Natural Resources to act favorably on this legislation for this study.

CONSIDERED, PASSED, AND APPROVED AND SIGNED this 8th day of April, 2025 at a regular meeting of the _____ at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

13. Consideration/Action on a Resolution of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, Supporting HB 4331 Filed by State Representative Janie Lopez in Support of a Study by the Texas Water Development Board to Identify Ways to Streamline the Environmental Review Process for Flood Infrastructure Fund Projects.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, SUPPORTING HB 4331 FILED BY
STATE REPRESENTATIVE JANIE LOPEZ IN SUPPORT OF A STUDY BY THE TEXAS WATER
DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO IDENTIFY WAYS TO STREAMLINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
PROCESS FOR FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROJECTS.**

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Development Board works well with the governmental entities that receive Flood Infrastructure Fund grants and loans for drainage projects;

WHEREAS, there's a need to revisit the current environmental process to ensure that all guidelines, requirements and procedures in place do not have any unnecessary or repetitive steps or bottlenecks that are delaying the approval process for drainage projects;

WHEREAS, in some cases, the environmental review process has been a lengthy and cumbersome one that drainage projects are still being reviewed three or four years after the grants have been awarded;

WHEREAS, these delays end up increasing the costs of the drainage projects and end up delaying the completion of these much needed projects;

WHEREAS, in some cases, municipalities and other governmental entities start to pay on their Flood Infrastructure Fund loans even as they have been unable to secure environmental clearance for their drainage projects;

WHEREAS while the Texas Water Development Board has been highly effective in its efforts on implementing and managing its grants and loans, there's a need to ensure that the environmental review process, currently in place, is an efficient one;

WHEREAS, State Representative Janie Lopez, in the spirit of further augmenting the current environmental review process in place, has filed HB 4331 to have the Texas Water Development Board study its current process;

WHEREAS, the Town of Rancho Viejo supports State Representative Janie Lopez and her efforts to identify ways to further streamline the environmental review process for projects funded by the Flood Infrastructure Fund;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE _____ THAT IT:

SECTION 1. SUPPORTS HB 4331 filed by State Representative Janie Lopez for a study to be initiated by the Texas Water Development Board to streamline the environmental review process.

SECTION 2. SUPPORTS the efforts of State Representative Janie Lopez to place HB 4331 on the agenda of the Committee on Natural Resources.

SECTION 3. URGES the Committee on Natural Resources to act favorably on this legislation for this study.

CONSIDERED, PASSED, AND APPROVED AND SIGNED this 8th day of April, 2025 at a regular meeting of the _____ at which a quorum was present and which was held in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

14. Consideration/Action on
Fee Schedule Amendment for
Special Events Permits for
Police Officer Rate of Pay from
\$30 to be \$35

FEE SCHEDULE SPECIAL EVENTS – 4/2025

Permit Application Requirements

DEADLINES

A completed application must be received at least 30 days before the event: 45 days is recommended to ensure adequate planning time. If you plan to serve alcohol at your event, we recommend that you submit a completed application 90 days in advance to ensure adequate planning time.

PAYMENT

Fees and deposits are due within 48 hours upon notification of approval. Checks may be made payable to the Town of Rancho Viejo. First Amendment type activities are exempt from fees. "First Amendment Activity" means an expressive and associative activity on public right-of-way or public property that is protected by the United States and Texas Constitutions, including speech, press, assembly, and the right to petition, but does not include commercial advertising, revenue-generating activities, fundraising, or a parade as defined herein.

PERMIT FEES AND COST RECOVERY

Materials cost (if available)

- Trash Cans: \$10/can
- Barricades: \$10/barricade
- Sandbags: \$5/bag
- Tents: \$10/tent

Police Department

Police Officer: \$35.00/hour per officer (minimum of two officers)

DAMAGES

The Town of Rancho Viejo reserves the right to charge event organizers for any damages to public property, facilities, equipment, and rights-of-way resulting from actions related to permitted events, their organizers, or event attendees. Should damage be documented, organizers may be charged for the cost of the repair.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

EMS Paramedics (HOURLY RATE AS APPLICABLE AT TIME OF APPLICATION)

SECURITY AND DAMAGE DEPOSIT

Applicants are required to pay a security deposit of **\$250** to cover the cost of any cleanup or damage incurred by the Town of Rancho Viejo as the result of the event. Deposits are based on potential damage of the event on the area. Refunded deposits are issued 15 to 30 days following the event.

ELECTRICITY

All extension cords must be properly grounded, secured and covered to avoid creating a trip hazard.

15. March 2025 Police Report – Police Chief



RANCHO VIEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT
MONTH OF: March 2025
Chief Robert R. Tyler



I	PENAL CODE:	SECTOR	No.	Prior	YTD	ARST	COMMENTS
	SEXUAL ASSAULT						
	STALKING						
	ASSAULT FV		1	2		1	see notes
	HARASSMENT						
	BURGLARY HAB						
	BURLGARY VEH						
	THEFT (M)			1			
	THEFT (F)						
	FRAUD/CREDIT						
	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF		1				broken door
	POSSESSION (M)		1				citation issued
	POSSESSION (F)						
	Endangering Child						
	Indecency W/A Child						
	BAIL JUMPING FTA						
	DWI						
	Public Intox						
	DUTY STRIKING FIXT		1				suspect cited
	CRIMINAL TRESPASS						
	UNLAWFUL RESTRT						
		TOTAL	4	3	0		
II	INCIDENT REPORTS:	SECTOR	NO.	Prior	YTD	Citation	COMMENTS
	DOMESTIC NV		4	5	3		
	Civil Dispute		1	2	1		
	WELFARE CHECK		11	7	6		
	Traffic Accident		4	1	2		
	Neighbor Disturbance			1	1		
	DIST (Music) (K9)		3	2	7		1-music 3-k9
	Natural Death Report			2			
	Suspicious V/P		9	8	4		6-persons 3-vehicles
	LOST/FOUND PROP						
	LIVESTOCK DIST						
	VEH IMPOUNDMENTS						
	ALARM RESIDENTIAL		12	9	14		
	EMS		3	2	5		
	FIRE						
	Agency ASSIST			1	1		
		TOTAL	47	40	44	0	
III	TRAFFIC STOPS:		NO.	Prior	YTD	Collected	Fines Collected
	Citations		69	124	193		\$ 3,792.00

IV	TRAFFIC WARRANTS		NO.	CLRD	DIFF		Warrants Collected
	WARRANTS		7	12	0		\$ 5,776.60
V	SPEED TRAILER						
	AVENUE	POSTED		AVG.		TOP	
	CARMEN	25		0		0	
	CARMEN	35		0		0	
	MORELOS	25		0		0	Traffic Study
	TESORO	25		0		0	
	ESCANDON	25		0		0	
	SANTA ANA	25		0		0	
	SANTA ANA	15		0		0	
	ZAPATA	25		0		0	
	BALBOA	25		0		0	
	PIZARRO	25		0		0	
	CORTEZ	25		0		0	
	BOLIVAR	25		0		0	
	EL DORADO	25		0		0	
	RANCHO NUEVO	25		0		0	
	ALVARADO	25		0		0	
	HIDALGO	25		0		0	
	DELEON	25		0		0	
		25		0		0	
VI	POLICE MILEAGE:	Starting	Ending	Total	Gls	MPG	Miles Per Day
	C-21	90079	93329	3250	272.4	11.93	
	F21	35,648	36102	454	30	15	
	C-20 (OPSG)						Out of Service (Shop)
	C13						TN (Next Month Report)
	F17						Out of Service
	F21 (LBS)	35566	35853	287	20.53	13	(LBS #s Only)
	Totals	53764.33	55,095	3,991	322	13	
VII	CHIEF'S COMMENTS						
<p>- Assault F/V injury to Child 700 Block of Zapata. Female arrested</p> <p>-Accident involving Golf Cart on Cortez Ave. 5 juveniles (15 year old driver) 4- 14 year old passengers</p> <p>-Officer Ibarra responded to a EMS call (200 block SA) in reference to an unresponsive female-Officer Ibarra performed CPR while waiting on EMS. Officer Ibarra was informed by EMS he had resuscitated the victim. ATTA BOY OFFICER IBARRA</p> <p>Radar Stats for Morelos Ave 25mph</p> <p>13,357 total vehicles</p> <p>85 Percentile total vehicle= 11,353</p> <p>85 Percentile speed = 23.3 mph</p> <p>Average speed = 14.77 mph</p> <p>The 15 percentile is not recorded because the vehicle is going below the speed limit.</p>							

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