



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
October 11, 2011
6:00 P.M.

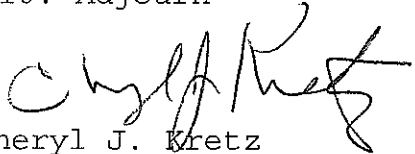


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TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2011
6:00 P.M.

NOTICE is hereby given of a REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF ALDERMEN of the TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, to be held on OCTOBER 11, 2011 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
2. Roll Call
3. Invocation and Pledge
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of Minutes September 13, 2011
6. Consideration/Action on an Ordinance of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas Amending Ordinance No. 62 O Reappointing Member of the Building Committee and Providing an Effective Date
7. Consideration/Action on Appointment of Member to the South Texas Emergency Care Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors
8. Consideration/Action on Employment of Reserve Police Officer
9. Public Comment
10. Adjourn


Cheryl J. Kretz
Town Administrator

#1 Call to Order by Mayor Medrano

#2 Roll Call

by Isabel Perales

Alderwoman Hager

Alderwoman Hinojosa

Alderman Lackner

Alderman Rafac

Alderwoman Truan

Legal Counsel, Daniel Rentfro, Jr.

Town Administrator, Cheryl J.
Kretz.

#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 is,

“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 September 13, 2011**

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas was held on September 13, 2011, at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas, the same being open to the public. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roberto Medrano at 6:00 P.M. Roll call was made by Isabel Perales, Assistant Town Secretary. Members present at the meeting were:

Mrs. Jean Hager
Mrs. Maria Hinojosa
Mr. Robert Lackner
Mr. Joe Rafac
Mrs. Bitty Truan

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Mr. David Irwin, legal counsel, was present. Town Administrator Cheryl J. Kretz was also present at the meeting.

Those present in the audience were:

Louise Rigney	Craig Stowell
Clifford Rowell	Lourdes G. Medrano
John Ramirez	Richard P. Lewis
Enrique Armendariz	Chief M. Cruz, Jr.
Armando Perez	Marilyn Lindeman
Dick Lindeman	Alex Evins
Arnulfo Montano	Lydia Montano
W. Berletch	Bridget Neubauer
Cricket Barlow	Chuck Barlow
Randy Haas	Betsy Haas
Duane Ormes	Liz Ormes
Javier Vera	Adriana Gutierrez
Laura Partridge	Raquel Hernandez
Roberto Hernandez	Juanita Alvarado
Juan M. Martinez	Hilda Martinez
Kingsley Walsh	Jim Marke
Angelo Oliva	

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Alderwoman Hager led the group in the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Medrano gave a brief presentation on the line items of the budget. Several members of the audience commented on the budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Alderman Lackner, seconded by Alderwoman Hager, and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 9, 2011, the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 25, 2011 at 5:15 P.M., the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 25, 2011 at 6:00 P.M., and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 1, 2011 be approved as written.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Rafac, seconded by Alderwoman Hinojosa, and unanimously carried, to approve the employment of Armando Perez as a regular police officer at a salary of \$29,600.00 per year.

CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2011 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

There were several questions and comments from the Board. Motion was made by Alderman Lackner, seconded by Alderman Rafac, to freeze the budget. The motion failed with the following vote:

AYES: Alderman Lackner and Alderman Rafac

NAYS: Alderwoman Hager, Alderwoman Hinojosa and Alderwoman Truan

Motion was made by Alderwoman Hinojosa, seconded by Alderwoman Hager, to pass, adopt and approve ORDINANCE NO. 199 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, AS PREPARED BY THE MAYOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012. This motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Alderwoman Hager, Alderwoman Hinojosa and Alderwoman Truan

NAYS: Alderman Lackner and Alderman Rafac

CONSIDERATION/RATIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX (REVENUE)
INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1,
2011 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2012:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Hinojosa, seconded by Alderwoman Hager, to ratify that this budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$68,067 or 8.734152%. This motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Alderwoman Hager, Alderwoman Hinojosa and Alderwoman Truan

NAYS: Alderman Lackner and Alderman Rafac

CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AD VALOREM
TAX RATE TO PROVIDE FOR BUDGET EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR
2011-2012:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Truan, seconded by Alderwoman Hinojosa, to pass, adopt and approve ORDINANCE NO. 200 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2011, SETTING THE ASSESSED VALUATION AT ONE HUNDRED (100%) PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE, PROVIDING FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION OF \$5,000, PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTS IN THE EVENT OF EARLY PAYMENT, AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY. This motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Alderwoman Hager, Alderwoman Hinojosa and Alderwoman Truan

NAYS: Alderman Lackner and Alderman Rafac

CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO
VIEJO BOARD OF ALDERMEN ESTABLISHING FUND BALANCE POLICIES
AS REQUIRED BY GASB 54:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Hinojosa, seconded by Alderman Lackner, and unanimously carried, to pass, adopt and approve RESOLUTION NO. 237 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO BOARD OF ALDERMEN ESTABLISHING FUND BALANCE POLICIES AS REQUIRED BY GASB 54.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS - POSITION NINE:

Motion was made by Alderman Lackner, seconded by Alderwoman Hinojosa, and unanimously carried, to pass, adopt and approve RESOLUTION NO. 238 - A Resolution nominating Alderman Joseph E. Rafac as a Representative for Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors - Position Nine.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE SOUTH TEXAS EMERGENCY CARE FOUNDATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

On the recommendation of Mayor Medrano, motion was made by Alderman Lackner, seconded by Alderman Rafac, and unanimously carried, to table this item.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR 2010/2011:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Hager, seconded by Alderwoman Hinojosa, to approve the Budget Amendment for 2010/2011 budget. This motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Alderwoman Hager, Alderwoman Hinojosa and Alderwoman Truan

NAYS: NONE

ABSTAINING: Alderman Lackner and Alderman Rafac

CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, ("CITY") APPROVING A NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITIES SERVED BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE ("CITIES") AND TEXAS GAS SERVICE ("TGS" OR "THE COMPANY") REGARDING THE COMPANY'S APRIL 28, 2011 COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT ("COSA") FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE; PROVIDING FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE CITIES' AND TGS' REASONABLE AND NECESSARY RATE CASE EXPENSES; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING ANY PRIOR ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY AND CITIES' LEGAL COUNSEL:

Motion was made by Alderman Lackner, seconded by Alderman Rafac, and unanimously carried, to pass, adopt and approve ORDINANCE NO. 201 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, ("CITY") APPROVING A NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE CITIES SERVED BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE ("CITIES") AND TEXAS GAS SERVICE ("TGS" OR "THE COMPANY") REGARDING THE COMPANY'S APRIL 28, 2011 COST OF SERVICE ADJUSTMENT ("COSA") FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE; PROVIDING FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE CITIES' AND TGS' REASONABLE AND NECESSARY RATE CASE EXPENSES; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DETERMINING THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; REPEALING ANY PRIOR ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS ORDINANCE TO THE COMPANY AND CITIES' LEGAL COUNSEL.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Hinojosa, seconded by Alderwoman Hager, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 P.M.

BY: _____
 Cheryl J. Kretz, Town Secretary

APPROVED: _____
 Roberto Medrano, Mayor

DATE: _____

#6: Consideration / Action on an Ordinance of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas Amending Ordinance No. 62P Reappointing Member of the Building Committee and Providing and Effective Date

ORDINANCE NO. 62Q

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO,
TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 62P
REAPPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING
COMMITTEE AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Town of Rancho Viejo has heretofore enacted Ordinances Nos. 62A through 62P which provided the requirements for obtaining building permits and the fees and charges for the issuance of said building permits and established a Building Committee which committee members are appointed by the Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of said Town wish to reappoint members of the Building Committee.

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

Section 1. The following persons are reappointed to the Building Committee for the term expiring September 30, 2013:

Brent Cannon
Rick Campos

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this the 11th day of September, 2011.

TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO

Roberto Medrano, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheryl J. Kretz, Town Secretary

#7: Consideration / Action on Appointment of Member to the South Texas Emergency Care Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors

Mayor Medrano will appoint a member at the meeting.

#8: Consideration / Action on Employment of Reserve Police Officer

#9: Public Comment

#10: Adjourn