

PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 23, 2012

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Does the Town have adequate patrol vehicles for the added increase in the number of reserve police officers? Yes, the Town has three marked police units and one unmarked unit.

A comment was made by a resident that the Town should notify residents that the increased costs in the police department budget were brought about by the home invasion in Rancho Viejo, and the increased concern by Town officials for the safety and security of all residents. Mayor Medrano noted that a letter about this home invasion was sent to all residents in the Town informing them of the crime and that there was still an ongoing investigation.

A comment was made by a resident that the tax rate should be in the 36 cent range.

Did the reduction in the Ordinance Codification go to the General Fund. Yes, the \$2,000.00 reduction went to the General Fund, increasing it to \$18,632.98.

A comment was made by a resident about the possibility of adding only one additional reserve officer and eliminating the canine to reduce the tax rate.

What would the increase in the number of patrol officers mean to the general security? Would they be positioned at the entrances? The officers could be positioned at the entrances, but the increase in patrol officers would mean more coverage patrolling the city streets. The officers would also work traffic enforcement and drug interdiction.

What if officers are answering a call and there is a second call (a heart attack), can one officer leave to attend the health issue? One would respond to the health issue and the other officer remain with the current situation. If there is only one officer on duty, he would stay with the current situation and the medial emergency would have to wait until the ambulance arrives.

What collaboration does the Rancho Viejo Police Department have with other law enforcement agencies? The Rancho Viejo Police Department does call for assistance from various law enforcement agencies when necessary. It has a very good working relationship with all agencies.