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BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

October 8, 2013



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2013

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 8, 2013 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 -
Regular Meeting - September 10, 2013
6. Presentation Regarding the On-Going Plans and Policies of the Brownsville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by Mr. Mark Lund - MPO Director
7. Consideration/Action on an Ordinance of the Town of Rancho Viejo Amending Ordinance No. 62Q Appointing/Reappointing Members of the Building Committee
8. Consideration/Action on the Addition of a Regular Police Officer to Police Force In Lieu of Reserve Officer Funds
9. Consideration/Approval for Street Committee to Proceed with Statement of Qualifications for Town Engineer and to Advertise in Valley Newspapers
10. Public Comment
11. Adjourn

Cheryl J. Kretz
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Town Administrator

#1 Call to Order

by Mayor Hager

#2 Roll Call

by Isabel Perales

Aldерwoman Carr

Aldерwoman Guerrero

Aldерwoman Rathbun

Aldерwoman Truan

Alderman Vera

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 10, 2013

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas was held on September 10, 2013, 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 Jean Hager at 6:01 P.M. Roll call was made by Isabel Perales, Assistant Town Secretary. Members present at the meeting were:

Mrs. Lupita Carr
Mrs. Cyndie Rathbun
Mrs. Bitty Truan
Mr. Javier Vera

Mrs. Maribel Guerrero arrived at 6:03 P.M.

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Mr. Daniel Rentfro, Jr., Legal Counsel, was present at the meeting. Town Administrator Cheryl J. Kretz was also present.

Those present in the audience were:

Mack Sterling	Richard P. Lewis
William Rusteberg	Russ St. Peter
Kelly Cuff	Xavier Montemayor
E.J. Chaney, M.D.	Chief M. Cruz, Jr.
Dick Lindeman	Marilyn Lindeman

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Miguel Ortiz commented on the electric transmission line project and encouraged the Town to continue to intervene in the case.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Alderman Vera, seconded by Alderwoman Rathbun, and unanimously carried, that the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on July 25, 2013, Minutes of a Special Meeting held on August 8, 2013, Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on August 13, 2013, Minutes of a Special Meeting held on August 22, 2013, Minutes of a Special Meeting held on August 27, 2013, and Minutes

of a Special Meeting held on September 3, 2013, be approved as written.

CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2014:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Rathbun, seconded by Alderwoman Carr, and unanimously carried, to pass, adopt and approve, ORDINANCE NO. 208 - 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 2013-2014.

CONSIDERATION/RATIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX (REVENUE) INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2014:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Guerrero, seconded by Alderwoman Truan, and unanimously carried, to ratify that this budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$17,952 or 2.075023%, and of that amount \$15,581 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the roll this year.

CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AD VALOREM TAX RATE TO PROVIDE FOR BUDGET EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Carr, seconded by Alderwoman Truan, and unanimously carried, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.391934, which is effectively a .109321 percent increase in the tax rate; and to pass, adopt and approve ORDINANCE NO. 209 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2013, 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. The total tax rate adopted was \$.391934.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR 2012/2013:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Truan, seconded by Alderwoman Rathbun, and unanimously carried, to approve the Budget Amendment for 2012/2013.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON EXTENSION OF BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Carr, seconded by Alderman Vera, and unanimously carried, to approve a one year extension of the Bank Depository Contract with International Bank of Commerce.

CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO AWARDING A SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FRANCHISE FROM THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO TO ALLIED WASTE SERVICES:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Guerrero, seconded by Alderwoman Carr, and unanimously carried, to pass, adopt and approve Ordinance No. 68G - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO AWARDING A SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL FRANCHISE FROM THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO TO ALLIED WASTE SERVICES.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 62Q REAPPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Guerrero, seconded by Alderwoman Carr, and unanimously carried, to table this item until further review.

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

Motion was made by Alderwoman Guerrero, seconded by Alderwoman Rathbun, and unanimously carried, to pass, adopt and approve RESOLUTION NO. 259 nominating Alderwoman Lupita Carr for Representative for Cameron Appraisal District Board of Directors - Position Nine.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON REQUEST BY THE RANCHO VIEJO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO NAME FIRE STATION:

Motion was made by Alderman Vera, seconded by Alderwoman Guerrero, and unanimously carried, to approve the request by the Rancho Viejo Volunteer Fire Department to name the Fire Station, William Stevenson Fire House.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dr. E. Chaney thanked the Board for naming the Fire Station for Mr. Bill Stevenson. Mr. Russ St. Peter introduced himself as the New Fire Chief and gave an update of upcoming plans for the Volunteer Fire Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 TO SEEK ADVICE OF TOWN'S ATTORNEY: PUC DOCKET NO. 41606 JOINT APPLICATION OF ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION TEXAS, LC AND SHARYLAND UTILITIES LP TO AMEND THEIR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE PROPOSED NORTH EDINBURG TO LOMA ALTA DOUBLE-CIRCUIT 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN HIDALGO AND CAMERON COUNTIES, TEXAS:

The executive session was cancelled.

POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Guerrero, seconded by Alderwoman Rathbun, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 P.M.

BY: _____
Cheryl J. Kretz, Town Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Jean Hager, Mayor

DATE: _____

#6 Presentation Regarding the On-Going Plans and Policies of the Brownsville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by Mr. Mark Lund – MPO Director

7 Consideration/Action on an
Ordinance of the Town of
Rancho Viejo Amending
Ordinance No. 62Q
Appointing/Reappointing
Members of the Building
Committee

ORDINANCE NO. 62S

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 62Q
APPOINTING/REAPPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING
COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Town of Rancho Viejo has heretofore enacted Ordinances Nos. 62A through 62R 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 appoint a new member and reappoint two 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 appointed to the Building Committee for the term expiring September 30, 2015:

E. J. Chaney

Section 2. The following persons are reappointed to the Building Committee for the term expiring September 30, 2015:

Rick Campos
Brent Cannon

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this the 8th day of October, 2013.

TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO

Jean Hager
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cheryl J. Kretz
Town Secretary

#8 Consideration/Action on the Addition of a Regular Police Officer to Police Force In Lieu of Reserve Officer Funds

Chief Cruz will present
additional information at the
meeting.

#9 Consideration/Approval for Street Committee to Proceed with Statement of Qualifications for Town Engineer and to Advertise in Valley Newspapers

Alderwoman Guerrero is the
chairman of the ad hoc Street
Committee.

#10 Public Comment

#11 Adjourn