



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2016
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 JANUARY 12, 2016 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 December 8, 2015
6. November 2015 Financial Report - Town Administrator
7. December 2015 Police Report - Police Chief
8. Presentation/Discussion by Republic Services on Contract Extension for Solid Waste, Brush, and Bulk and Commercial Services for the Town of Rancho
9. Consideration/Action of Extension of Contract for Solid Waste Collection and Brush Removal and Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract
10. Consideration/Action on Reappointment of Member to the South Texas Emergency Care Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors
11. Consideration/Approval of a Resolution Ordering the Election for Rancho Viejo, Designation of Election Precincts and Polling Places, Designation of Method of Voting, Submission of Application by Candidates, Appointment of Early Voting Clerk, and Providing for Publication Notice
12. Consideration/Approval to Designate the Town of Rancho Viejo Town Hall as an Early Voting Site for the Democratic and Republican Primary Elections to be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016: the Dates and Times are as Follows: Tuesday, February 16 thru Friday, February 19 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
13. Review 2016 Holiday Schedule
14. Public Comment
15. Adjourn


Fred Blanco. Town Administrator

1. Call to Order

by Mayor Rathbun

2. Roll Call

by Isabel Perales

Alderwoman Carr

Alderwoman Guerrero

Alderman Lucio

Alderwoman Truan

Alderman Vera

Legal Counsel, Daniel Rentfro, Jr.

Town Administrator, Fred Blanco.

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 December 8, 2015

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION BY LAURA LISA GARZA MPA, LICENSED CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR AND FOUNDER/CEO OF THE MESQUITE TREATMENT CENTER, LLC, ON CURRENT TRENDS IN ILLEGAL SYNTHETIC DRUGS:

Mayor Rathbun tabled this item. There were not enough people to be present for the month of December for this presentation.

NOVEMBER 2015 POLICE REPORT - POLICE CHIEF:

Police Chief Cruz went over some details of the November 2015 police report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the audience.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Alderman Lucio, seconded by Alderman Vera, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 P.M.

BY: _____
Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

APPROVED: _____
Cyndie Rathbun, Mayor

DATE: _____

6. November 2015 Financial Report - Town Administrator

**7. December 2015 Police
Report - Police Chief**

8. Presentation/Discussion by Republic Services on Contract Extension for Solid Waste, Brush, and Bulk and Commercial Services for the Town of Rancho



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December 22, 2016

Fred Blanco
City Manager
3301 Carmen Ave.
Rancho Viejo, TX 78575

Re: Contract Extension for Solid Waste, Brush and Bulk and Commercial Services for the Town of Rancho Viejo

Dear Mr. Blanco,

Republic Services (Allied Waste) greatly appreciates the partnership that has developed over the years with the Town of Rancho Viejo. We understand the importance of keeping your city looking its best and take pride in providing solid waste services to this great community. It is a pleasure working with the staff, residents, and business owners of Rancho Viejo and would like to continue this partnership by presenting the following extension offer for your consideration.

1. Maintain current rates for Residential, Commercial and Brush/Bulk collection for one year until 10/1/2017.
2. Contract extension for a period of 3 years.
3. Keep the annual Price Increase at the rate of 4%.
4. All other Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services as defined in the current contract will remain in place.
5. Beginning on 10/1/2017, Republic Services will also provide Recycling Services to the Town of Rancho Viejo on a once a month basis. The recycling truck will be parked at an approved location for a period of 3 hours to collect recyclable waste from the residents.
 - As another option, we also open the opportunity to provide recycling services to the Town of Rancho Viejo by way of a compartmentalized container that can be located at an approved site and recyclable waste collected on a month round basis. Collection will only be provided once a month, however, the Town of Rancho Viejo would be responsible for keeping the container at a location that has controlled access. Also, the Town of Rancho Viejo would be responsible for manning the hours of operation to receive recyclable waste from the residents at the approved location in order to make sure that only recyclable goods are taken in.




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Republic Services prides itself on providing services that far exceed the expectations of our customers. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue this relationship and to provide the services that the residents and business owners of Rancho Viejo have become accustomed to.

Should you have any questions regarding this contract extension offer, please do not hesitate to contact me at 956-392-7012.

Sincerely,



Damjan A. Saenz

Division Sales Manager
Republic Services – Rio Grande Valley, TX
(956)-392-7012

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ELECTION FOR RANCHO VIEJO, DESIGNATION OF ELECTION PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES, DESIGNATION OF METHOD OF VOTING, SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION BY CANDIDATES, APPOINTMENT OF EARLY VOTING CLERK, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION NOTICE

WHEREAS, an election is hereby ordered for the purpose of voting for three (3) Aldermen for a two year term for the Town of Rancho Viejo.

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

- SECTION 1. That the Order of Election for the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, signed by Mayor Cyndie Rathbun and members of the Board of Aldermen dated January 12, 2016 for the election to be held on May 7, 2016, is hereby ratified and adopted in all respects.
- SECTION 2. Said election is to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. for qualified electors residing within the incorporated area of the Town of Rancho Viejo, and notice is further given that the polling place for such election is hereby designated as the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas. Method of voting shall be by paper ballot and ES&S Automark Voter Assist Terminal, version 1.1.2258.
- SECTION 3. Application by candidates for the offices for which the herein described election is called, shall address application for a place on the ballot to the Town Secretary of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas and said application shall be accompanied by the statutory oath of candidate for election as provided by the Texas Election Code, and said application shall be filed with the Town Secretary at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas. The first day for filing said application is Wednesday, January 20, 2016 and the last day for filing said application is Friday, February 19, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.
- SECTION 4. The Town Secretary or his deputy is hereby appointed Clerk for Early Voting, which Early Voting shall be held at the Town Municipal Office located at 3301 Carmen Avenue in Rancho Viejo, Texas. The period to vote early in person at the Town Secretary's Office is Monday, April 25, 2016 through Tuesday, May 3, 2016, Monday through Friday, regular working hours (8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.); except for Wednesday, April 27, 2016 and Tuesday, May 3, 2016, the early voting hours are 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
- Application to vote by mail shall be addressed to the Town Secretary, Town of Rancho Viejo, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas 78575. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.
- SECTION 5. Any person who wishes to be a write-in candidate must make a declaration of write-in candidacy pursuant to Chapter 146 of the Texas Election Code and in compliance with said law, no write-in vote will be counted unless the name written in appears on the list of write-in candidates as required by Chapter 146 of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 6. Notice of the election order by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas shall be given by publication in the SAN BENITO NEWS one time.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 12th day of January, 2016.

Cyndie Rathbun, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fred Blanco, Town Secretary

12. Consideration/Approval to Designate the Town of Rancho Viejo Town Hall as an Early Voting Site for the Democratic and Republican Primary Elections to be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016: the Dates and Times are as Follows: Tuesday, February 16 thru Friday, February 19 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



REMI GARZA
ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

December 29, 2015

Mr. Alfredo Blanco
Manager
Rancho Viejo City Hall
3301 Carmen Ave.
Olimito, TX 78575

RE: Early Voting:

Dear Mr. Blanco:

This is our official request to designate the following location as an Early Voting site for the Democratic and Republican Primary Elections to be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016:

**Rancho Viejo City Hall, 3301 Carmen Ave.
Olimito, Texas**

The dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 16 thru Friday, Feb. 19


9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If you agree, we will be delivering voting equipment a few days before Election Day begins. It will need to be stored in a secure area and be available during the election. We will also need three (3) folding tables, (4-6) chairs and working 120-volt electrical plugs for the equipment.

Upon consideration and agreement, please fax us a confirmation letter at (956) 550-7298 or email it to Maribel.diaz@co.cameron.tx.us. We greatly appreciate your help in making the approaching elections a success.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to this request.

Sincerely,


Remi Garza
Elections Administrator

13. Review Schedule

2016

Holiday



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Rancho Viejo, Texas 78575
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Holiday Schedule

2016

- New Year's Day: Friday, January 1, 2016
- President's Day: Monday, February 15, 2016
- Good Friday: Friday, March 25, 2016
- Memorial Day: Monday, May 30, 2016
- Independence Day: Monday, July 4, 2016
- Labor Day: Monday, September 5, 2016
- Veteran's Day: Friday, November 11, 2016
- Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 24, 2016
Friday, November 25, 2016
- Christmas: Friday, December 23, 2016
Monday, December 26, 2016

2017

- New Year's Day: Monday, January 2, 2017

14. Public Comment

15. Adjourn