



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 2017
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 MARCH 14, 2017 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 February 14, 2017
6. January 2017 Financial Report - Town Administrator
7. February 2017 Police Report - Police Chief
8. Consideration/Acceptance of Certification of Unopposed Candidates; Consideration/Approval of Order of Cancellation; and Consideration/Approval of Ordinance Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the May 6, 2017 General Municipal Election Elected to Office, Canceling the Election, Providing for a Severability Clause, and Providing an Effective Date
9. Discussion on the Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Operating a Vehicle
10. Public Comment
11. Adjourn

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Blanco".

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 February 14, 2017

Motion was made by Alderman Guerrero, seconded by Alderman Carr, and unanimously carried, to approve Resolution No. 293 – A RESOLUTION MODIFYING PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER TEXAS TAX CODE SECTION 33.07 AND 33.08.

8. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER TEXAS TAX CODE SECTION 33.11:

Motion was made by Alderman Truan, seconded by Alderman Vera, and unanimously carried, to approve Resolution No. 294 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PENALTIES IMPOSED UNDER TEXAS TAX CODE SECTION 33.11.

9. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE AND SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF ADVOCAT AND RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION BY THE GROUP IN SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASING THE AMOUNT OF STRAY AND FERAL CATS IN THE TOWN:

Motion was made by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Truan, unanimously carried, to approve Resolution No. 295 - A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE AND SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF ADVOCAT AND RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION BY THE GROUP IN SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASING THE AMOUNT OF STRAY AND FERAL CATS IN THE TOWN.

10. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE TEXAS PADDLING TRAILS APPLICATION DESIGNATING OUR RESACAS AS AN OFFICIAL TEXAS PADDLING TRAIL:

Alderman Guerrero made comments about the trail and residents' concern with access to private property. Mayor Rathbun mentioned that once established there would be something in place on educating paddlers and their limits. Motion was made by Alderman Guerrero, seconded by Alderman Vera, and unanimously carried, to approve Resolution No. 296 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE TEXAS PADDLING TRAILS APPLICATION DESIGNATING OUR RESACAS AS AN OFFICIAL TEXAS PADDLING TRAIL.

11. 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 STONE GARDEN GRANT:

Motion was made by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Truan, and unanimously carried, to approve Resolution No. 297 – 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 STONE GARDEN GRANT.

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 BORDER STAR GRANT:

Motion was made by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Guerrero, and unanimously carried, to approve Resolution No. 298 - 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 BORDER STAR GRANT.

13. DECEMBER 2016 FINANCIAL REPORT - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

Town Administrator Fred Blanco went over the December 2016 financial report and the bank balances for the General Account, Debt Account, Police Asset Forfeiture Account and the Certificates of Obligation Account and interests.

14. JANUARY 2017 POLICE REPORT - POLICE CHIEF:

This item was tabled.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Laura Partridge thanked the Town for the supporting the AdvoCAT Group.

16. ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Alderman Carr, seconded by Alderman Guerrero, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 P.M.

BY: _____
Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

APPROVED: _____
Cyndie Rathbun, Mayor

DATE: _____

6. January 2017 Financial Report - Town Administrator

7. February 2017 Police Report - Police Chief

8. Consideration/Acceptance of Certification of Unopposed Candidates;

Consideration/Approval of Order of Cancellation; and

Consideration/Approval of Ordinance Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the May 6, 2017 General Municipal Election Elected to Office, Canceling the Election, Providing for a Severability Clause, and Providing an Effective Date

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 6, 2017 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELING THE ELECTION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the general municipal election was called for May 6, 2017 for the purpose of electing members to the Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, the City Secretary has certified in writing that there is no proposition on the ballot, that no person has made a declaration of write-in candidacy, and that each candidate on the ballot is unopposed for election to office; and

WHEREAS, under these circumstances, Subchapter C, Chapter 2, Election Code, authorizes the Board of Aldermen to declare the candidates elected to office and cancel the election;

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

Section 1. The following candidates, who are unopposed in the May 6, 2017 general municipal election, are declared elected to office, and shall be issued certificates of election following the time the election would have been canvassed:

Cyndie Rathbun	Mayor
Bitty Truan	Alderman
Javier Vera	Alderman

Section 2. The May 6, 2017 general municipal election is canceled, and the City Secretary is directed to cause a copy of the Order of Cancellation to be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

Section 3. It is declared to be the intent of the Board of Aldermen that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance is declared invalid by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this ordinance since the Board of Aldermen would have enacted them without the invalid portion.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and it is so ordained.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED, on this the 14th day of March, 2017.

Cyndie Rathbun, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fred Blanco, Town Secretary

9. Discussion on the Use of Wireless Communication Devices While Operating a Vehicle

10. Public Comment

11. Adjourn