



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
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 SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 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 –
Special Meeting July 3, 2018,
Special Meeting August 7, 2018,
Special Meeting August 8, 2018,
Special Meeting August 13, 2018,
Regular Meeting August 14, 2018
6. Acknowledge Receipt from Senator John Cornyn of Letter in Remembrance of the 17th Anniversary of the September 11th Terrorist Attacks
7. Lower Rio Grande Valley Active Plan Tour Save the Date Announcement
8. Consideration/Action on Ordinance for Annexation for Rancho Estates, LP, concerning 21.10 Acres, More or Less, of Land Out of Share 1, Espiritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas at the Northeast Corner of FM 1732 and Carmen Avenue in Accordance with the Town's Ordinances, Annexing the Hereinafter Described Territory to the Town of Rancho Viejo, Cameron County, Texas, and Extending the Boundary Limits of said Town so as to Include said Hereinafter Described Property Within said Town Limits, and Granting to all the Inhabitants of said Property all the Rights and Privileges of Other Citizens and Binding said Inhabitants by all of the Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations of said Town; and Adopting a Service Plan
9. Consideration/Approval of Fire Protection Contract with the City of Brownsville
10. Consideration/Action to Appoint Chairperson and Members to the Beautification Committee
11. Consideration/Action to Approve MOU with the Regional Mural Program
12. Consideration/Action to Approve Texas Regional Bank's Request to Release Pledged Securities
13. Consideration/Action to Accept City of Santa Rosa Volunteer Fire Department's Proposal to Purchase Rancho Viejo Volunteer Fire Department's Equipment
14. Consideration/Adoption of Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019

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15. Consideration/Ratification of the Property Tax (Revenue) Increase Reflected in the Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019
16. Consideration/Adoption of Ordinance to Establish Ad Valorem Tax Rate to Provide for Budget Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019
17. Consideration/Approval to Designate the Town of Rancho Viejo Town Hall as an Early Voting Site for the Cameron County General Elections to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018: the Dates and Times are as Follows: Monday, October 22, 2018 through Friday, October 26, 2018 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
18. Announcement - National Night Out - Thursday, October 18, 2018 from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
19. July 2018 Financial Report - Town Administrator
20. Consideration/Action on Budget Amendment for 2017/2018
21. August 2018 Police Report - Police Chief
22. Public Comment
23. Adjourn



Fred Blanco, Town Administrator



State of Texas
County of Cameron
Town of Rancho Viejo

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas is a true and correct copy of said NOTICE, which has been posted on the Window of the Town of Rancho Viejo Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the General Public, on September 7, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. and which will be continuously posted for a period of seventy-two (72) hours prior to the date and time said meeting was convened.

ATTEST:



Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

1. Call to Order by Mayor Rathbun

2. Roll Call

by Isabel Perales

Aldерwoman Guerrero

Aldерwoman Salinas

Aldерwoman Truan

Alderman Tumlinson

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 –
Special Meeting July 3, 2018,
Special Meeting August 7, 2018,
Special Meeting August 8, 2018,
Special Meeting August 13, 2018,
Regular Meeting August 14, 2018

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
JULY 3, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas was held on July 3, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas, the same being open to the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rathbun at 6:03 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Roll call was made by Fred Blanco, Town Administrator. Members present at the meeting were:

Ms. Grace Salinas
Mrs. Bitty Truan
Mr. David L. Tumlinson, IV.
Mr. Javier Vera

Members absent:

Mrs. Maribel Guerrero

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Legal Counsel Daniel Rentfro, Jr. was present. Town Administrator, Fred Blanco was also present at the meeting.

Those present in the audience were:

Elizabeth Ormes Duane Ormes Anthony DePonce Miguel Ortiz

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Alderman Salinas led the group in the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Elizabeth Ormes talked about properties with tall grass.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE PETITION FOR ANNEXATION FROM RANCHO ESTATES, LP, CONCERNING 21.10 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF LAND OUT OF SHARE 1, ESPIRITU SANTO GRANT, CAMERON COUNTY TEXAS AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF FM 1732 AND CARMEN AVENUE:

Motion was made by Alderman Vera, seconded by Alderman Tumlinson, and unanimously carried, to acknowledge the Petition for Annexation from Rancho Estates, LP, concerning 21.10 acres, more or less, of land out of Share 1, Espiritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas at the northeast corner of F.M. 1732 and Carmen Avenue.

6. AUTHORIZE OFFER OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT TO RANCHO ESTATES, LP, 21.10 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF LAND OUT OF SHARE 1, ESPIRITU SANTO GRANT, CAMERON COUNTY TEXAS AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF FM 1732 AND CARMEN AVENUE:

Motion was made by Alderman Vera, seconded by Alderman Truan, and unanimously carried, to authorize offer of Development Agreement to Rancho Estates, LP, 21.10 Acres, more or less, of land out of Share 1, Espiritu Santo Grant, Cameron County Texas at the Northeast Corner of F.M. 1732 and Carmen Avenue.

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7. ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

BY: _____
Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

APPROVED: _____
Cyndie Rathbun, Mayor

DATE: _____

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
AUGUST 7, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas was held on August 7, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas, the same being open to the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cyndie Rathbun at 6:02 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Roll call was made by Fred Blanco, Town Administrator. Members present were:

Mrs. Maribel Guerrero
Ms. Grace Salinas
Mrs. Bitty Truan
Mr. David L. Tumlinson, IV.
Mr. Javier Vera

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Legal Counsel Daniel Rentfro, Jr. was present at the meeting. Town Administrator Fred Blanco was also present at the meeting.

Those present in the audience were:

Anthony DePonce

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION FOR ANNEXATION FROM RANCHO ESTATES, LP, CONCERNING 21.10 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF LAND OUT OF SHARE 1, ESPIRITU SANTO GRANT, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF FM 1732 AND CARMEN AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN'S ORDINANCES:

Mayor Rathbun opened the public hearing. Mr. Anthony DePonce talked about the land under discussion. The board asked several questions about the land and talked about annexation regulations. The second public hearing is scheduled for August 14, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. After everyone was given an opportunity to speak on the matter the public hearing was closed.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON PETITION FOR ANNEXATION FROM RANCHO ESTATES, LP, CONCERNING 21.10 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF LAND OUT OF SHARE 1, ESPIRITU SANTO GRANT, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF FM 1732 AND CARMEN AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN'S ORDINANCES:

No action to be taken on this item.

5. ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Alderman Tumlinson, seconded by Alderman Guerrero, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

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BY: _____
Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

APPROVED: _____
Cyndie Rathbun, Mayor

DATE: _____

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
AUGUST 8, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas was held on August 8, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas, the same being open to the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rathbun at 6:30 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Roll call was made by Fred Blanco, Town Administrator. Members present at the meeting were:

Mrs. Maribel Guerrero

Ms. Grace Salinas

Mr. David L. Tumlinson, IV.

Mr. Javier Vera

Members absent:

Mrs. Bitty Truan

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Town Administrator, Fred Blanco was present at the meeting.

Those present in the audience were:

Chief M. Cruz, Jr.

Officer R. I. Cantu

3. WORKSHOP ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019:

Mayor Rathbun and the Board went over the budget items. The final approval of the budget is scheduled for the regular meeting, Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

BY: _____
Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

APPROVED: _____
Cyndie Rathbun, Mayor

DATE: _____

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
AUGUST 13, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas was held on August 13, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas, the same being open to the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rathbun at 6:15 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Roll call was made by Fred Blanco, Town Administrator. Members present at the meeting were:

Mrs. Maribel Guerrero

Ms. Grace Salinas

Ms. Bitty Truan

Mr. David L. Tumlinson, IV.

Mr. Javier Vera

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Town Administrator, Fred Blanco was present at the meeting.

Those present in the audience were:

Chief M. Cruz, Jr.

Officer R. I. Cantu

3. WORKSHOP ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019:

Mayor Rathbun and the Board went over the budget items. The final approval of the budget is scheduled for the regular meeting, Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

BY: _____
Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

APPROVED: _____
Cyndie Rathbun, Mayor

DATE: _____

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
AUGUST 14, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, was held on, August 14, 2018 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:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rathbun at 6:08 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Roll call was made by Isabel Perales, Assistant Town Secretary. Members present at the meeting were:

Mrs. Maribel Guerrero arrived at 6:35 P.M.

Ms. Grace Salinas

Mrs. Bitty Truan

Mr. David L. Tumlinson, IV.

Mr. Javier Vera

A quorum was present at the meeting.

Legal counsel Daniel Rentfro, Jr. was present at the meeting. Town Administrator, Fred Blanco was also present at the meeting.

Those present in the audience were:

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Alderman Tumlinson led the group in the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the public.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING JULY 10, 2018, SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 7, 2018, SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 8, 2018:

Motion was made by Alderman Truan, seconded by Alderman Tumlinson, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 10, 2018, the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 7, 2018 and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 8, 2018 as written.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION FOR ANNEXATION FROM RANCHO ESTATES, LP, CONCERNING 21.10 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF LAND OUT OF SHARE 1, ESPIRITU SANTO GRANT, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF FM 1732 AND CARMEN AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TOWN'S ORDINANCES:

Mayor Rathbun opened the public hearing, this is the 2nd public hearing on the petition for annexation. Mr. DePonce answered several questions from the Board. He mentioned that the water services were currently in transition to Valley Municipal Utility District No. 2. After everyone was given an opportunity to speak on the matter the public hearing was closed.

7. CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON EXTENSION OF BANK DEPOSITORY CONTRACT WITH TEXAS REGIONAL BANK:

Mayor Rathbun recommended the Extension of the Bank Depository Contract with Texas Regional Bank for the first, one year extension.

Motion was made by Alderman Vera, seconded by Alderman Truan, and unanimously carried, to approve the extension of Bank Depository Contract with Texas Regional Bank, this is the first, one year extension.

8. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR COMMON AREA MAINTENANCE:

Mayor Rathbun mentioned that the Town received 2 bids. The bid opening was held on July 31, 2018 and the Mayor recommended that one bid be rejected due to irregularities. The areas to be maintained remained the same except for adding one monument at the Cortez entrance and one monument at the Carmen and Frontage entrance, for a total of two new monuments.

Motion was made by Alderman Salinas, seconded by Alderman Truan, and unanimously carried, to reject the bid that was not responsive and to award the Common Area Maintenance contract to Complete Landscape Management for a two year term in the amount of \$51,120.00 per year.

9. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE:

Mayor Rathbun mentioned that the proposal was for the same amount as the current contract, \$30,000 per year to be paid as \$7,500 per quarter. It is a three year contract to remain the same, the only change is the name of the city secretary. Motion was made by Alderman Tumlinson, seconded by Alderman Salinas, and unanimously carried, to table this item for review of an actual contract at next meeting.

Alderman Guerrero arrived at 6:35 P.M.

10. STREET COMMITTEE REPORT:

Alderman Guerrero mentioned that there were no new developments. VMUD#2 has acquired funding for their repairs and the engineer is working together with them and the Street Committee. They are moving forward with a mutual agreement for funding and commencement of construction for both entities.

11. CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON AN MOU WITH VMUD#2 REGARDING A JOINT WATER/WASTEWATER AND STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT:

Legal counsel, Mr. Daniel Rentfro, Jr. answered several questions from the Board. Alderman Guerrero and Alderman Vera have met with the engineer regarding joint work with VMUD #2.

Motion was made by Alderman Salinas, seconded by Alderman Guerrero, and unanimously carried, to approve the MOU with VMUD#2 Regarding a joint water/wastewater and street reconstruction project, subject to legal review.

12. HUMAN RESOURCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Alderman Salinas gave a brief update, there was nothing new to report. She has met with the committee members individually and informally several times. They have worked on collecting data

from many different entities to come up with HR policies. They are working on a rough draft, once it is ready they will present to the Board of Aldermen.

13. PRESENT/DISCUSS PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019:

Mayor Rathbun presented the proposed budget for fiscal year October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. The Board reviewed some of the highlighted items on the proposed budget. Mayor Rathbun also mentioned that the next budget workshop is scheduled for August 22, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion was made by Alderman Vera, seconded by Alderman Guerrero, and unanimously carried, to acknowledge the letter from the Mayor to the Town Administrator presenting the proposed budget for fiscal year October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019.

14. PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC NOTICE OF DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019:

Mayor Rathbun stated that the public hearing for the proposed budget for fiscal year October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas 78575.

15. DISCUSS PROPOSED AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON PROPOSAL FOR TAX RATE INCREASE:

Motion was made by Alderman Tumlinson, seconded by Alderman Truan, and unanimously carried, that it is the intention of the Board of Aldermen to increase the total tax rate with a proposed Ad Valorem tax rate for 2018 not to exceed 0.463957 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

16. PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC NOTICE OF DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR TAX RATE INCREASE:

Mayor Rathbun stated that the first public hearing on the ad valorem tax rate increase is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., and the second public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 6:00 P.M., both meetings will be held at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas.

17. JUNE 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

Town Administrator Fred Blanco went over the June 2018 financial report and the bank balances for the General Account, Debt Account, Police Asset Forfeiture Account and the Certificates of Obligation Account and all interests.

18. JULY 2018 POLICE REPORT - CHIEF OF POLICE:

Assistant Police Chief Cantu went over the items on the July 2018 Police Report.

19. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alderman Truan asked about boats speeding on the Resaca. Alderman Salinas asked about police patrol at night.

20. ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Aldermen Tumlinson, seconded by Alderman Salinas, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

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BY: _____
Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

APPROVED: _____
Cyndie Rathbun, Mayor

DATE: _____

**6. Acknowledge Receipt from
Senator John Cornyn of Letter
in Remembrance of the
17th Anniversary of the
September 11th Terrorist
Attacks**

JOHN CORNYN
TEXAS

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4305

September 11, 2018

Dear Fellow Texans:

Today marks the 17th anniversary since our nation, our people, and our very way of life came under attack by terrorists on American soil. With four hijacked planes and evil intentions, terrorists killed nearly 3,000 Americans as they crashed into our buildings and fields in New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Seventeen years later, it still makes me proud that in the face of tragedy, American patriotism prevailed above evil. We lowered our heads in prayer and rose up to serve our fellow man. We bound together as they tried to tear us apart. And we reflected on how very fortunate we are to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Through the smoke and debris, countless first responders, health professionals, law enforcement personnel, and good Samaritans offered a helping hand. Today we honor their service by recognizing September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance.

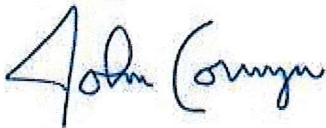
Many of us still remember the attacks as if they were yesterday, and for us, serving others on this anniversary holds special meaning.

But even those Americans who don't remember that fateful day – the Americans who were born after September 11, 2001 – display their patriotism with pride as they honor the fallen and celebrate what it means to be an American.

This year for the first time, those born after 9/11 will be able to enlist in the military. They'll defend the flag and our nation's founding ideals – even without the poignant memory of the attacks. So today as we honor those lost on this day seventeen years ago and those who stood up to help, I'd also like to recognize our newest servicemembers.

May God bless our military, veterans, first responders and those who support them, and may He continue to bless the great state of Texas.

Sincerely,



JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator

7. Lower Rio Grande Valley Active Plan Tour Save the Date Announcement

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY
ACTIVE PLAN
TOUR

Experience the Active Plan
Save the Date: October 9–12, 2018

In Cameron County, Texas, the community has created a powerful vision to build a 428-mile trail network, delivering new avenues for recreation and physical activity, tourism and economic opportunity. The vision leverages the region's unique culture and breathtaking natural assets in its strategy to inspire neighbors to get outdoors and be active—while generating a new tourism economy for south Texas.

On October 9, the Active Plan committee invites you to experience all that the region has to offer on a fully supported biking and kayaking tour of the region using the Active Plan [catalyst routes](#).

Day 1, Oct. 9: Registration; historical biking tour of Brownsville and Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Park; biking tour across the B&M Railroad Bridge to Matamoros, Mexico (passport or other valid identification required). Lunch and dinner provided.

Day 2, Oct. 10: Biking tour of the Bahia Grande and Laguna Atascosa, internationally acclaimed wildlife refuges; finishing the day with a farm-to-table meal in the region's agricultural center. Lunch and dinner provided.

Day 3, Oct. 11: Ride or kayak to Boca Chica Beach, experiencing incredible views, a beach barbeque; and learning about the new SpaceX launch site coming to the region. Lunch and dinner provided.

Day 4, Oct. 12: Ride along the proposed U.S. Bicycle Route in Rancho Viejo and paddle the region's unique resacas—natural waterways created by overflows from the Rio Grande River. Finish the day with jazz music and dinner in Brownsville's newly renovated Market Square. Lunch and dinner provided.

Option Day, Oct. 13: 21st Annual Brownsville Latin Jazz Festival
(www.artsinbrownsville.org/jazz.html)

Option Day, Oct. 14: Bike ride from Brownsville to South Padre Island over the Queen's Isabella Causeway (pre-register at active.com)

A room block has been reserved at the [Fairfield Inn & Suites Brownsville North](#) for \$89/night. Reference the "Active Plan" when making your reservation.

Participants will be responsible for paying for travel and lodging. The Active Plan committee will cover the costs of the tour and meals as noted. If any participants need to pay for tour and meal costs, individualized invoices can be provided. Participants are not required to participate in the entire tour.

For more information, contact Brandi Horton at brandi@railstotrails.org. Learn more about the Active Plan at www.railstotrails.org/activeplan.

8. Consideration/Action on Ordinance for Annexation for Rancho Estates, LP, concerning 21.10 Acres, More or Less, of Land Out of Share 1, Espiritu Santo Grant, Cameron County, Texas at the Northeast Corner of FM 1732 and Carmen Avenue in Accordance with the Town's Ordinances, Annexing the Hereinafter Described Territory to the Town of Rancho Viejo, Cameron County, Texas, and Extending the Boundary Limits of said Town so as to Include said Hereinafter Described Property Within said Town Limits, and Granting to all the Inhabitants of said Property all the Rights and Privileges of Other Citizens and Binding said Inhabitants by all of the Acts, Ordinances, Resolutions, and Regulations of said Town; and Adopting a Service Plan

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID TOWN SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN SAID TOWN LIMITS, AND GRANTING TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS OF SAID TOWN; AND ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN.

WHEREAS, Chapter 43 of the Texas Local Government Code of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, a Type A General Law Municipality, authorizes the annexation of territory, subject to the laws of this state, and an offer of a development agreement has been made and rejected.

WHEREAS, the procedures prescribed by the Texas Local Government Code, and the laws of this state have been duly followed with respect to the territory described on **Exhibit 1** attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

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

1. That the heretofore described property is hereby annexed to the Town of Rancho Viejo, Cameron County, Texas, and that the boundary limits of the Town of Rancho Viejo be and the same are hereby extended to include the above described territory within the Town limits of the Town of Rancho Viejo, and the same shall hereafter be included within the territorial limits of said Town, and the inhabitants thereof shall hereafter be entitled to all the rights and privileges of other citizens of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, and they shall be bound by the acts, ordinances, resolutions, and regulations of said Town. A service plan for the area is hereby adopted and attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and incorporated by reference.
2. That the heretofore described property shall be zone "A – Recreational District." The legal description of the property is on file with the Town.

The Town Administrator is hereby directed to file with the County Clerk of Cameron County, Texas, a certified copy of this ordinance.

PASSED by an affirmative vote of all members of the Board of Aldermen, this the 11th day of September, 2018.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Mayor

Town Administrator

EXHIBIT 1

21.10 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OF LAND OUT OF SHARE 1, ESPIRITU SANTO GRANT, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS, AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF FM 1732 AND CARMEN AVENUE.

EXHIBIT 2

MUNICIPAL SERVICE PLAN

FIRE

Existing Services: None

Services to be Provided: Fire suppression will be available to the area upon annexation. Primary fire response will be provided by the Brownsville EMS. Adequate fire suppression activities can be afforded to the annexed area within current budget appropriation.

POLICE

Existing Services: None

Services to be Provided: Currently, the area is under the jurisdiction of the Cameron County Sheriff's Office. However, upon annexation, the Town of Rancho Viejo Police Department will extend regular and routine patrols to the area. It is anticipated that the implementation of police patrol activities can be effectively accommodated within the current budget and staff appropriation.

BUILDING INSPECTION

Existing Services: None

Services to be Provided: The Building Inspection Department will provide Code Enforcement Services upon annexation. This includes issuing building, electrical and plumbing permits for any new construction and remodeling, and enforcing all other applicable codes which regulated building construction within the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Existing Services: None

Services to be Provided: The Planning and Zoning Department's responsibility for regulating development and land use through the administration of the Town of Rancho Viejo's Zoning Ordinance will extend to this area on the effective date of the annexation. The property will also continue to be regulated under the requirements of the Town of Rancho Viejo's Subdivision Ordinance. These services can be provided within the department's current budget.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT- HEALTH CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICE

Existing Services: None

Services to be Provided: The Town of Rancho Viejo will implement the enforcement of the Town's health ordinances and regulations on the effective date of the annexation. Such services can be provided within the current budget appropriation. In addition, animal control services will be provided to the area as needed.

STREET

Existing Services: None

Services to be Provided: Maintenance to the street facilities will be provided by the Town of Rancho Viejo upon the effective date of the annexation and provided that such street facilities to be maintained by the Town of Rancho Viejo are first dedicated to the Town of Rancho Viejo. This service can be provided within the current budget appropriation.

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

Existing Services: None

Services to be Provided: Developers will provide storm water drainage at their own expense and will be inspected by the Olmito Water Supply Corporation at time of completion. The Olmito Water Supply Corporation will then maintain the drainage upon approval.

STREET LIGHTING

Existing Services: None

Services to be Provided: The Town of Rancho Viejo will coordinate any request for improved street lighting with the local electric provider in accordance with standard policy.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Existing Services: None

Services to be Provided: The Town of Rancho Viejo will be able to provide, after the effective date of annexation, any additional traffic control devices.

WATER SERVICE

Existing Services: None

Services to be Provided: Water service to the area will be provided in accordance with the applicable codes by the Olmito Water Supply Corporation. When other property develops in the adjacent area, water service shall be provided in accordance with the agreement between the Developer and the Olmito Water Supply Corporation.

SANITARY SEWER SERVICE

Existing Services: None

Services to be Provided: Sanitary sewer service to the area of proposed annexation will be provided in accordance with applicable codes. When property develops in the adjacent areas, sanitary sewer service shall be provided in accordance with the present extension ordinance. Extension of service shall comply with applicable codes and ordinances.

SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Existing Services: None

Services to be Provided: Solid Waste Collection shall be provided to the area of annexation in accordance with the present ordinance. Service shall comply with existing policies, beginning with occupancy of structures.

MISCELLANEOUS

All other applicable municipal services will be provided to the area in accordance with the Town of Rancho Viejo's established policies governing extension of municipal services to newly annexed areas.

9. Consideration/Approval of Fire Protection Contract with the City of Brownsville

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

CITY OF BROWNSVILLE § KNOW ALL PERSONS BY REPRESENTS

COUNTY OF CAMERON §

CONTRACT

This agreement is made and entered by and between the Town of Rancho Viejo (Rancho Viejo) and the City of Brownsville (Brownsville), both municipal corporations located in Cameron County, Texas, acting by and through their respective undersigned Mayors, both Mayors having been authorized to execute this agreement upon an affirmative majority vote of their respective governmental bodies acting pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act codified in Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code.

In consideration of the Mutual Covenants, Agreements and benefits to both parties, it is AGREED as follows:

I. PROVISION OF SERVICES

During the term of this Agreement, BROWNSVILLE agrees to furnish fire fighting services to areas located within RANCHO VIEJO. Such services shall only include those required for grass fires, structure fires and/or vehicle fires.

II. COMPENSATION

Rancho Viejo AGREES TO PAY TO Brownsville the sum \$30,000 per annum for the fire fighting services referenced in Section I.

Compensation during periods of extension shall be at a pro rata amount of compensation set forth in section II.

Payments for said services shall be made in equal quarterly installments in advance of the service period. Payments shall be due as follows:

<u>Payment Due Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
October 1, 2018, 2019, 2020	\$7,500.00
January 1, 2019, 2020, 2021	\$7,500.00
April 1, 2019, 2020, 2021	\$7,500.00
July 1, 2019, 2020, 2021	\$7,500.00

It is agreed further that as a condition precedent to payment, BROWNSVILLE shall provide a written report summarizing the services rendered during the previous quarterly period, with said report listing all calls by date, location and nature made on behalf of RANCHO VIEJO.

III. TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of this agreement shall be for three (3) years beginning on October 1, 2018 and terminating on September 30, 2021.

IV. TERMINATION/RENEWAL

If BROWNSVILLE does not intend to renew this contract under the same terms and conditions at the end of the term, BROWNSVILLE shall provide RANCHO VIEJO with written notice of its intent to not renew said contract. A notice of its intent not to renew shall be sent by United States Mail, Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested, no later than the 1st of August, 2021. This sixty (60) day notice is intended to allow RANCHO VIEJO sufficient time to secure an alternate fire protection service.

If RANCHO VIEJO does not intend to renew this contract under the same terms and conditions, RANCHO VIEJO shall provide BROWNSVILLE with written notice of its intent to not renew said contract. A notice of this intent shall be sent by United States Mail, Return Receipt Requested, no later than the first of August 2021.

In the event that neither City notifies the other City of its intent not to renew this contract under the same terms and conditions, this Contract will be renewed for an additional term of one year under the same terms and conditions as presently agreed upon in this instrument.

In the event re-negotiation of the contract is necessary and if such negotiations have not been completed on or before the end of the current term, both BROWNSVILLE and RANCHO VIEJO expressly agree to act in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract for a period of thirty days after the expiration of the current term. If during such time both parties fail to negotiate a new contract, the negotiation period shall terminate at the end of the thirteenth day of said period, however, the contract obligations of both parties shall be extended for an additional thirty day period beyond the end of the negotiation period to allow RANCHO VIEJO time to secure an alternate fire protection service. At the end of this second period, all obligations of BROWNSVILLE shall cease.

However, notwithstanding the provisions above, this contract may be terminated at will by either party and termination shall be effective sixty (60) days from the date of notice is received by the other party. Such notice shall be sent by United States Mail, Return Receipt Requested.

V. INDEMNIFICATION

RANCHO VIEJO hereby agrees to and shall defend, protect and hold BROWNSVILLE harmless from any liability or damages for property damage or bodily injury, including death, which may arise from RANCHO VIEJO's negligent acts or omissions under this Agreement.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

This Contract shall comprise the entire agreement between the parties hereto and any amendment shall be enforceable only after being reduced to writing, mutually executed by the parties hereto and attached hereto.

WITNESS the signature of the Mayor of the CITY OF BROWNSVILLE duly authorized to represent and bind said city of the terms and conditions of this Contract, affixed hereto on this ____ day of _____, 2018

CITY OF BROWNSVILLE

By: _____
MAYOR ANTONIO MARTINEZ

ATTEST:

Griselda Rosas
City Secretary

WITNESS the signature of the Mayor of the TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO duly authorized to represent and bind said City to the terms and conditions of this Contract, affixed hereto on this ____ day of _____, 2018.

TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO

By: _____
MAYOR CYNDIE RATHBUN

ATTEST:

FRED BLANCO, Town Secretary

10. Consideration/Action to Appoint Chairperson and Members to the Beautification Committee

11. Consideration/Action to Approve MOU with the Regional Mural Program

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
AMONG THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE AND THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO**

WHEREAS, through the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC), the Active Plan was selected as a recipient of a \$16,000 grant from the 2018 Metropolitan Grants Program to be used to create murals along existing Active Plan trail corridors;

WHEREAS, the City of Brownsville, serving as the fiduciary and project sponsor, will facilitate payment to, and following up for, the creation of murals along Active Plan trails in each of the participating Cameron County Active Plan municipalities;

WHEREAS, the Town of Rancho Viejo as an Active Plan municipality is eligible to receive a portion of the 2018 Metropolitan Grants Program grant for the creation of murals;

NOW, THEREFORE, the signatories agree to the following:

The City of Brownsville will:

- I. Act as the fiduciary and project sponsor supporting the Active Plan municipalities participating in the creation of murals along Active Plan trails;
- II. Facilitate payment to each Active Plan municipality participating in the creation of murals;
- III. Monitor the progress of each municipality's mural development and execution; and
- IV. Offer the assistance of a local art student to Active Plan municipalities in the development and execution of their murals.

The Town of Rancho Viejo will:

- I. Select a mural location and hire an artist to install the mural;
- II. Provide the City of Brownsville a progress report, which may include: a description of the project's success or progress, a general breakdown of project expenses, and photographs (if the project has been initiated). This report is due no later than November 15, 2018; and
- III. Spend grant funds by January 31, 2019.

INWITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective governing bodies, has signed the present Memorandum of Understanding.

[Name & Title]
Town of Rancho Viejo

Antonio Martinez, Mayor
City of Brownsville

Attested By:

Attested By:

[Name & Title]

Griselda Rosas, City Secretary

12. Consideration/Action to Approve Texas Regional Bank's Request to Release Pledged Securities

**13. Consideration/Action to
Accept City of Santa Rosa
Volunteer Fire Department's
Proposal to Purchase Rancho
Viejo Volunteer Fire
Department's Equipment**



Santa Rosa Volunteer Fire Department

From the desk of Danny L. Theys, Fire Chief

413 S Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, TX 78593

August 21, 2018

Dear Mr. Blanco:

This letter is an intent to acquire firefighting equipment that is presently in your possession.

According to my discussion with you and the Rancho Viejo Mayor, I am in the understanding that the city commission may consider donating the fire truck to the Santa Rosa Volunteer Fire Department with the equipment attached to the fire truck. I also requested for you to consider allowing our department to purchase all the remaining fire equipment.

I perused the past invoices made available to me and I am humbly requesting your office to consider \$15,000.00 towards the purchase of the remaining fire equipment. I am also in the understanding that a payment system is acceptable.

May this letter merit your kind consideration and most favorable action which will greatly help the Santa Rosa Volunteer Fire Department.

Respectfully yours,

Danny L. Theys, Volunteer Fire Chief
Santa Rosa Volunteer Fire Department
Personal Cell Phone Number: (956) 793-4084

**14. Consideration/Adoption of
Budget Ordinance for Fiscal
Year October 1, 2018 to
September 30, 2019**

ORDINANCE NO.

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 2018 - 2019

WHEREAS, the law requires the Mayor to submit a proposed financial budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor has timely filed a proposed financial budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, with the Town Secretary on August 14, 2018, which is 30 days in advance of adopting the tax rate for the tax year 2018.

WHEREAS, notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed financial budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, was published in the San Benito News on August 17, 2018.

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. the Board of Aldermen held the Public Hearing on the proposed financial budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas.

WHEREAS, such proposed and estimated Budget, after due hearing and consideration, should be adopted:

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

That the Budget as prepared and submitted by the Mayor for various departments of the Town of Rancho Viejo for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019, be and the same is hereby in all respects approved and adopted, and a true and correct copy of said budget being attached to this ordinance.

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this the 11th day of September, 2018.

Cyndie Rathbun, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fred Blanco, Town Secretary



2018-2019 BUDGET

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$56,783 or 4.948523%, and of that amount \$17,709 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the roll this year.

	2018	2017
Effective Rate	.435339	.446571
Effective M&O Rate	.345248	.351973
Rollback Rate	.463958	.473254
Debt Rate	.091091	.093124
Adopted Rate		.450000

Debt Obligations Secured By Property Tax (2018)	\$243,773
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BOARD OF ALDERMEN VOTE

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSTAINING:
PRESENT AND NOT VOTING:

PROPOSED 9/11/18
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
BUDGET
2018- 2019

	PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-2019	APPROVED(2) BUDGET 2017-2018
GENERAL FUND		
REVENUES:		
1820.0000 Adm. Cost Recovered	19,000.00	14,000.00
1811.2009 Ad Val. Tax 2009	0.00	200.00
1811.2010 Ad Val. Tax 2010	200.00	200.00
1811.2011 Ad Val. Tax 2011	300.00	400.00
1811.2012 Ad Val. Tax 2012	500.00	450.00
1811.2013 Ad Val. Tax 2013	800.00	1,200.00
1811.2014 Ad Val. Tax 2014	1,800.00	2,500.00
1811.2015 Ad Val. Tax 2015	3,400.00	8,000.00
1811.2016 Ad Val. Tax 2016	5,500.00	18,000.00
1811.2017 Ad Val. Tax 2017	17,000.00	913,239.00 (1)
1811.2017 Ad Val. Tax 2017 - 3% allowance		(27,397.00) (1)
1811.2018 Ad Val. Tax 2018	960,484.00 (3)	
1811.2018 Ad Val. Tax 2018 - 3% allowance	(28,815.00) (3)	
2090.0000 Discount on Taxes	(19,000.00)	(19,500.00)
1920.0000 P&I on Taxes	21,000.00	23,000.00
1830.0000 Alcohol & Beverage Tax	6,700.00	7,300.00
1840.0000 Building Permits	39,000.00	38,000.00
1850.0000 Citations & Fines	86,000.00	81,000.00
1851.0000 MC Tech Fund	1,600.00	1,600.00
2090.5000 State Costs & Fees	(30,000.00)	(27,000.00)
1870.0000 Franchise - Electrical	69,000.00	65,000.00
1880.0000 Franchise - Telephone	7,500.00	6,600.00
1890.0000 Franchise - Cable TV	42,000.00	40,000.00
1900.0000 Franchise - Gas	2,500.00	3,500.00
1905.0000 Franchise - Solid Waste	1,000.00	1,000.00
1910.0000 Interest from Investments	2,800.00	2,000.00
1921.0000 Lien Revenue	5,000.00	6,500.00
1930.0000 Sales Tax	95,000.00	87,500.00
1963.0000 Police Fund Income	100.00	100.00
1963.5000 Seasonal Improvements Donation	1,000.00	1,000.00
1964.0000 Volunteer Fire Dept. Donations	0.00	8,400.00
7000.0000 Operation Stone Garden grant	8,500.00	21,875.00
7001.0000 Local Border Star grant	12,000.00	12,000.00
9000.0012 PD Grant	1,100.00	9,987.00
Total Revenues	\$1,332,969.00	\$1,300,654.00

(1) BASED ON TAX RATE OF \$.356876 for M&O Tax Rate
\$.093124 Debt Service Tax Rate
for a TOTAL TAX RATE of \$.450000 per \$100.00 Taxable Value and 97% Collections
RANCHO VIEJO'S TAXABLE VALUE FOR 2017/2018 IS \$255,898,005

(2) AS APPROVED AT 9/12/17 MEETING

(3) BASED ON TAX RATE OF \$.358909 for M&O Tax Rate
\$.091091 Debt Service Tax Rate
for a TOTAL TAX RATE of \$.450000 per \$100.00 Taxable Value and 97% Collections
RANCHO VIEJO'S TAXABLE VALUE FOR 2018/2019 IS \$267,612,019

EXPENSES:

PROPOSED
BUDGET
2018-2019

APPROVED(2)
BUDGET
2017-2018

Administration:

2100.0000	Travel-Admin.	2,000.00	2,000.00
2110.0000	Seminar & Edu. - Admin.	1,200.00	1,200.00
2150.0000	Payroll - Admin.	122,000.00	119,000.00
2155.0000	Longevity - Admin	900.00	
2160.0000	Retirement - Admin.	9,400.00	9,600.00
2161.0000	S.S./Medicare - Admin.	9,400.00	8,300.00
2170.0000	Insurance Medical - Adm.	11,600.00	12,334.00
2171.0000	Medical Dependent	1,980.00	1,384.00
2180.0000	Insurance Life - Admin.	140.00	140.00
2190.0000	Ins. Workman's Comp	200.00	200.00
2200.0000	Part Time Labor - Admin.	33,000.00	22,000.00

Total Administration: **\$191,820.00** **\$176,158.00**

General:

3140.0000	Telephone	3,800.00	4,200.00
3150.0000	Electricity Office	7,500.00	6,800.00
3160.0000	Insurance Liability	25,100.00	29,100.00
3170.0000	Legal Notices	2,300.00	2,300.00
3200.0000	Office Supplies	4,300.00	4,300.00
3220.0000	Postage	1,450.00	800.00
3230.0000	Dues & Publications	2,800.00	2,543.00
3240.0000	Appraisal & Tax Collection	26,330.00	25,248.00
3250.0000	Water	1,900.00	1,900.00
3260.0000	Election Costs	4,500.00	4,000.00
3270.0000	Building/Yard Maintenance	10,280.00	9,500.00
3280.0000	Cameron Co. Court Costs	550.00	555.00
3300.0000	Public Relations	8,000.00	8,000.00
3305.0000	Continuing Education	2,500.00	
3310.0000	Parks and Recreation	8,200.00	
3320.0000	Office Equip. Maint.	7,500.00	7,500.00
4220.0000	Municipal Court Supplies	3,600.00	3,350.00
1720.6730	Transfer Out to Debt Service	7,313.00	7,149.00

Total General: **\$127,923.00** **\$117,245.00**

General Service:

5650.0000	Fire Dept.	0.00	8,400.00
5660.0000	Fire Protection Contract	30,000.00	30,000.00

Total General Service: **\$30,000.00** **\$38,400.00**

Professional:

5100.0000	Legal Fees	42,000.00	32,000.00
5200.0000	Audit Fees	7,800.00	7,800.00
5400.0000	Building Inspection	23,000.00	22,000.00
5500.0000	Municipal Judge	14,050.00	12,042.00

Total Professional: **\$86,850.00** **\$73,842.00**

	PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-2019	APPROVED(2) BUDGET 2017-2018
Police General:		
4140.0000 Clothing - Police	2,100.00	3,000.00
4150.0000 Payroll - Police	420,802.00	421,587.00
4155.0000 Longevity - Police	6,000.00	
4160.0000 Police Ret & Empl. Tax	31,400.00	31,072.00
4161.0000 Medicare & S.S.	16,000.00	15,300.00
4170.0000 Ins. Medical	46,265.00	49,333.00
4171.0000 Ins. Medical Dependant	9,300.00	10,080.00
4180.0000 Ins. Life	544.00	544.00
4190.0000 Ins. Workman's Comp	12,183.00	11,474.00
4200.0000 Cleaning of Uniforms	2,500.00	2,500.00
4210.0000 Police Supplies	4,850.00	3,872.00
4210.5000 Printing	500.00	100.00
4230.0000 Travel - Police	1,600.00	1,600.00
4240.0000 Seminar & Education - PD	3,100.00	3,100.00
4250.0000 Auto Repairs	9,500.00	8,000.00
4260.0000 Auto Fuel	20,250.00	20,250.00
4291.0000 Fire Prevention/1st Aid Police	300.00	300.00
4300.0000 Radio Equipment Maint.	1,000.00	1,000.00
4330.0000 Dispatch	3,600.00	3,600.00
4331.0000 Police Investigation	11,100.00	16,798.00
4333.0000 Drug Testing	250.00	250.00
Total Police General:	\$603,144.00	\$603,760.00
Public Works:		
6300.0000 Signs & Safety Markers	3,000.00	3,000.00
6500.0000 Lighting Expenses	45,000.00	40,000.00
6600.0000 Lot Mowing	1,800.00	1,000.00
6640.0000 Common Area Maint.	53,120.00	49,580.00
6700.0000 Comm Area Water&Elec.	7,000.00	7,850.00
6660.0000 Beautification Project	5,000.00	5,000.00
6660.0002 Community Alert System	1,950.00	1,800.00
6660.0003 Animal Control	1,275.00	1,275.00
6660.0004 Security Device Reserve	750.00	750.00
6705.0001 Security Device Maint.	7,500.00	7,500.00
6710.0000 Mosquito Spraying	7,000.00	5,000.00
4291.6220 Hurricane Preparedness	4,000.00	1,300.00
Total Public Works:	\$137,395.00	\$124,055.00
Streets:		
6000.0000 St. Rehab.	20,000.00	25,000.00
6100.0000 St. Rehab. Engineer	5,000.00	0.00
6200.0000 Street Reserve	90,000.00	80,000.00
Total Street Expense:	\$115,000.00	\$105,000.00
Capital Outlay:		
3210.0000 Office Equipment	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Capital:	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Vehicle Loan:		
9000.0200 Vehicle Loan	28,691.00	28,691.00
Total Loan:	\$28,691.00	\$28,691.00
Total Operating Expense:	\$1,325,823.00	\$1,272,151.00
General Fund Net Excess/(Deficit):	\$7,146.00	\$28,503.00

	PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-2019	APPROVED(2) BUDGET 2017-2018
DEBT FUND		
REVENUES:		
5811.2017 Ad Val. Debt Tax 2017		\$238,302.00 (1)
5811.2017 Ad Val. Debt Tax 2017 - 3% allowance		(\$7,149.00) (1)
5811.2018 Ad Val. Debt Tax 2018	243,773.00 (3)	
5811.2018 Ad Val. Debt Tax 2018 - 3% allowance	(7,313.00) (3)	
5811.8704 Discount on Debt Taxes	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)
5811.8703 P&I on Debt Taxes	1,400.00	1,400.00
5720.8615 Transfer In - General Fund	7,313.00	7,149.00
Total Debt Revenues	\$244,173.00	\$238,702.00
EXPENSES:		
Town Hall Debt Service Account:		
5820.8715 Interest Payable	14,655.00	15,941.00
5820.8710 Scheduled Principal	35,000.00	35,000.00
Total Town Hall Debt Service:	\$49,655.00	\$50,941.00
Streets Debt Service Account:		
5820.8725 Interest Payable	99,118.00	102,161.00
5820.8720 Scheduled Principal	95,000.00	85,000.00
Total Streets Debt Service:	\$194,118.00	\$187,161.00
Total Debt Service:	\$243,773.00	\$238,102.00
Debt Fund Net Excess/(Deficit):	\$400.00	\$600.00
CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATIONS FUND		
REVENUES:		
8655.0000 Interest from Investments	2,000.00	2,500.00
Total Certificates of Obligations Revenues:	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
EXPENSES:		
9280.6000 Street Rehab Reserves M&O Phase 1	100,650.00	189,000.00
9280.6001 Street Cert. Obligations 2016 Phase 1	2,035,545.00	2,788,765.00
Total Certificates of Obligations Expenses:	\$2,136,195.00	\$2,977,765.00
Certificates of Obligations Net Excess/(Deficit):	(\$2,134,195.00)	(\$2,975,265.00)
Total All Expenses:	\$3,705,791.00	\$4,488,018.00
Total All Revenues:	\$1,579,142.00	\$1,541,856.00
Total All Net Excess/(Deficit):	(\$2,126,649.00)	(\$2,946,162.00)
Other Financing Sources		
1810.7600 Fund Balance TRF In - Street Reserves Phase 1	100,650.00	189,000.00
1810.7600 Fund Balance TRF In - Obligations 2016 Phase 1	2,035,545.00	2,788,765.00
Total Other Financing Sources:	\$2,136,195.00	\$2,977,765.00
To General Fund:	\$9,546.00	\$31,603.00

**15. Consideration/Ratification
of the Property Tax (Revenue)
Increase Reflected in the
Budget for Fiscal Year October
1, 2018 to September 30, 2019**

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by \$56,783 or 4.948523%, and of that amount \$17,709 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the roll this year.

I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .450000, which is effectively a 3.367720 percent increase in the tax rate.

16. Consideration/Adoption of Ordinance to Establish Ad Valorem Tax Rate to Provide for Budget Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE TAX YEAR 2018, 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

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

Section 1. There is hereby established a tax rate for the tax year 2018:

\$.358909 Maintenance & Operation Tax Rate
\$.091091 Debt Tax Rate
\$.450000 Total Tax Rate

for each \$100.00 of assessed valuation of all ad valorem and personal property taxable under the laws of this State by the Town of Rancho Viejo.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE MORE BY 3.956866 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$13.66.

Section 2. There is hereby established an assessed valuation of one hundred (100%) percent of the fair market value of all real and personal property according to the certified tax rolls of the Town of Rancho Viejo.

Section 3. There is hereby granted a homestead exemption to qualified homeowners at the level of \$5,000 on the ad valorem tax for the tax year 2018.

Section 4. There is hereby granted a discount for early payment of the 2018 taxes which discount shall be equal to and the same as that granted by CAMERON COUNTY, the agency under contract to collect the taxes of this Town, said discount all being pursuant to State law.

Section 5. Any payment not timely made shall bear such penalty and interest as is provided by State law.

Section 6. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or provision of the Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 7. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this the 11th day of September, 2018.

Cyndie Rathbun, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fred Blanco, Town Secretary

17. Consideration/Approval to Designate the Town of Rancho Viejo Town Hall as an Early Voting Site for the Cameron County General Elections to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018: the Dates and Times are as Follows: Monday, October 22, 2018 through Friday, October 26, 2018 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.



REMI GARZA
ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR

August 8, 2018

Mr. Alfredo Blanco
Manager
Rancho Viejo City Hall
3301 Carmen Ave.
Olmito, Texas 78575

Dear Mr. Blanco

This is our official request to designate the following location as an Early Voting site for the General Elections to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018:

Town of Rancho Viejo City Hall, 3301 Carmen Ave., Rancho Viejo, Texas

The dates and times for early voting are as follow:

Monday, Oct. 22 thru Friday, Oct. 26 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 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.

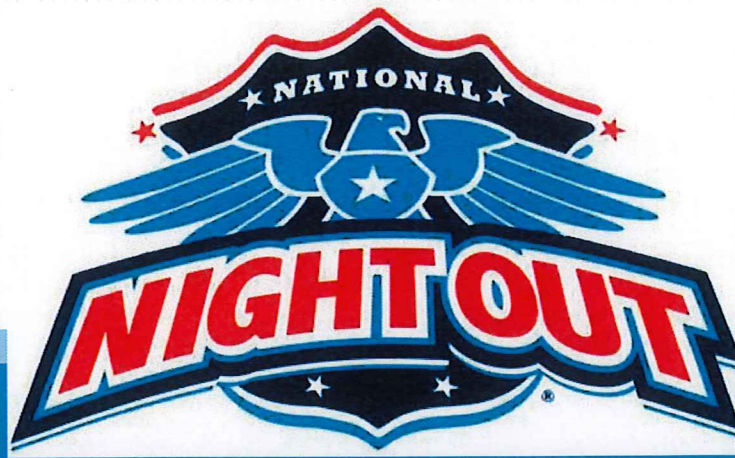
Upon consideration and agreement, please fax us a confirmation letter at (956) 550-7298 or email it to Maribel.diaz@co.cameron.tx.us. We greatly appreciate your help in making the approaching elections a success.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

Remi Garza
Elections Administrator

**18. Announcement - National
Night Out - Thursday, October
18, 2018 from 5:30 PM – 7:30
PM**



Rancho Viejo National Night Out



Everyone is Invited!

**Please join us at Town Hall
Thursday, October 18, 2018**

5:30 p.m. ~ 7:30 p.m.



**Meet your Police, Fire and EMS
Depts., City Council and Mayor**
**Fun activities for kids!  Hot
dogs, drinks, ID kits, and music!**

19. July 2018 Financial Report - Town Administrator

20. Consideration/Action on Budget Amendment for 2017/2018

21. August 2018 Police Report - Police Chief

22. Public Comment

23. Adjourn