



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 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 JANUARY 9, 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 - Regular Meeting November 14, 2017
6. November 2017 Financial Report - Town Administrator
7. December 2017 Police Report - Police Chief
8. Consideration/Action to Declare One 2007 Dodge Ram (Seized Vehicle That is Asset Forfeiture) Surplus Property to be Sold and Authorize the Police Chief/Mayor to Accept the Highest Offer
9. Consideration/Action on Nomination for Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame
10. Consideration/Reappointment of Members to the Planning and Zoning Committee
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. Public Comment
13. 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

Aldерwoman Guerrero

Alderman Lucio

Aldерwoman Salinas

Aldерwoman 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 November 14, 2017

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
NOVEMBER 14, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rathbun at 6:04 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Mrs. Maribel Guerrero

Mr. Erick Lucio

Ms. Grace Salinas

Mrs. Bitty Truan

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:

Mary Morales

Antonio Guevara

Officer R. I. Cantu

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Antonio Guevara asked about drainage on the corner of Plantation Drive and Resaca Bend and about the water tower/golf ball.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Alderman Guerrero, seconded by Alderman Salinas, and unanimously carried, to approve the Minutes for the Special Meeting held on August 3, 2017, Special Meeting held on August 15, 2017, Special Meeting held on August 29, 2017, Special Meeting held on September 5, 2017, and the Special Meeting held on September 11, 2017, as written.

Motion was made by Alderman Guerrero, seconded by Alderman Salinas, and unanimously carried, to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on September 12, 2017, as written.

Motion was made by Alderman Vera, seconded by Alderman Salinas, to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on October 10, 2017, with the addition at the end of item #5 paragraph one to

say: Alderman Vera also requested to table this item and to have a special meeting with the full board for further review.

Motion passed with the following vote:

AYES: Alderman Salinas, Alderman Truan, Alderman Vera

NAYES: None

ABSTAINING: Alderman Guerrero and Alderman Lucio

6. CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS APPROVING THE PROPOSAL BY THE CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR RENOVATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS:

Ms. Mary Morales, representative for the Cameron Appraisal District, went over the request. Ms. Morales answered several questions from the Board.

Motion was made by Alderman Guerrero and seconded by Alderman Salinas, to approve Resolution No. 311 - A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS APPROVING THE PROPOSAL BY THE CAMERON APPRAISAL DISTRICT FOR RENOVATION OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

Motion passed with the following vote

AYES: Alderman Guerrero, Alderman Salinas, Alderman Vera

NAYES: Alderman Lucio, Alderman Truan

ABSTAINING: None

7. STREET PROJECT REPORT - STREET COMMITTEE:

Alderman Guerrero stated that the lab results from Raba Kistner were okay. The inspector relayed when complete, he will do walk-through to see about cosmetic or repairs issues. There have been drainage issues reported on Plantation Drive that are not on the assessment but they will look and determine issues for immediate solution. There will be a revised schedule soon.

8. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO DECLARE ONE 2011 DODGE CHARGER (POLICE UNIT) SURPLUS PROPERTY TO BE SOLD AND AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE/MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE HIGHEST OFFER:

Chief Cruz stated that the unit has a blown engine. Motion was made by Alderman Truan, seconded by Alderman Salinas, unanimously carried, to declare one 2011 Dodge Charger (Police Unit) Surplus Property to be Sold and Authorize the Chief of Police/Mayor to Accept the Highest Offer.

9. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE RANCHO VIEJO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN:

Mayor Rathbun mentioned that the Town had an open house in March and September to review and discuss the plan. This request is for approval of the concept not funding, we are all prepared to request federal and state grants. Motion was made by Alderman Lucio, seconded by Alderman Salinas, and unanimously carried, to approve the Rancho Viejo Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

10. ANNOUNCE 3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CEREMONY AND GOLF CART & BIKE PARADE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 5:30 P.M.:

Mayor Rathbun announced that the 3rd Annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony and Golf Cart & Bike Parade will be held on Sunday, December 3rd at 5:30 P.M. we will start the parade go through some

streets in Town and will come back to Town Hall. Once we arrive there will be the lighting of the Christmas Tree and we will have music and food and we invite everyone to come and join us.

11. SEPTEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

Town Administrator Fred Blanco went over the September 2017 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.

Alderman Guerrero clarified that under Street Rehabilitation item the amount of \$9,384 for the change work order for work done in Las Haciendas was taken from the general fund and not from the Certificates of Obligation account.

12. OCTOBER 2017 POLICE REPORT - POLICE CHIEF:

Officer R. Cantu went over the items for the October 2017 Police Report. Alderman Lucio asked about the stop in front of Rancho Viejo in the intersection of F.M. 803 and Frontage Road under the underpass.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no comments from the public.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - PURSUANT TO THE FOLLOWING SECTION OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 TO CONSIDER THE RE-APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, OR DUTIES OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TO CONSIDER A CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

Motion was made by Alderman Guerrero, seconded by Lucio, all unanimously carried to go into Executive Session - Pursuant to the Following Section of the Texas Government Code 551.074 to consider the Re-appointment, Employment, Evaluation, or Duties of the Town Administrator and to consider a Contract Extension for the Town Administrator, at 7:11 P.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:44 P.M.

15. POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Alderman Lucio, seconded by Alderman Guerrero, and unanimously carried to extend the contract with Fred Blanco as Town Administrator, for one year.

16. ADJOURN:

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

BY: _____
Fred Blanco, Town Administrator

APPROVED: _____
Cyndie Rathbun, Mayor

DATE: _____

6. November 2017 Financial Report - Town Administrator

7. December 2017 Police Report - Police Chief

**8. Consideration/Action to Declare
one 2007 Dodge Ram (Seized
Vehicle that is Asset Forfeiture)
Surplus Property to be Sold and
Authorize the Police Chief/Mayor to
Accept the Highest Offer**




CAMERON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Luis V. Saenz

District Attorney

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Manuel Cruz
Rancho Viejo

FROM: Matthew M. Kendall 
Assistant County and District Attorney

RE: State of Texas vs. Jesus Gaspar Davila and Daniel Fuentes
Cause No. 2016-DCL-5265-G (404th)

DATE: December 27, 2017

Attached hereto is one certified copy of the Final Default Judgment in Cause No.2016-DCL-5265-G (404th). This Judgment is Final and the State does not plan to Appeal. Please be advised of the following distribution of seized property:

- 1.) A 2007 Dodge Ram 1500 (VIN# 1D7HA182X7S163495) was seized by the Rancho Viejo Police Department and has been filed for forfeiture by the State of Texas.
- 2.) The amount of \$275.00 is to be paid to the District Clerks Office for Court Costs. *This amount is to be paid by Rancho Viejo directly.*
- 3.) The 2007 Dodge Ram 1500 (VIN# 1D7HA182X7S163495) as set out in paragraph 1 is hereby awarded to the Rancho Viejo Police Department as per terms of local agreement.

Any cash proceeds awarded to Cameron County District Attorney's Office that have not yet been deposited with Cameron County Treasurer's Office will be remitted to the DA's Finance Department (956-544-0849).

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our office.

9. Consideration/Action on Nomination for Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame

Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame

State Farm Arena

Hidalgo, Texas

2018

Introduction

As you know The Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame at the State Farm Arena was created as part of the 2005 BorderFest "A Salute to the Rio Grande Valley." The City of Hidalgo and Hidalgo's BorderFest Committee created the Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame at the State Farm Arena. New inductees in the walk will be unveiled during the 2018 Hidalgo's BorderFest. The Rio Grande Valley "Walk of Fame" celebrates the life the achievements, and the significant civic contributions of individuals that have made a difference in the Rio Grande Valley. People from all walks of life are inducted into the Walk. The walk celebrates the life, achievements and significant civic contributions of outstanding men and women to communities in the Rio Grande Valley and South Texas.

Selection Process

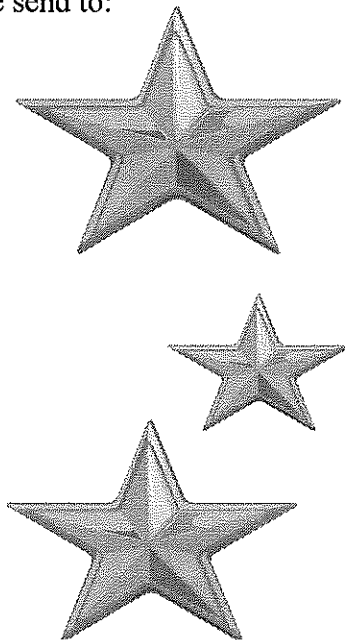
The Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame Commission will make the final selection for inductions into the Walk. The commission includes key people from the Rio Grande Valley. Representatives from local libraries, arts organizations, media journalists and other citizens with an informed understanding of the Rio Grande Valley cultural heritage will serve on the commission. The previous groups of inductees include one person selected by every City Council in the Rio Grande Valley and one person selected by each Chamber in the Rio Grande Valley each year. In addition, the previous groups also include persons selected by the Hidalgo's BorderFest Committee and the City of Hidalgo. Additional persons will be inducted and recognized during BorderFest each year. Any individual previously nominated into the Walk of Fame cannot be considered for re-nomination. To avoid any duplications attached please find a copy of all the previous inductees. The Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame in now a local landmark that bears the names of President George W. Bush, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Governor Rick Perry, Despierta America Host Fernando Arau, Singers Lupita D'Alessio, Laura Flores, Ninel Conde, and multi-Grammy Award winner Ramon Ayala, among many other distinguished persons.

Nomination Criteria

Submit the name, date and place of birth, and a short history or autobiography of the person you wish to nominate. Include the Rio Grande Valley connection, life achievements and a description of his or her contributions to the community.

Anyone may participate in the nomination process. Simply complete the Walk of Fame nomination form, which would include facts and contributions the person has made to the Rio Grande Valley. Please send to:

Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame Commission
704 East Ramon Ayala Drive
Hidalgo, Texas 78557
(956) 843-2286
(956) 843-2317 Fax
Email address: mcabrera@cityofhidalgo.net
Attention: Maggie Cabrera



**Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame
Nomination Form
2018**

Nominee _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # (Day) _____ (Evening) _____ (Cell) _____

Business Association / Organization _____ Title _____

E-Mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Still Living Yes _____ No _____ Date of Death _____

Born in Rio Grande Valley Yes _____ No _____

Did this person spend most of his/her life in Rio Grande Valley or Texas? Yes _____ No _____

How many years? _____

What contribution has this nominee made to your Community, the Rio Grande Valley or Texas?

What impact has this nominee's work had on the Community, Rio Grande Valley or Texas?

List Nominee's Community or Volunteer Work.

List Nominee's participation in Civic or Non-Profit Organizations.

List Nominee's Family Information.

List Nominee's Professional Organization Affiliations.

Describe how this nominee has gone above and beyond the call of duty in their work for the community.

Are there other indicators of the nominee's achievements not listed previously? (Honors, Memberships, Recognition, Awards, Publications, etc.)

Nominator Organization _____

Contact Person _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # (Day) _____ (Evening) _____ (Cell) _____

Business Association / Organization _____ Title _____

E-Mail Address _____

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10. Consideration/Reappointment of Members to the Planning and Zoning Committee

Mayor Rathbun will recommend to reappoint Craig Grove, Filiberto Conde and Carmine Auditore as members to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

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

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 9, 2018 for the election to be held on May 5, 2018, is hereby ratified and adopted in all respects.

SECTION 2. Said election is to be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018 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 17, 2018 and the last day for filing said application is Friday, February 16, 2018 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 23, 2018 through Tuesday, May 1, 2018, Monday through Friday, regular working hours (8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.); except for Wednesday, April 25, 2018 and Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 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 or electronic submission of a scanned application must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Electronic submission of a scanned application with an original signature shall be e-mailed to ranchoviejotown@aol.com.

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 9th day of January, 2018.

Cyndie Rathbun, Mayor

ATTEST:

Fred Blanco, Town Secretary

12. Public Comment

13. Adjourn