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Mayor George Rivera Resigns

Mayor George Rivera turned in his resignation on April 25 and on May 2 it was officially accepted at a Special Meeting of the City Council. Sincere appreciation to Mayor George Rivera for his dedication to our City, especially for tackling the drainage issues we face. He faithfully served our City for 7 years. Thank you for your service; the city is extremely grateful.

May 17, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting

May 7, 2022, City Council General Election Official Results

Place 1	Annette Baker Michael Galvan	164 145
Place 2	Gilberto Lucio Melissa Tice William Elmer	128 110 71
Place 4	Jerry Wade	230

The Official Canvass of the May 7, 2022, General Election was adopted, and the newly elected officials were sworn in.

- Place 1Annette BakerPlace 2Gilberto Lucio
- Place 4 Jerry Wade

A presentation of gifts of appreciation was made to outgoing council members Cynthia Thompson and Michael Galvan for their years of service to the City of Palm Valley.

The Council appointed Eric Hoff as the new Mayor Pro Tem for 2022-2023. The Council took no action to appoint a new Mayor. Eric Hoff will serve as Mayor Pro Tem until a Mayor is appointed.

Meet your City of Palm Valley City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Eric Hoff



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City of Palm Valley Councilman in my 2nd of 2 terms. Recently appointed Mayor Pro-Tem through May 2023. Formerly served as City of La Feria Commissioner & Mayor Pro-Tem. Formerly owned the Bottle Shop Liquor Store. Lives in Palm Valley with wife Tina since 2018.

Place 1 Annette Baker



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I was born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley. Mother of three beautiful and successful daughters, I am also a grandmother of three. With tendencies of being a workaholic, I try to keep a balanced life. Aside from work, I enjoy being involved at my church, Christian Fellowship. It has been fulfilling to be a part of Mentoring programs as well as leading different Bible Studies. Tennis has always been my favorite sport, but the HCC tennis pro will tell you that my work has gotten in the way. In the recent years I have enjoyed being involved in the Harlingen Board of Realtors as Past President and TREPAC fundraising Chairman. At the end of the day, my greatest accomplishment is being a mother of three daughters and grandmother of three. In aspiring to be a good mother, successful Realtor, and a leader in my community, I know I must strive to walk in Truth and be a servant first. I look forward to serving the citizens of Palm Valley as a Councilwoman.

Place 2 Gil Lucio



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Place 3 Lisa Taylor



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Place 4 Jerry Wade



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I'm Gil Lucio, I graduated in 1982 from San Benito High School and joined the US Air Force serving for over a decade. I graduated from the Metropolitan State University of Denver with a BA in Political Science.

In 1994, I joined the Denver Police Department working as a detective and in 2019, I retired, and my wife and I moved to Palm Valley, the best city in Texas. After retirement, I started teaching high school in Brownsville TX.

I am a strong believer in the fundamental basics of government-fiscal responsibility, transparency, personal accountability, and above all community participation. Looking forward to serving you.

This is my 5th year on the counsel. I am a CPA for 35 years and an Attorney for 30 years.

I have lived in Palm Valley for 14 years and in Harlingen 16 years before that.

Three years of serving on City Council. Twenty-three years Palm Valley resident. Currently head of Golf Course maintenance at Harlingen Country Club. I am eager to make a wonderful town better.

Lake #3 Drainage Improvement Complete

Lake #3 by the sewer plant is officially complete. The contractor is finishing the punch list of the last few details. Wires have been repaired, intake pipe fixed, and a new suction pipe is in place. The area has been smoothed and the rocks removed to prepare for grass. The small construction fence will be removed as soon as the sprinkler heads are in place and the new grass has a chance to develop strong roots. The street will be repaired as the last detail.

South Drain Project Moving Forward

South Drain (Golf Course) ditch construction plans have a small alternative modification included in the design. Then engineers will submit the set of construction documents to the Texas Water Development Board for final approval.

Municipal Court

Municipal court hearings are still being held through Zoom until further notice. Usually, they are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Hurricane Preparedness

According to the Cameron County hurricane preparedness brochure, the following tips are to better prepare for the upcoming hurricane season:

- 1. Keep ditches and culverts clear. Contact Palm Valley City Hall if there is a problem with drainage.
- 2. Trim loose or dead branches near your house. Chop down trees that could fall on your house.
- 3. Check your insurance. Make sure that you have adequate coverage. Look into flood and windstorm insurance because many home policies do not cover this type of damage.

For more information and the complete brochure, visit <u>https://www.cameroncountytx.gov/emergency-management/</u>

We need to keep our drains clear of any debris/brush to have a good water flow to prevent flooding.

Upcoming Holidays and Events

Juneteenth- Sunday June 19, 2022

City Council Meeting- Tuesday June 21, 2022

Independence Day- Monday, July 4, 2022

THE COUNCIL

Mayor Pro-Tem: Eric Hoff Councilmembers: Annete Baker, Gilberto Lucio, Lisa Taylor, Jerry Wade.

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 423-8384

 Municipal Court:
 423-8384

 Police DEPT:
 873-1500

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 423-4040

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