

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2015 Rockport City Hall, 622 East Market Street

On the 24th day of March 2015, the City Council of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, convened in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m., at the regular meeting place in City Hall, and notice of meeting giving time, place, date and subject was posted as described in V.T.C.A., Government Code § 551.041.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Charles J. Wax
Mayor Pro-Tem Pat Rios, Ward 3
Council Member Rusty Day, Ward 1
Council Member J. D. Villa, Ward 2
Council Member Barbara Gurtner, Ward 4

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Kevin Carruth
City Attorney Terry Baiamonte
City Secretary Teresa Valdez
Police Chief Tim Jayroe
Public Works Director Mike Donoho
Finance Director Patty Howard
Parks & Leisure Services Director Tom Staley

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Opening Agenda

1. Call to Order.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockport City Council was called to order by Mayor Wax at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Rockport City Hall, 622 E. Market Street, Rockport, Texas.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Day led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Presentation: Friends of Aransas & Matagorda Island Wildlife Refuge.

Mayor Wax stated the Whooping Crane Strut was very successful. Mayor Wax presented a check in the amount of \$735.00 to Fred Lanoue, President of the Friends of Aransas and Matagorda Island Wildlife Refuge.

Mr. Lanoue stated the money is used only for drilling water wells for the wildlife to provide fresh water.

4. Proclamation: Fair Housing Month.

Mayor Wax read a Proclamation declaring the month of April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Rockport, Texas.

Mayor Wax then announced that this is *The Rockport Pilot's* reporter, Ms. Harley Hoot's last meeting with the City Council. Mayor Wax thanked Ms. Hoot for her professionalism and presented her with a Mayor's coin. Mayor Wax wished Ms. Hoot well in her new endeavors.

5. Citizens to be heard.

At this time comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. To address the Council, please sign the speaker's card located on the table outside the Council Chamber and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take any action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda.

There were no citizen comments.

Consent Agenda

All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- 6. Deliberate and act on approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2015.**
- 7. Deliberate and act on request from Rockport First Assembly of God for temporary closure of East Laurel Street, from North Live Oak Street to North Church Street, on April 4, 2015, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for an Easter egg hunt.**
- 8. Deliberate and act on ratification of Mayor's appointment of citizen to YMCA Project Committee.**
- 9. Deliberate and act on request from Rockport Yacht Club for the City to allow temporary directional signage at the intersection of Market Street and Highway 35 South on May 1-4, 2015, for the 14th Annual Rockport Nautical Flea Market.**

Mayor Wax called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. There being no requests, Mayor Wax called for a motion.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Rios moved to adopt the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Council Member Villa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

10. Tabled March 10, 2015 - Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance pursuant to Article 23 "Conditional Use Permit" (CUP) Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 granting a CUP to property located at 2501 San Antonio Street for the purpose of installation of a mobile home; setting out additional conditions in addition to those conditions stipulated under Article 23, Rockport Zoning Ordinance 1027; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Wax stated this item will be left tabled until the Planning and Zoning Commission receives the additional/new information.

11. Reports from Council and Staff.

At this time, the City Council will report/update on all committee assignments which may include the following: Aransas County Storm Water Committee, Community Park Committee, Park & Leisure Advisory Board, Chamber of Commerce, Coastal Bend Council of Governments, Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries, Texas Maritime Museum, Fulton Mansion, Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport Tropical Christmas, and Texas Municipal League. Staff reports include the following: Building & Development – Bi-Weekly Code Enforcement, Proposed Development Report; Accounting & Finance – Update on Liens Collection, Financial & Investment Information, Monthly Financial Reports; Police Department – Grant Update, Quarterly Police Reports; Public Works – Building Maintenance, Construction Updates; Park & Leisure Services – Grant Updates, Miscellaneous park projects; Municipal Court; Administration – Interlocal Agreements, Public Information, and Hotel Occupancy Report. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time.

Discussion was held among Council and Public Works Director Mike Donoho in regard to the Code Enforcement Report.

Discussion was held among Council, City Manager Kevin Carruth and Mr. Donoho in regard to the Building & Development Report.

Executive Session

City Council will hold an executive session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

**12. Section 551.071(1)(A) and Section 551.071(2) Consultation with Attorney:
1) Pending or contemplated litigation: a) Templeton and b) Bay Education Center;
and 2) Jail Services Agreement.**

13. Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations: Project Cardinal.

14. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters - City Secretary evaluation.

At 6:58 p.m., Mayor Wax convened the Rockport City Council into an executive session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.071(1)(A) and Section 551.071(2) Consultation with Attorney: 1) Pending or contemplated litigation: a) Templeton and b) Bay Education Center; and 2) Jail Services Agreement; Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations: Project Cardinal; and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters - City Secretary evaluation.

Open Session

15. City Council will reconvene into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any actions necessary related to the executive sessions noted herein, or regular agenda items, noted above, and/or related items.

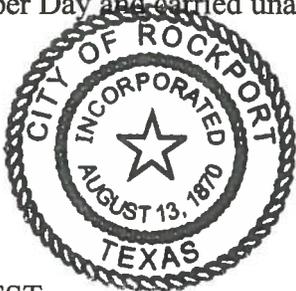
At 7:45 p.m., Mayor Wax reconvened the Rockport City Council into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any actions necessary related to the executive sessions noted herein, or regular agenda items, noted above, and/or related items.

No action was taken.

Mayor Wax informed the Council he had received an email from Dr. Addison Lawrence stating that Texas A&M University has terminated the AgriLife Research Project and all staff. Mayor Wax stated he sent an email expressing his disappointment.

16. Adjournment

At 7:47 p.m., Council Member Villa moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Day and carried unanimously.



ATTEST:


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS


Charles J. Wax, Mayor