

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 2016 Rockport City Hall, 622 East Market Street

On the 7th day of June 2016, the City Council of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, convened in Special Session at 1:30 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 Barbara Gurtner, Ward 4

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

Council Member J.D. Villa, Ward 2

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Kevin Carruth
City Secretary Teresa Valdez
Finance Director Patty Howard

ELECTED OFFICIALS

1. Call to Order.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Special Session of the Rockport City Council was called to order by Mayor Wax at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, in the Council Chambers of the Rockport City Hall, 622 E. Market Street, Rockport, Texas.

Mayor Wax extended an invitation to attend the Council Budget Workshop meetings on July 11 and 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

2. Hear and deliberate on request for grant funds from the General Fund Account from the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department.

Danny Cox, Jr., Fire Chief for the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department, addressed the Council. Mr. Cox presented a request for \$93,737 grant funds from the City of Rockport.

Discussion was held among the Council and Mr. Cox regarding the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department General Fund request.

3. Hear and deliberate on requests for grant funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account from the following entities:

A. Aransas County Council on Aging – Bountiful Bowl Pottery Fair

Mayor Wax stated no one representing the Aransas County Council on Aging Bountiful Bowl Pottery Fair was in attendance to present their request. Mayor Wax stated they were requesting \$1,500 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account.

B. Aransas County Independent School District Education Foundation

Cindy Duck and Paula Dean, representing Aransas County Independent School District Education Foundation, addressed the Council. Ms. Duck presented a request for \$5,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account for the October 1, 2016, Shopping Tournament.

Discussion was held among Council and Ms. Duck and Ms. Dean regarding Aransas County Independent School District Education Foundation grant fund request.

C. The Friends of the Fulton Mansion – Fulton Mansion State Historic Site

Marsha Hendrix, representing the Friends of the Fulton Mansion, Fulton Mansion State Historic Site, addressed the Council. Ms. Hendrix presented a request for \$30,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account.

Discussion was held among Council and Ms. Hendrix regarding The Friends of the Fulton Mansion grant fund request.

D. Friends of the History Center – Tour of Homes

Kam Wagert, Friends of the History Center Tour of Homes Chair, addressed the Council. Ms. Wagert presented a request for \$2,500 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account.

Discussion was held among Council and Ms. Wagert regarding the Friends of the History Center grant fund request.

E. Rockport Center for the Arts

Luis Puron, Executive Director of the Rockport Center for the Arts, addressed the Council. Mr. Puron presented a request for \$124,500 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account.

Discussion was held among Council and Mr. Puron regarding the Rockport Center for the Arts grant fund request.

F. Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce

i. Marketing

Sandy Jumper, Director of Tourism and Events, and Diane Probst, President & Chief Executive Officer, addressed the Council. Ms. Jumper presented the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce 2016-2017 Marketing Plan. The Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce presented a request for \$330,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account.

Discussion was held among Council, Ms. Probst and Ms. Jumper regarding the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce grant fund request.

ii. HummerBird Celebration

Sandy Jumper, Director of Tourism and Events, addressed the Council. Ms. Jumper presented a request for \$1,500 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account.

Discussion was held among Council and Ms. Jumper regarding the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce grant fund request for the HummerBird Celebration.

iii. Seafair

Sandy Jumper, Director of Tourism and Events, addressed the Council. Ms. Jumper presented a request for \$1,500 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account.

Discussion was held among Council and Ms. Jumper regarding the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce grant fund request for Seafair.

iv. Veterans Memorial Wall Traveling Exhibit

Diane Probst, President & Chief Executive Officer, addressed the Council. Ms. Probst presented a request for \$1,500 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account.

Discussion was held among Council and Ms. Probst regarding the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce grant fund request for the Veterans Memorial Wall Traveling Exhibit.

G. Rockport Rotary Club - Rockport Film Festival

Elena Rodriguez, Rockport Center for the Arts Creative and Managing Director, and Kathy David, President of the Rockport Rotary Club, addressed the Council. Ms. Rodriguez stated the Rockport Rotary Club is once again working with the Rockport Center for the Arts to host the Rockport Film Festival event.

Ms. Rodriguez presented a request for \$3,000 grant funds for the Rockport Film Festival from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account.

Discussion was held among Council, Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. David regarding the Rockport Rotary Club grant fund request for the Rockport Film Festival.

H. Rockport Yacht Club – Nautical Flea Market

Ann Lockwood, Co-Chairman of the 2016 Nautical Flea Market, and Scott McCain, Vice Commodore, addressed the Council. Ms. Lockwood presented a request for \$4,500 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account for the Nautical Flea Market.

Discussion was held among the Council, Ms. Lockwood and Mr. McCain regarding the Rockport Yacht Club grant fund request.

I. Texas Maritime Museum

Kathy Roberts-Douglass, Chief Executive Officer of the Texas Maritime Museum, addressed the Council. Ms. Roberts-Douglass presented a request for \$80,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account.

Discussion was held among Council and Ms. Roberts-Douglass regarding the Texas Maritime Museum grant fund request.

4. Adjournment

At 2:58 p.m., Mayor Pro-Tem Rios moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Day and carried unanimously.



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Patrick Rios, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

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Teresa Valdez, City Secretary