

# CITY OF ROCKPORT

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 2, 2015 Rockport City Hall, 622 East Market Street

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2015, 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 Attorney Terry Baiamonte  
City Secretary Teresa Valdez  
Finance Director Patty Howard  
Police Chief Tim Jayroe  
Public Works Director Mike Donoho  
Parks & Leisure Services Director Tom Staley

#### 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 2, 2015, in the Council Chambers of the Rockport City Hall, 622 E. Market Street, Rockport, Texas.

#### **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 \$89,600 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. The Aquarium at Rockport Harbor**

Ed Hegen, representing The Aquarium at Rockport Harbor, addressed the Council. Mr. Hegen presented a request for \$5,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account for the August 6, 2016, AquaFest event.

Discussion was held among Council and Mr. Hegen regarding The Aquarium at Rockport Harbor grant fund request.

**B. 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.

**C. Aransas County Independent School District Education Foundation**

Karen Mella, representing Aransas County Independent School District Education Foundation, addressed the Council. Ms. Mella presented a request for \$2,500 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account for the October 2-3, 2015, Shopping Tournament.

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

**D. The Friends of the Fulton Mansion – Fulton Mansion State Historic Site**

Marsha Hendrix, representing the Fulton Mansion State Historic Site, addressed the Council. Ms. Hendrix presented a request for a \$25,000 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.

**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 \$109,700 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**

Dawn Huff, Vice-Chairman of the Tourism and Development Council, addressed the Council. Ms. Huff presented the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce 2014-2015 Marketing Plan.

Sandy Jumper, Director of Tourism and Events and Diane Probst, President & Chief Executive Officer, addressed the Council. They presented a request for \$320,000 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.

## **G. Rockport Rotary Club - Rockport Film Festival**

Diane Probst, Chair of the Rockport Rotary Club, addressed the Council. Ms. Probst stated the Rockport Rotary Club is once again working with the Rockport Center for the Arts to host the Rockport Film Festival event.

Luis Puron, Executive Director of the Rockport Center for the Arts and representing the Rockport Rotary Club, stated the request of \$2,500 grant funds for the Rockport Film Festival was included in the Rockport Center for the Arts request for grant funds.

## **H. Rockport Yacht Club – Nautical Flea Market**

Peter Chamberlain, Chairman of the Nautical Flea Market, addressed the Council. Mr. Chamberlain presented a request for \$4,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account for the Nautical Flea Market.

Discussion was held among the Council and Mr. Chamberlain regarding the Rockport Yacht Club grant fund request.

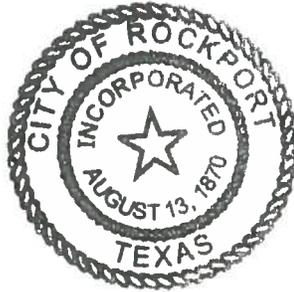
**I. Texas Maritime Museum**

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.

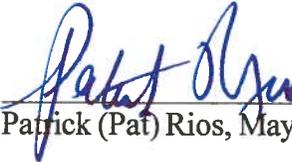
Discussion was held among Council and Ms. Roberts-Douglass regarding the Texas Maritime Museum grant fund request.

**4. Adjournment**

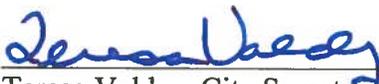
At 2:50 p.m., Mayor Pro-Tem Rios moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Day and carried unanimously.



**CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS**

  
Patrick (Pat) Rios, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

  
Teresa Valdez, City Secretary