

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 2016 Rockport City Hall, 622 East Market Street

On the 20th day of September 2016, the City Council of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, convened in Special 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 Attorney Terry Baiamonte
City Secretary Teresa Valdez
Police Chief Tim Jayroe
Public Works Director Mike Donoho
Parks & Leisure Services Director Rick Martinez
Finance Director Patty Howard

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Opening Agenda

1. Call to Order.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Special Meeting of the Rockport City Council was called to order by Mayor Wax at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 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 to the U.S. flag.

3. 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.

- 4. Deliberate and act on approval of Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2016.**
- 5. Deliberate and act on approval of City of Rockport holiday observance schedule for 2017.**
- 6. Deliberate and act on Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hotel Occupancy Tax Agreement with the Friends of the Fulton Mansion State Historical Site.**
- 7. Deliberate and act on Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hotel Occupancy Tax Agreement with the Texas Maritime Museum.**
- 8. Deliberate and act on Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hotel Occupancy Tax Agreement with the Rockport Center for the Arts.**
- 9. Deliberate and act on Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hotel Occupancy Tax Agreement with the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.**
- 10. Deliberate and act on Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hotel Occupancy Tax Agreement with the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce for the 2015 SeaFair Celebration.**
- 11. Deliberate and act on Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hotel Occupancy Tax Agreement with the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce for the 2016 HummerBird Celebration.**
- 12. Deliberate and act on Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hotel Occupancy Tax Agreement with the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce for the 2017 Veterans' Memorial Wall Traveling Exhibit.**
- 13. Deliberate and act on Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hotel Occupancy Tax Agreement with the Aransas County Council on Aging for the 2016 Bountiful Bowl Pottery Fair.**
- 14. Deliberate and act on Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hotel Occupancy Tax Agreement with the Rockport Yacht Club for the 2016 Nautical Flea Market.**
- 15. Deliberate and act on Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hotel Occupancy Tax Agreement with the Rockport Rotary Club/Rockport Center for the Arts for the 2016 Film Fest.**
- 16. Deliberate and act on Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hotel Occupancy Tax Agreement with the Aransas County Education Foundation for the 2015 Shopping Tournament.**

17. **Deliberate and act on Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Hotel Occupancy Tax Agreement with the Friends of the History Center for Aransas County for the 2017 Tour of Historic Homes.**
18. **Deliberate and act on approval of 2016-2017 Property Tax Assessment/Collection Agreement with Aransas County.**

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: Council Member Villa moved to adopt the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Council Member Gurtner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

19. **Deliberate and act to adopt, on first and only reading, an Ordinance of the City of Rockport, Texas, adopting a budget and appropriating resources for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017, in accordance with existing statutory requirements; repealing all conflicting ordinances, containing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.**

MOTION: Council Member Villa moved to adopt on first and only reading an Ordinance of the City of Rockport, Texas, adopting a budget and appropriating resources for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017, in accordance with existing statutory requirements; repealing all conflicting ordinances, containing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. Council Member Day seconded the motion.

Mayor Wax called for a roll call vote:

FOR MOTION: Council Member Day, Council Member Villa, Mayor Pro-Tem Rios, Council Member Gurtner, and Mayor Wax.

AGAINST MOTION: None.

20. **Deliberate and act on second reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport, approving the assessment and renditions for the 2016 taxable property as submitted by the Appraisal District; levying a tax rate for \$100.00 valuation for the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, for the Tax Year 2016 of \$0.233912 for the purposes of Maintenance and Operation, \$0.155371 for the payment of Principal and Interest on debt of the City for a total tax rate of \$0.389283; and providing an effective date.**

MOTION: Council Member Villa moved to approve the second reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport, approving the assessment and renditions for the 2016 taxable property as submitted by the Appraisal District; levying a tax rate for \$100.00 valuation for the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, for the Tax Year 2016 of \$0.233912 for the purposes of Maintenance and Operation, \$0.155371 for the payment of Principal and Interest on debt of the City for a total tax rate of \$0.389283; and providing an effective date. Council Member Gurtner seconded the motion.

Mayor Wax called for a roll call vote:

FOR MOTION: Council Member Day, Council Member Villa, Mayor Pro-Tem Rios, Council Member Gurtner, and Mayor Wax.

AGAINST MOTION: None.

21. Deliberate and act to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2016-2017 Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Rios moved to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2016-2017 Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. Council Member Villa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

22. Reports from Council.

At this time, the City Council will report/update on all committee assignments, which may include the following: Aransas Pathways Steering Committee, Building and Standards Commission; Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program; Coastal Bend Council of Government; Environmental Committee for Water Issues; Parks & Leisure Services Advisory Board; Planning Zoning Commission; Rockport Heritage Board; Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce; Aransas County Storm Water Management Advisory Committee; Swimming Pool Operations Advisory Committee; Tourism Development Council; Tree & Landscape Committee; YMCA Development Committee; Texas Maritime Museum; Fulton Mansion; Rockport Center for the Arts; Aransas County; Aransas County Independent School District; Aransas County Navigation District; Town of Fulton; and Texas Municipal League. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time.

Mayor Wax stated Nate Smith and several environmentalists were recently at Little Bay to check on the oyster reefs. Mayor Wax informed the Council that they found oysters at each reef. Mayor Wax said the oysters will clean the water coming into the bay.

Mayor Wax complimented the City Department Directors for preparation of the line item budgets; they did a great job. Mayor Wax thanked Finance Director Patty Howard and City Manager Kevin Carruth for preparing the budget for presentation.

Council Member Day stated that the budget was very well prepared and presented. Council Member Day said that everyone stretched the dollars where they could.

Council Member Villa stated he is not a numbers person, but the way Mr. Carruth prepares and presents the budget is very easy to understand.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rios stated the budget was another great job by City staff. Mayor Pro-Tem Rios added that he wished we had more money available, but he is sure that with the Department Directors the City has, there will not be a problem implementing the budget.

Council Member Gurtner stated she knows the City needs more staff but that requires additional funding.

Mayor Wax said that next year the budget is going to be challenging because of the additional personnel required due to annexation and the possibility of legislative action affecting cities.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rios stated that the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting had reported that the HummerBird event was successful. Mayor Pro-Tem Rios said that the hotels had 65%-85% occupancy.

Council Member Gurtner reminded everyone of the Keep Aransas County Beautiful clean-up this Saturday, September 24, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., beginning at the Bay Education Center.

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:

- 23. Section 551.071(1)(A) Consultation with Attorney on pending or contemplated litigation: (A) Bay Education Center, (B) Texaz Construction and AZ Southwest Properties.**
- 24. Section 551.071(2) Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.**
- 25. Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations: Project Cardinal.**

Mayor Wax stated there was not any new information on the Executive Session items so the Council would not hold an Executive Session.

Open Session

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.

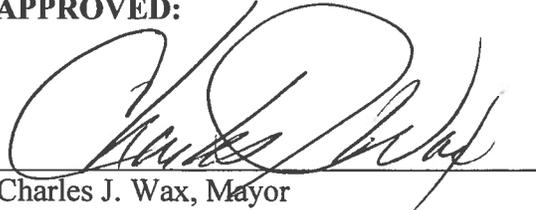
No Executive Session was conducted.

26. Adjournment

At 6:43 p.m., Council Member Villa moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rios. Motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED:


Charles J. Wax, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary