

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2017 Rockport City Hall, 622 East Market Street

On the 14th day of March 2017, 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 Secretary Teresa Valdez
City Attorney Terry Baiamonte
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 Regular Meeting of the Rockport City Council was called to order by Mayor Wax at 6:31 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Rockport City Hall, 622 E. Market Street, Rockport, Texas.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Villa 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 City Council Workshop Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2017.**
- 5. Deliberate and act on report from Aransas County Council on Aging for marketing expenditures made for 2017 Bountiful Bowl Pottery Fair/Rockport Clay Expo.**
- 6. Deliberate and act on establishment of "Concession Attendant" position in the Parks and Leisure Services Department.**

Mayor Wax called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

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

Regular Agenda

- 7. Deliberate on appointment of members to the Sesquicentennial Committee.**

Mayor Wax said he has talked to the group of realtors and Aransas County Independent School District Superintendent Joey Patek regarding their recommendations of persons to serve on the Sesquicentennial Committee. Mayor Wax stated that Pam Stranahan with the History Center for Aransas County, Shelly Stuart with the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce, and Cassandra Perkins have volunteered to serve on this Committee.

Discussion was held among Council regarding membership of the Sesquicentennial Committee.

Mayor Wax stated he anticipates appointing members to this Committee in July. Mayor Wax added that this Committee will probably meet quarterly for the first year and then have more meetings as the event comes closer.

Amelia Lopez Saltarelli, 103 Lee Circle, addressed the Council. Ms. Saltarelli suggested a person from the cultural arts be added as a member of this Committee. Ms. Saltarelli stated if there was anything she could assist with, she was willing to do so.

8. Deliberate on appointment of members to the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee.

Mayor Wax said that Community Planner Amanda Torres has been taking calls and gathering names of persons interested in serving on the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee. Mayor Wax stated it had been suggested that a realtor be added to this Committee.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rios suggested that a developer also be added to this Committee.

Council Member Gurtner recommended Amelia Lopez Saltarelli and Jim Guidry be considered for appointment to this Committee.

Discussion was held among Council.

Mayor Wax stated members to this Committee will not be appointed until fall, after the Texas Municipal League Annual Conference.

9. Deliberate and act on a Resolution expressing the City's opposition to a revenue cap and legislative interference with local services.

Mayor Wax informed the Council that a draft of this Resolution was provided by the Texas Municipal League. Mayor Wax stated there were approximately 100 representatives in Austin today to speak in opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 2. Mayor Wax said he thought it important that the City state publicly its opposition to SB 2.

City Manager Kevin Carruth pointed out one of the three threats to cities posed by SB2. Mr. Carruth stated that SB 2 is an assault on public safety – the City of Rockport Police Department by itself costs more than the total *ad valorem* revenue the City receives.

MOTION: Mayor Wax moved to adopt a Resolution expressing the City's opposition to a revenue cap and legislative interference with local services. Mayor Pro-Tem Rios seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. 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 announced that he had received a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation naming Rockport a 2016 Tree City USA. Mayor Wax said this is the seventeenth year that Rockport has received this designation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rios said he had attended the Aransas County Commissioners' Workshop this morning where discussion was held concerning funding for the Rockport, Fulton and Lamar Volunteer Fire Departments. Mayor Pro-Tem Rios said the County is considering restricting the allocations so that each department would receive 1/3 of the allocation amount.

Council Member Gurtner stated that Coastal Bend Bay and Estuaries has announced the projects they will be funding in the future and there are a couple for our area, one of which is the Water for Wildlife – Enhancing Freshwater Sources for Whooping Cranes on the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge and nearby Lamar Peninsula.

Council Member Villa asked for an update on the trollies.

City Manager Kevin Carruth informed the Council that most of the major mechanical work is complete and the fleet department is now working on the interior of the trolley. Mr. Carruth said the addition of a third mechanic in the fleet department has helped tremendously. Mr. Carruth stated staff hopes to have the trolley ready to go by the end of summer.

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:

- 11. Section 551.071(1)(A) Consultation with Attorney: Pending or contemplated litigation: (A) Bay Education Center; (B) Texaz Construction and AZ Southwest Properties.**
- 12. 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.**
- 13. Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property: 901 E. Main.**

At 7:07 p.m., Mayor Wax convened the Rockport City Council into an executive session pursuant to provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.071(1)(A) Consultation with Attorney: Pending or contemplated litigation: (A) Bay Education Center; (B) Texaz Construction and AZ Southwest Properties; 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; and Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property: 901 E. Main.

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.

At 7:23 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 necessary actions related to the executive sessions noted herein, or regular agenda items, noted above, and/or related items.

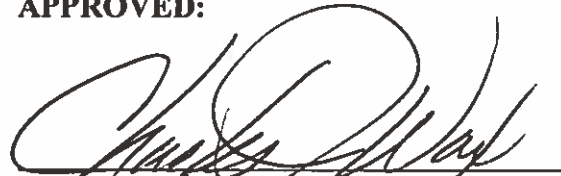
MOTION: Mayor Wax moved that the Council authorize the Mayor to negotiate and execute a Lease Agreement with ACCESS Consulting for 901 E. Main Street, with the details to be determined during negotiations. Council Member Gurtner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Adjournment

At 7:23 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