

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2017 Rockport City Hall, 622 East Market Street

On the 25th day of April 2017, the City Council of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, convened in Workshop 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 Pro-Tem Pat Rios, Ward 3
Council Member Rusty Day, Ward 1
Council Member Barbara Gurtner, Ward 4

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

Mayor Charles J. Wax
Council Member J. D. Villa, Ward 2

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Kevin Carruth
City Secretary Teresa Valdez
City Attorney Terry Baiamonte
Police Chief Tim Jayroe
Public Works Director Mike Donoho
Community Planner Amanda Torres
Finance Director Patty Howard
Parks & Leisure Services Director Rick Martinez
Information Technology Director Brian Jacobs

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Opening Agenda

1. Call to Order.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Workshop Session of the Rockport City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Rios at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Rockport City Hall, 622 E. Market Street, Rockport, Texas.

Regular Agenda

2. Hear and deliberate on presentation by Texas Coastal Watershed Program concerning comprehensive planning.

Texas Coastal Watershed Program representative Steven Mikulencak addressed the Council.

Mr. Mikulencak gave a presentation on comprehensive planning (see below).

AN OVERVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
 City of Rockport
 April 25, 2017



TEXAS COASTAL WATERSHED PROGRAM

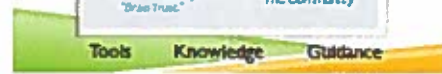
- Director Dr. John Jacob
- ▶ 1. Wetland Restoration
 - ▶ 2. Wetland Creation
 - ▶ 3. Stormwater Management & Watershed Planning
 - ▶ 4. Planning Programs
 - Sewer Wastewater, ACP
 - amika@rockporttx.gov
 - Planning Programs Lead & Project Planner



THE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION MISSION



Tools Knowledge Guidance



THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

"The comprehensive plan establishes a long-term vision for the growth and development of the community and recommends objectives, policies, and other mechanisms to achieve the vision."

- What long-term vision
- Who: for grants and development of the community
- How: objectives, policies and other mechanisms

Comprehensive Plan is interrelated with Land Use Plan, Master Plan, Culture Plan



LONG TERM VISION

- Aspirational statement for a (8-20 year vision (2038))
 - Provides the foundation of forecasts to action
- Further the welfare of the community by creating consensus that are
 - Safe
 - Comfortable
 - Healthy
 - Efficient
 - Attractive
 - Sustainable

"Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare."
 -Herbert A. Brown

"If you don't know where you are going, you will end up somewhere else."
 -Lester Korn



FOR GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

"Invest long-range considerations into short-range actions about municipal investments and development decisions"

- Understand conditions and trends in a long-term strategic sense (demographics, services, infrastructure, land use, etc.)
- Consider a national context and take what information or developments that further bestows to our community
- Anticipate future needs and emerging trends
- See growth of the community as a series of performance goals: infrastructure, services, development patterns, environment, safety, tourism, recreation, and other factors

Overall, it defines the "character" and "the nature" of the community



AND RECOMMENDS OBJECTIVES, POLICIES & OTHER MECHANISMS

The final step is to lay out various municipal activities and policies working towards the vision in the comprehensive plan

- The plan creates and describes goals and objectives
- Identifies strategies for the development or preservation of social, fiscal, economic, neighborhood and environmental resources
- Recommends locally feasible and cost-effective policy strategies
- Balance protection, CIP, development codes, the creation of districts, and other municipal activities
- Balance details with degrees of freedom, and does so without oversteering vision or goals



WHAT DOES TEXAS LAW SAY?

Not much really. The only thing required is a disclaimer:

"A map of a comprehensive plan illustrating future land use shall contain the following clearly visible statement: "A comprehensive plan shall not constitute zoning regulations or establish zoning district boundaries."

WHAT HAPPENS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

Justification for

- Updating zoning, development codes, and site plan review
- Updating subdivision and platting ordinances
- Implementing design codes and streetscape improvements
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LONG TERM VISION GUIDING NEAR TERM ACTIONS



PLANNING LEADERSHIP

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- Process is frequently guided by a Comp Plan Advisory Committee
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WHAT DO PLANNING CONSULTANTS DO?

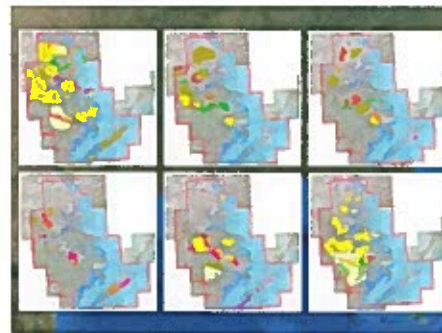
- Bring subject matter expertise
- Design and administer surveys
- Perform mapping and GIS analysis
- Analyze and interpret data
- Design stakeholder process
- Facilitate public input
- Research and analyze alternatives
- Manage planning projects
- Write & Prepare reports
- Take fees

PLANNING IS A VERB

- Process is iterative – Good ideas emerge over time
- Invest through Workshops, Charrettes, Online Surveys, Post Card Surveys, Visual Preference Surveys, Focus Group Meetings, Open House, Webinars, Tours, Whiteboard Surveys, Public Hearings, and more
- Involve external values, resources, visions, dreams, societal concerns, goals, and more
- Collaboration and issue-oriented solutions can build relationships, trust, and capacity to work through future problems together
- Not all processes are equal and there are tradeoffs in terms of time, budget, money, and skillset

BEFORE WE SHIFT GEARS TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION...

► Questions?

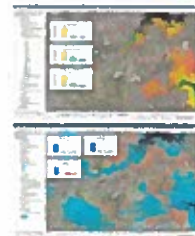


Live Mapping Feedback With CommunityViz



CHARM: By the Numbers

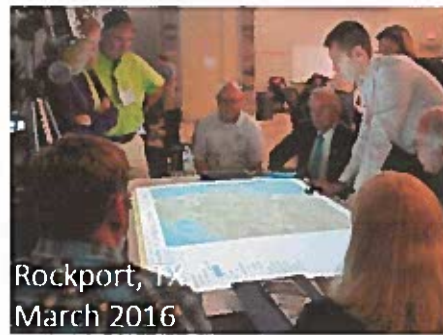
- 3-10 Participants per tables
- 26 GIS Layers
- 220 Indicators
- 11 Assumptions
- 60 Charts
- 114 CHARM Attributes
- 14 Land Use Points
- 15 Pre-saved Layouts





CHARM Supports Dialogue

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-Japanese Proverb



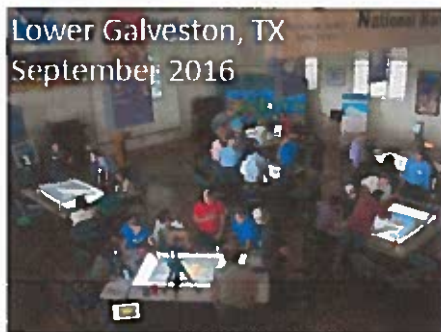
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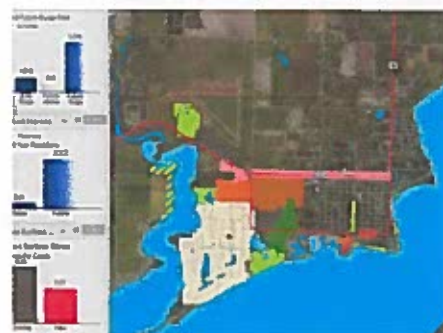
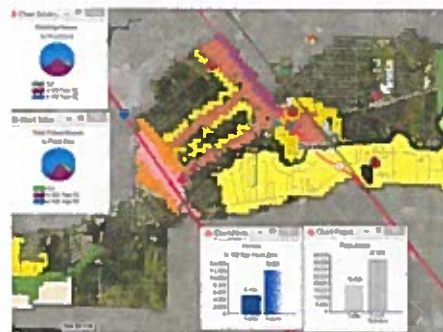
Matagorda Co
June 2016



Chambers Co
July 2016



Lower Galveston, TX
September 2016





Discussion was held among Council and Mr. Mikulencak regarding comprehensive planning.

Dudley McDaniel addressed the Council. Mr. McDaniel advised that at the last Aransas County Stormwater Management Committee meeting he attended, it was stated SeaGrant was being cut and funding would no longer be provided.

Mr. Mikulencak stated the initial proposal had cut the program, but he is not sure of the current situation. Mr. Mikulencak added that in the 1980s, the program had been zeroed out every year but it had survived.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rios thanked Mr. Mikulencak for his presentation.

3. Hear and deliberate on options and costs for replacement of the walkways on both sides of the Bayshore Drive Bridge.

Public Works Director Mike Donoho addressed the Council. Mr. Donoho stated the poor condition of the pedestrian walkways on the Bayshore Drive Bridge prompted the City to engage LJA Engineering to provide a report evaluating options to address bicycle and pedestrian safety on the Bayshore Drive Bridge. Mr. Donoho said the February 3, 2017, report (below) identified three potential concepts for the City's evaluation. Mr. Donoho explained that Option 1 basically repairs the existing walkways; Option 2 removes the existing walkways and builds a concrete walkway as a structure separate from the bridge; and Option 3 is similar to Option 2 but uses treated decking instead of concrete. Mr. Donoho introduced Dacio Marin with LJA Engineering.

Dacio Marin with LJA Engineering addressed the Council. Mr. Dacio gave a presentation (below) on the three options, explaining each option.

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CONCEPT PLANS FOR
CARL C. KRUEGER, JR MEMORIAL BRIDGE
 ON BAYSHORE DRIVE
 IN 42912
 CITY OF ROCKPORT, ARKANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS

DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2016

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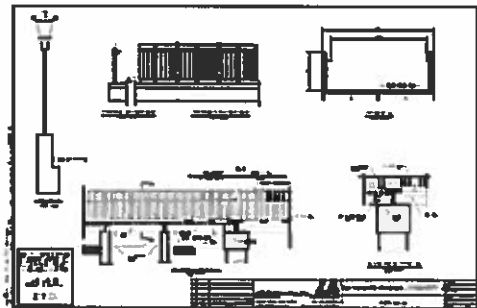
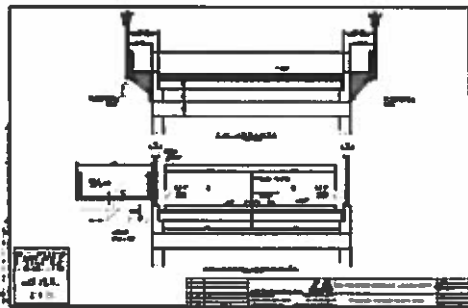
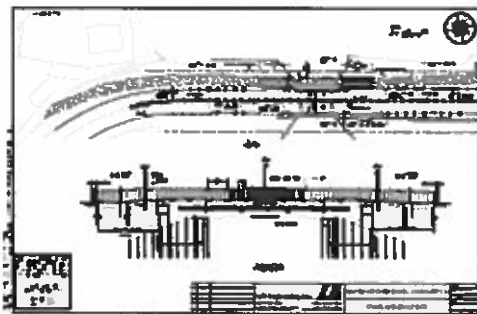
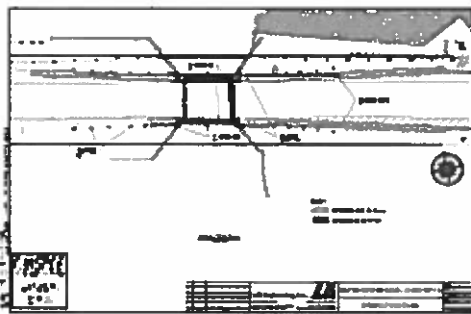
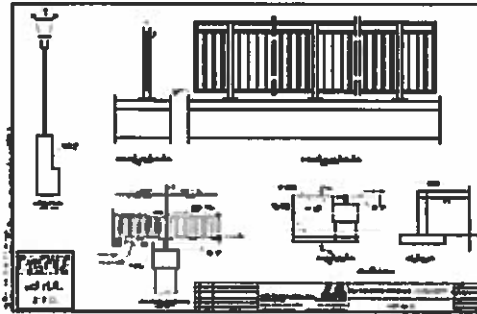
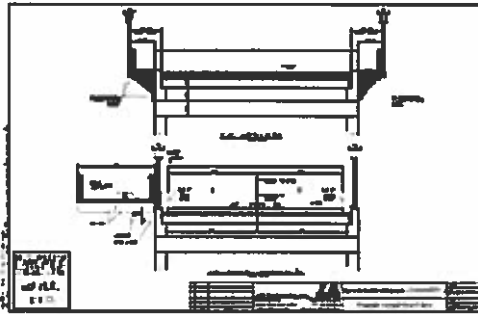
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IVB VISITORS BUREAU
 1000 West Loop South, Suite 1000
 Fort Worth, Texas 76104
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 Website: www.ivb.com

The IVB is a non-profit organization that provides information and assistance to visitors to the state of Texas. The IVB is a member of the International Association of Visitors Bureaus (IAVB) and is affiliated with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The IVB is currently seeking funding for the development of a new visitors center in the state capital city of Austin. The new center will provide information and assistance to visitors to the state and will also serve as a meeting place for business and government officials.

The IVB is currently seeking proposals from interested parties for the development of the new center. Proposals should be submitted to the IVB by the deadline date of [insert date].

Project Information

Project Name: [insert name]
 Project Number: [insert number]
 Project Location: [insert location]

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit	Price
1	[insert item]	[insert quantity]	[insert unit]	[insert price]
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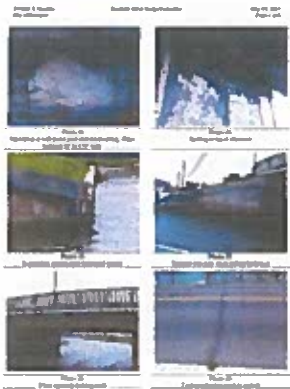
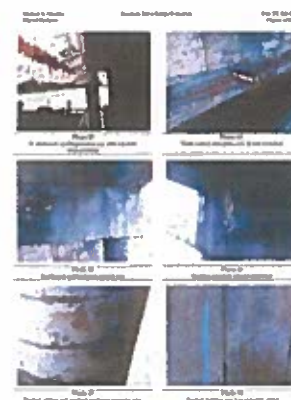
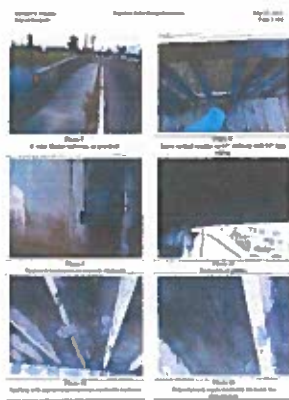
- Notes:**
- 1. All items shall be of the highest quality and shall conform to the specifications of the International Association of Visitors Bureaus (IAVB).
 - 2. All items shall be delivered to the project location by the deadline date of [insert date].
 - 3. All items shall be installed and ready for use by the deadline date of [insert date].

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 [insert title]



Office Memorandum

To: **City Manager**
 From: **Carlton A. Matthews, F.E.**
 Date: **Monday, April 24, 2017, 10:47 AM**
 Subject: **Bayshore Drive Bridge**

Re: **Bayshore Drive Bridge**

The attached photos show the bridge's large deck for the project. I have attached the following images for your review.

The project consists of demolishing all lanes on the deck of existing bridge, including existing and 9' wide sidewalks. Demolition includes removal of existing bridge structure, utility lines, water pipes, and steel beams installed in existing concrete barriers. All existing steel pipes are removed to be replaced by steel roadway protection. New 9' wide elevated roadway includes over-engineering, designed to handle more than design demands. Barrier pipes, barrier deck slabs, and guard systems. Existing steel deck slabs remain in place to bridge and smaller structures for more width at elevated roadway. New 9' wide elevated roadway is not connected to existing roadway protection.

After your review, please let me know.

Carlton A. Matthews, F.E.
 PE, Inc.
 1015 West Highway 101 # 100
 4000 Highway 101
 Springtown, Texas 76082
 817-582-5555
 817-582-5556

Kevin Carruth
 Bayshore Drive, Hwy 41, and SH 171
 1015 West Highway 101 # 100
 Springtown, Texas 76082
 817-582-5555

CC: **City Manager**

I have attached the Bayshore Drive Bridge project photos for your review. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
 Carlton A. Matthews, F.E.
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Mr. Marin stated City staff was recommending Option 1 because it was the most viable to fund.

Public Works Director Mike Donoho informed the Council that if the Council decides to do the project before Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the sealcoating of the Key Allegro streets that is planned for the summer for 2017 could be delayed until next year. Mr. Donoho stated this would allow the \$195,000 budgeted for sealcoating to be used for the Bayshore Drive Bridge project. Mr. Donoho added that staff is also assessing what bonds funds, if any, may also be available through cancellation of planned projects.

Discussion was held among Council, Mr. Marin, City Manager Kevin Carruth and Mr. Donoho.

Dudley McDaniel addressed the Council. Mr. McDaniel said the Key Allegro Homeowners Association has given this project a lot of thought and they are in support of staff's recommendation. Mr. McDaniel stated that because safety is the concern, the Key Allegro Homeowners Association would like Council to consider: 1) separating vehicle traffic from bikers and hikers; 2) slowing vehicle traffic down – put something down the center of the bridge to keep vehicles from passing one

another or bikers; 3) where do pedestrians go after they cross the bridge on the south side – encourage extended walkway all the way to intersection with a marked crosswalk and making that intersection a four-way stop.

City Manager Kevin Carruth asked Mr. McDaniel if the Key Allegro Homeowners Association was still amenable to upgrading the lighting.

Mr. McDaniel answered “yes” but they would like to be included in selection of the lighting.

Mr. Carruth stated the consensus of the Council was Option 1. Mr. Carruth asked for direction on funding.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rios asked that staff research Mr. Donoho’s recommendation of postponing the seal coat project for Key Allegro and evaluate what is available in bonds funding.

Mr. McDaniel added that there are several homeowners who have expressed they would donate to the cause. Mr. McDaniel stated that if it would be helpful, they would begin their “Friends of the Bridge” campaign.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rios asked that Council review available funding before such a campaign begins.

4. Adjournment

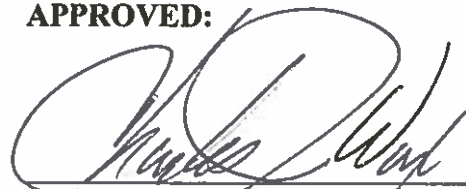
At 3:10 p.m., Council Member Day moved to adjourn. Council Member Gurtner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



ATTEST:


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Charles J. Wax, Mayor