

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 6, 2017 Rockport City Hall, 622 East Market Street

On the 6th day of June 2017, 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 6, 2017, 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 24 and 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rockport Service Center.

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

Fire Chief Steve Sims and W.E. Buck Kohl, Secretary, for the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department, addressed the Council. Chief Sims and Mr. Kohl presented a request for \$98,280 grant funds from the City of Rockport.

Discussion was held among the Council, Chief Sims & Mr. Kohl 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 \$2,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account.

B. Aransas County Independent School District Education Foundation

Sherry Myers, Cindy Duck and Paula Dean, representing Aransas County Independent School District Education Foundation, addressed the Council. Ms. Myers presented a request for \$5,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account for the October 6-7, 2017, Shopping Tournament.

Discussion was held among Council and Ms. Myers, 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 and D.J. Chilcote, representing the Friends of the Fulton Mansion, Fulton Mansion State Historic Site, addressed the Council. Ms. Hendrix and Ms. Chilcote presented a request for \$30,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account.

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

D. Friends of the History Center – Tour of Homes

Kam Wagert and Pam Stranahan, representing Friends of the History Center Tour of Homes, addressed the Council. Ms. Wagert and Ms. Stranahan presented a request for \$3,500 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, and Elena Rodriguez, Creative and Managing Director, of the Rockport Center for the Arts, addressed the Council. Mr. Puron & Ms. Rodriguez presented a request for \$143,250 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account. (NOTE: The original request included in the Agenda packet was for \$128,250 & did not include the Birds in Art advertising campaign.)

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

F. Rockport Cultural Arts District

Jennifer Day, Chair, & Stan Armstrong of Rockport Cultural Arts District, addressed the Council. Ms. Day and Mr. Armstrong presented a request for \$58,250 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account.

Discussion was held among Council, Ms. Day and Mr. Armstrong regarding the Rockport Cultural Arts District grant fund request.

G. Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce

i. Marketing

Sandy Jumper, Director of Tourism and Events, and Diane Probst, President & Chief Executive Officer, Paula Dean, Chair of the Tourism Development Council, and Jatin Bhakta, addressed the Council. They presented the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce 2017-2018 Marketing Plan. The Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce presented a request for \$400,000, being \$350,000 for marketing and \$50,000 for Corpus Christi & Portland plants marketing, grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account.

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

ii. HummerBird Celebration

Mayor Wax stated the Agenda packet contains the information for the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce request of \$1,500 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account for the HummerBird Celebration.

iii. Seafair

Mayor Wax stated the Agenda packet contains the information for the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce request of \$1,500 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account for Seafair.

iv. 911 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit & Tribute to all First Responders

Mayor Wax stated the Agenda packet contains the information for the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce request of \$1,500 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account for the 911 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit & Tribute to all First Responders.

H. Rockport Rotary Club - Rockport Film Festival

Elena Rodriguez, Rockport Center for the Arts Creative and Managing Director, 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 and Ms. Rodriguez regarding the Rockport Rotary Club grant fund request for the Rockport Film Festival.

I. Rockport Yacht Club – Nautical Flea Market

Ronald D. Edmundson, Vice Commodore, and Scott McKay, Commodore, addressed the Council. Mr. Edmundson and Mr. McKay 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, Mr. Edmundson and Mr. McKay regarding the Rockport Yacht Club grant fund request.

J. 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 3:55 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