
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport City Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held using the video conferencing application ZOOM. **No in-person meeting will be conducted at the Rockport Service Center.** A temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or video conference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code. **Video conferencing capabilities will be utilized to allow individuals to address the City Council. Members of the public can participate in the meeting remotely via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86358652206> or scan the QR code to the right.**



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the attorney general has said: “statutes that may be interpreted to require face-to-face interaction between members of the public and public officials are suspended; provided, however, that the governmental bodies must offer alternative methods of communicating with their public officials.” Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views on any topic or agenda item can either electronically submit a citizen participation form in order to register to speak by going to or scanning the QR code to the right. Using the same form, citizens can also provide written comments to the City Secretary by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The Mayor will read the comments and they will be summarized in the minutes of the meeting.



The matters to be discussed and acted upon are as follows:

Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Presentation: Government Finance Officers Association – Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for City’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2019.
4. Presentation: Government Finance Officers Association- Distinguished Budget Award.
5. Citizens to be heard.

At this time, written comments received by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any subject matter that is not on the agenda, will be read by the Mayor and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council and who have registered using the Citizen Participation Form will have up to three minutes to speak. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. While civil public criticism is not prohibited; disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace as prohibited by law shall be cause for the chair to terminate the offender’s time to speak.

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.

6. Deliberate and act on approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2021.

7. Deliberate and act on Resolution approving and adopting an Investment Policy and Strategy for the City of Rockport, Texas.
8. Deliberate and act on 1st quarter Report from Rockport Center for the Arts for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 market expenditures.
9. Deliberate and act on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rockport ordering a General Election and establishing procedures for said election to be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021; the General Election shall be for the purpose of electing a Council Member to represent Ward #1 and a Council Member to represent Ward #3; providing other matters relating to the General Election; and finding and determining that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law.

Deliberar y tomar medidas sobre la Resolución, una resolución del Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Rockport en la que se ordena la realización de unas Elecciones Generales y se establecen procedimientos para dichas Elecciones, que se llevarán a cabo el sábado 1 de mayo de 2021; las Elecciones Generales se realizarán con el propósito un Concejal que represente el Distrito #1; y un Concejal que represente el Distrito #3; se estipulan otros asuntos relacionados con las Elecciones Generales, y se decide y determina que la reunion en la cual se aprueba la resolución estará abierta al public, como lo requiere la ley.

10. Deliberate and act on Contract for Election Services with the Elections Administrator of Aransas County for the May 1, 2021 Election.

Deliberar y actuar sobre el contrato de servicios electorales con el administrador de elecciones del condado de Aransas para las elecciones del 1 de mayo de 2021.

11. Deliberate and act on May 1, 2021 Joint Election Contract for Election Services between the City of Rockport and Aransas County Independent School District in compliance with HB 1.

Deliberar y tomar medidas sobre el Contrato de Elecciones Conjuntas del 1 de mayo de 2021 para Servicio Electorales entre la Ciudad de Rockport y el Distrito Escolar Independiente del Condado de Aransas, en conformidad con HB 1.

12. Deliberate and act on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rockport, Texas, extending a COVID-19 pandemic Declaration of Local Disaster for the period of January – January 26, 2021 – February 23, 2021; establishing rules and regulations for the duration of the disaster; restricting certain activities; and establishing penalties for violations.
13. Deliberate and act on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rockport, Texas, extending a Declaration of Local Disaster (Hurricane Hanna) for the period of January 26, 2021 – February 23, 2021; establishing rules and regulations for the duration of the disaster; and establishing an effective date.

Regular Agenda

14. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance amending the official zoning map as stipulated under Article 4.1 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land from R-1 (1st Single Family Dwelling District) to B-1 (General

Business District) for retail and office space for property located at 309 West Market Street; also known as East 90 feet of Lots 9, 10, and 11, Block 153, Doughty and Mathis Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas,; repealing all Ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

15. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance amending the official zoning map as stipulated under Article 4.1 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land from B-1 (General Business District) to R-2 (2nd Single Family Dwelling District) for property located at located at 607 South Church Street; also known as the south 35 feet of Lot 2, all of Lot 3, and the north half of Lot 4, Block 61, Mathis Subdivision, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, to preserve residential feel of neighborhood; repealing all Ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
16. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance amending the official zoning map as stipulated under Article 4.1 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land from R-1 (1st Single Family Dwelling District) to B-1 (General Business District) for property located at 1711-1715 Sixteenth Street; also known as 10.57 acres embracing a portion of Tract 8, lying west of Texas State Highway 35 relief route, and the east one-half of Tract 84, Block 250, Foor and Swickheimer Subdivision, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, to prepare property for commercial use; repealing all Ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
17. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance amending the official zoning map as stipulated under Article 4.1 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land from R-1 (1st Single Family Dwelling District) to B-1 (General Business District) for property located at 1123 West Market Street; also known as Lot 7 and Lots 16-20, Block 4, West Terrace Subdivision Unit 1, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, to bring land use into a conforming zoning district; repealing all Ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
18. Deliberate and act on Resolution authorizing the City Manager to provide the necessary surveys, appraisals, and right-of-way closure process for the City Council to consider the exchange of land between the City of Rockport owning the portion of Sweet Bay Avenue that lies directly between Aransas County Appraisal District ID #17280 (Lots 15-16, Block 4, Denver Heights Subdivision, also known as 2403 Lady Claire Street) and ID # 17307 (Lots 1-2, Block 7, Denver Heights Subdivision, also known as 2331 Lady Claire Street) and Mr. James Elkins owning Lots 18 and 20 of Block 5, Denver Heights Subdivision.
19. Hear and deliberate on status of COVID-19 and response efforts.
20. Hear and deliberate on redistricting plans for 2021.
21. Reports from Council.

At this time, the City Council will report/update on all committee assignments, which may include the following: Aransas County Alliance Local Government Corporation; Aransas Pathways Steering Committee; Building and Standards Commission; Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program; Coastal Bend Council of Government; Coastal Bend Mayors Group; Park & Leisure Services Advisory Board; Planning & Zoning Commission; 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.

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:

22. Section 551.087 – Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations: 380 Agreement.

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.

23. Adjournment.

Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (361) 729-2213, ext. 225 or FAX (361) 790-5966 or email citysec@cityofrockport.com for further information. Braille is not available. The City of Rockport reserves the right to convene into executive session under Government Code §§ 551.071-551.074 and 551.086.

Certification

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas on Friday, January 22, 2021, by 5:00 p.m. and on the City's website at www.cityofrockport.com. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of this meeting as stated above: *The Rockport Pilot* and *Corpus Christi Caller Times*.


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary