
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport City Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in person with social distancing guidelines and using the video conferencing application ZOOM. 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/83477278878> 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 electronically submit a citizen participation form in order to register to speak by going to <https://rockport.seamlessdocs.com/f/CouncilCitizenParticipation> or scanning the QR code to the right, or if attending the meeting in person register at the meeting. 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. Proclamation: Fair Housing Month – April.
4. Citizens to be heard.

At this time, comments limited to three (3) minutes will be taken from the audience from persons who have signed the speaker’s card located on the table in the back of the Training Room of the Service Center and delivered to the City Secretary before the meeting begins, or 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.

5. Deliberate and act on approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2021.

6. Deliberate and act on request from Rockport Center for the Arts for use of the festival site beginning June 21, 2021, through July 8, 2021, for the 52nd Annual Rockport Art Festival.
7. Deliberate and act on 2nd quarter Report from Rockport Center for the Arts for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 marketing expenditures.
8. Deliberate and act on request from Texas Maritime Museum for: 1) Closure of Chamber Street, from Loop 70 to Navigation Circle on Thursday, May 27, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., and on Saturday, May 29, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.; 2) Use of Festival Site for parking; and 3) Permission for beer and wine consumption on the grounds of the Texas Maritime Museum, for the 24th Annual Festival of Wines and Food.
9. Deliberate and act on a Resolution of the City of Rockport, Texas, finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the City should be denied; authorizing participation with the cities served by AEP Texas; authorizing hiring of legal Counsel; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the Company; finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this Resolution to the Company and legal counsel.
10. Deliberate and act on approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Aransas County, Texas, the City of Rockport, and the Aransas County Navigation District for the Bay Shore Drive Resiliency Project and authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute all necessary documents.
11. Deliberate and act on a Resolution approving a License and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Rockport and the Aransas County Navigation District and authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute all necessary documents.

Public Hearings

12. Conduct a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider a request to rezone property to B-1 (General Business), located at 3361 Loop 1781; also known as 1.628 acres out of 23.462 acres, out of the northerly portion of a 258.53 acre tract, lying West of Loop 1781 and South of Copano Ridge Road, South of and adjacent to Copano Campsite Subdivision, according to the plat recorded in Volume 2, Page 50, plat records of Aransas County, Texas, and being out of the westerly portion of the Old Modessett Ranch, Joseph Hollis Survey, A-76, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; and 23.462 acres being the same tract described in a deed of record under Clerks File Number 369271, Official Public Records of Aransas County, Texas, to build a family-friendly restaurant with a bar and other entertainment amenities; currently zoned R-2 (2nd Single Family Dwelling District).
13. Conduct a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider a request for a Planned Unit Development located at 417 South Fulton Beach Road; also known as 14.10 acres out of a portion of Block 1, a portion of Block 2, and all of Gibbs Street lying between Blocks 1 and 2, Gibbs Addition, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; to develop

property as a high-density single family residential subdivision to be sold as a condo regime; currently zoned R-6 (Hotel/Motel District).

Regular Agenda

14. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance extending a moratorium, for 120 days, on the submission, acceptance, processing, and approval necessary for the creation of development plats, construction or facilities related to recreational vehicle (RV) parks for land within the City of Rockport; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; finding and determining that the meeting at which the Ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by law; and providing an effective date.
15. Hear and deliberate on draft amendments to Code of Ordinances Chapter 118 - Zoning concerning recreational vehicle parks.
16. Deliberate and act on a resolution determining that conditions exist within the Rockport Cultural Arts District/Heritage District of the City which are detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community and constitutes a blighted area.
17. Deliberate and act to authorize an interlocal agreement with the Coastal Bend Council of Governments to provide grant writing, administrative services and fiscal services for the Texas Department of Agriculture Downtown Revitalization Program and authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute all necessary documents.
18. Deliberate and act on a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Block Grant program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Downtown Revitalization Program; and authorizing the Mayor of Rockport to act as the City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Department of Agriculture Downtown Revitalization Program.
19. Hear and deliberate on status of COVID-19 and response efforts.
20. 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:

21. Section 551.071 – Consultations with Attorney seeking the advice of attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer; and 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: Ameresco.

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.

22. 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, April 9, 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