
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport City Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, 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/89537208674> 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 <https://rockport.seamlessdocs.com/f/CouncilCitizenParticipation> 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 entered 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: Spirit of Rockport Award – Castaways.
4. Presentation: Items from 1970 Sesquicentennial Time Capsule.
5. 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 in the back of the Training Room of the Service Center and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Limit comments to three (3) minutes. 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. It is the prerogative of the Chair to limit or otherwise restrict commenters if comments are discourteous, inappropriate, repetitive, or uncivil.

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 August 25, 2020.
7. Deliberate and act on a Resolution that commits waived fees towards the matching

commitment on Texas Department of Agriculture grant 721940.

Public Hearing

8. Conduct a public hearing for City of Rockport 2020 Property Tax Rate for taxpayers to have an opportunity to express their views on the increase; the City of Rockport will adopt the budget and tax rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 on September 15, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

Regular Agenda

9. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport approving the assessment and renditions for the 2020 taxable property as submitted by the Appraisal District; levying a tax rate for \$100.00 valuation for the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, for the Tax Year 2020 of \$0.241668 for the purposes of Maintenance and Operation, \$0.179643 for the payment of Principal and Interest on debt of the City for a total tax rate of \$0.421311; and providing an effective date.
10. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances, Chapter 82 “Solid Waste” Article II. “Refuse Collection”, Section 82.39 “Fee Schedule”; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for publication and an effective date.
11. 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 or manufactured housing parks for land within the City of Rockport, providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; finding and determining that the meetings at which the Ordinance was passed were open to the public as required by law; and providing an effective date.
12. Hear and deliberate on status of COVID-19 and response efforts.
13. 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; 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:

14. Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property - To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property: Right of way and easement acquisitions necessary for the Key Allegro Bridge project.

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.

15. 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, September 4, 2020, at 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