

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING 1:30 p.m., Friday, March 20, 2020 Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass

On the 20th day of March 2020, the City Council of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, convened in Emergency Session at 1:30 p.m., in response to the COVID-19 imminent threat of disaster, at the Rockport Service Center, 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 Patrick R. Rios
Mayor Pro-Tem J.D. Villa, Ward 2
Council Member Bob Cunningham, Ward 3
Council Member Barbara Gurtner, Ward 4

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

Council Member Michael Saski, Ward 1

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Kevin Carruth
City Secretary Teresa Valdez
Public Works Director Mike Donoho
Parks & Leisure Services Director Rick Martinez
Information Technology Director Bob Argetsinger
Finance Director Katie Griffin
Assistant to City Manager Kimberly Henry

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Opening Agenda

1. Call to Order.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Emergency Session of the Rockport City Council was called to order by Mayor Rios at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020, in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

Emergency Agenda.

- 2. Deliberate and act on continuance and renewal of the COVID-19 Disaster Declaration proclaimed by Mayor Patrick R. Rios in accordance with the *Texas Government Code §418.108*, as amended, for the period March 23-April 14, 2020.**

City Manager Kevin Carruth stated the *Texas Government Code §418.108* give the Mayor the authority to declare a disaster for a seven-day period. Mr. Carruth explained that the disaster declaration can b

extended by action of the Council and that is the reason for this emergency meeting. Mr. Carruth said the original disaster declaration ends on Sunday, March 22, 2020. Mr. Carruth expressed the importance of the disaster declaration is mainly financial; to access federal funds if necessary. Mr. Carruth stated the City Attorney had prepared an Ordinance extending the disaster declaration.

Mayor Rios informed the Council he, Town of Fulton Mayor Kendrick, Aransas County Emergency Management Coordinator Rick McLester had met along with Aransas County Judge Mills via telephone and all agreed to extend the disaster declaration. Mayor Rios stated the declaration will be extended until April 14th to be consistent with Aransas County schools being closed.

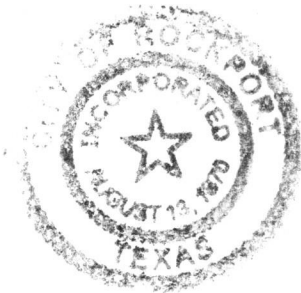
MOTION: Council Member Gurtner moved to adopt an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rockport, Texas, extending a Declaration of Local Disaster for the period of March 23-April 14, 2020; establishing rules and regulations for the duration of the disaster; restricting certain activities; and establishing penalties for violations. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa seconded the motion.

Council Member Cunningham commented our area has a large number of older people and that is all the more reason for the disaster declaration.

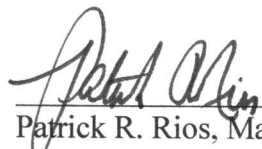
Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adjournment

At 1:40 p.m., Mayor Pro-Tem Villa moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Cunningham. Motion carried unanimously.



CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS



Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa Valdez, City Secretary