

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, 2022 Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass

Members of the public could view the meeting via live stream. Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views on any topic or agenda item could 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 provided on the Agenda, or if attending the meeting in person register before the meeting begins. Using the same form, citizens could also provide written comments to the City Secretary by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The comments were read and summarized in the minutes of the meeting.

On the 26th day of April 2022, the City Council of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m., at the Training Room of 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 Katy Jackson, Ward 1
Council Member Brad Brundrett, Ward 3

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

Council Member Andrea Hattman, Ward 4

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Interim City Manager Richard Morton
Assistant to City Manager Kimberly Henry
City Secretary Teresa Valdez
City Attorney Allison Bastian-Rodriguez
Director of Finance Katie Griffin
Parks & Leisure Services Director Rick Martinez
Parks Maintenance Superintendent George Bennett
Director of Public Works and Building & Development Services Mike Donoho
Community Planner and Assistant Director of Building & Development Services Carey Dietrich
Information Technology Director Bob Argetsinger
Chief of Police Greg Stevens
Communications Center Director Lee Brown

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockport City Council was called to order by Mayor Rios at 6:31 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas

Mayor Rios asked Council Member Jackson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Proclamation: Lemonade Day – May 7, 2022.

Mayor Rios proclaimed May 7, 2022, as Lemonade Day in Rockport, Texas. Mayor Rios presented the Proclamation to Nancy Bolting.

3. 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.

Ken Barron, 402 Cascades, addressed the Council and stated a meeting had been held with the City in March where the City proposed installing a 42" pipe and the Rockport County Club fully supports that. Mr. Barron said there are four major pinch points in the Rockport Country Club with 40% unused and they are proposing projects to restore that back to 100%. Mr. Barron stated they are requesting the City proceed with the engineering for those four pinch points to see how much it will cost.

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.

4. Deliberate and act on approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2022.

5. Deliberate and act on 2nd quarter report from Rockport Center for the Arts for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 marketing expenditures.

6. Deliberate and act on request from Texas Maritime Museum for: 1) Closure of Chamber Street, from Loop 70 to Navigation Circle on Thursday, May 26, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., and on Saturday, May 28, 2022, 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 25th Annual Festival of Wines and Food.

7. Deliberate and act on request from South Rockport Neighbors to close Concho Street in front of the Public Safety Center on May 16, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for the annual Peace Officer's Memorial Service.

8. Deliberate and act on a Resolution approving the assignment of interest in the water supply agreement between the City of Rockport and Copano Cove Water Company.

9. **Deliberate and act on an Assignment and Assumption Agreement between Rockport Harvey Housing, LLC, and Pearl Point Rockport, LLC, and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents.**
10. **Deliberate and act on a Resolution 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.**

Mayor Rios stated Consent Agenda Item 6 will be pulled from the Agenda and no action is necessary.

Interim City Manager Richard Morton explained Chamber Street and the Festival Grounds do not belong to the City and the Navigation District has already given permission to the Texas Maritime Museum for use of the Festival Site, closure of Chamber Street, and permission for beer and wine consumption.

Mayor Rios said the previous Festival Site Policy required the City to also approve the application for site use, but there had been a Policy revision in 2014 that the City was unaware of.

Mayor Rios called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

Council Member Jackson requested Consent Agenda Item 5 be pulled for separate discussion.

MOTION: Council Member Brundrett moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, minus Items 5 and 6, as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Item 5:

Council Member Jackson said she asked for this item to be pulled from the Consent Agenda because she wanted to make sure everybody knew how much detail Mr. Purón puts into this report.

Rockport Center for the Arts Executive Director Luis Lurón addressed the council and stated the Center for the Arts believes in transparency and that is how they run their business.

MOTION: Council Member Jackson moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 5. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

11. **Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance granting a Conditional Use Permit for addition of four recreational vehicle (RV) sites located at 2328 Chaparral Street; also known as Chaparral South, Lot 1, 1.01 acres, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; subject to compliance with the conditions stated within this Ordinance, as well as those**

stipulated in the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Community Planner and Assistant Director of Building & Development Services Carey Dietrich said a Joint Public Hearing on this request was held at the April 12, 2022, City Council meeting. Ms. Dietrich stated there had been no letters for or against the request received.

MOTION: Council Member Brundrett moved to approve the first reading of an Ordinance granting a Conditional Use Permit for addition of four recreational vehicle (RV) sites located at 2328 Chaparral Street; also known as Chaparral South, Lot 1, 1.01 acres, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; subject to compliance with the conditions stated within this Ordinance, as well as those stipulated in the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Deliberate and act on second & final reading of an Ordinance amending the Rockport Code of Ordinances, Chapter 66 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV Sex Offender Residence and Loitering Restrictions and re-codifying same into Chapter 13; providing affirmative defenses to the Ordinance; providing for penalties and enforcement; providing for severability, repealer, and an effective date.

Chief of Police Greg Stevens said there had been no changes in format or content since Council approved the first reading of the Ordinance on April 12, 2022.

Council Member Jackson asked when the Ordinance would be codified into the City's Code of Ordinances.

City Secretary Teresa Valdez answered Ordinances are put into the City's Code of Ordinances on a quarterly basis so this Ordinance would be in the next quarter, approximately around August or September. Ms. Valdez stated the Ordinance will be placed on the City's website tomorrow.

MOTION: Council Member Jackson moved to approve the second & final reading of an Ordinance amending the Rockport Code of Ordinances, Chapter 66 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV Sex Offender Residence and Loitering Restrictions and re-codifying same into Chapter 13; providing affirmative defenses to the Ordinance; providing for penalties and enforcement; providing for severability, repealer, and an effective date. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Deliberate and act on second & final reading of an Ordinance amending Article 4 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land located at 520 West Market Street; also known as Lot 8R, Block 73, Smith and Wood Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, from R-1 (1st Single Family Dwelling District) to B-1 (General Business District); to develop an office and warehouse space; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Community Planner and Assistant Director of Building & Development Services Carey Dietrich said there had been no changes in format or content since Council approved the first reading of the

Ordinance on April 12, 2022.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Villa moved to approve the second & final reading of an Ordinance amending Article 4 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land located at 520 West Market Street; also known as Lot 8R, Block 73, Smith and Wood Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, from R-1 (1st Single Family Dwelling District) to B-1 (General Business District); to develop an office and warehouse space; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Deliberate and act on second & final reading of an Ordinance amending Article 4 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land located at 1702 Eighteenth Street; also known as Lot 103, Block 250, Foor & Swickheimer Subdivision, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, from R-1 (1st Single Family Dwelling District) to R-5 (2nd Multi Family Dwelling District); to allow the development of approximately six (6) long-term single-family home rentals; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Community Planner and Assistant Director of Building & Development Services Carey Dietrich said there had been no changes in format or content since Council approved the first reading of the Ordinance on April 12, 2022.

Property owner Robby Varner addressed the Council. Mr. Varner stated he intends to build six rental homes on the property.

MOTION: Council Member Jackson moved to approve the second & final reading of an Ordinance amending Article 4 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land located at 1702 Eighteenth Street; also known as Lot 103, Block 250, Foor & Swickheimer Subdivision, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, from R-1 (1st Single Family Dwelling District) to R-5 (2nd Multi Family Dwelling District); to allow the development of approximately six (6) long-term single-family home rentals; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

15. *Postponed April 12, 2022* - Deliberate and act to confirm Mayoral appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Andrew Kane, 2106 Lakeview Drive, addressed the Council and commented: This Agenda item is a continuation from tabled action two weeks ago for an appointment to the P & Z Board. When it first came to my attention that we would be putting the seventh member then all would be from Wards 3 and 4. Out of concern that half our Wards had zero representation on the P & Z, especially Wards 1 and 2 because most of the zoning changes you are seeing are out of Wards 1 and 2. Two weeks ago all the Council Members except the Mayor voted to table this action to search for applicants from Wards 1 and 2 to volunteer to serve on the P & Z. I believe I was successful. I personally got two, maybe three to apply just from a social media post. So, I'm looking at this Agenda Item and I was surprised to see the nomination by the Mayor was still the Ward 4 person. I want to read some of the quotes I got from three of the five Council Members – We need to be

sure to get applicants from the two Wards that are far unrepresented; I do not think it is right that half the Wards are not represented, and we need to try and get some representation for them; Do we need representation from every Ward? Yes, I can agree with you on that but making that happen is a real challenge if there are not people from all the Wards willing to step up and volunteer; I believe all applications should go through the Council to make as a whole decision; I'm not against this at all; I know of two people from my Ward that have applied. So, my point is two weeks ago 80% of the Council agreed we needed to search out Wards 1 and 2 and I'm hoping that you will continue to do so; follow your own and common sense. The City of Rockport needs to be represented equally in our committees; especially P & Z should have representation from all Wards.

Point of Clarification: City Secretary Teresa Valdez stated Mr. Kane was surprised to see the item posted again, and the item was posted as such again because that is the original item that was posted and postponed by Council.

Mayor Rios said a few applications had been received and he wanted to talk to Council again about the interview process. Mayor Rios stated this is a difficult position to fill on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mayor Rios said a couple of the applications received were from people who are currently in real estate or developers and it can be difficult at times for there to be a separation from real estate people or builders and developers to look at things with an open mind; if they are involved in the process they have to recuse themselves and that sometimes affects the vote. Mayor Rios added he has not interviewed anyone else, and he asked Council if they want to take part in the process, he can share the applications and they can interview people.

Council Member Jackson stated she would like that, and the applications have to be looked at to see if they fit the bill.

Council Member Brundrett said he would like input from Wards 1 and 2 since most of the applicants are from Wards 1 and 2.

Mayor Rios explained he usually talks to the applicants over the telephone one to two times, and he also talks to the Building & Development Services Department; we are looking for people with an open mind and not come to the meetings with preconceived notions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa said in looking at these applications, his concern is the same as the Mayor's; some are real estate agents. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa stated he did like Lindsee Merrell's application; he knows her personally, if you look at what she has done -she has a lot to offer, works in Portland, and I think she would be a great fit. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa added he did not need to interview anyone.

Mayor Rios said he would love to hear from Council after they interview applicants, but we need to be careful that we don't get into the position of more than two Council Members discussing this and having a walking quorum.

Interim City Manager Richard Morton said if Council wanted to interview them as a group, which would require posting. Mr. Morton stated Council should not discuss the interviews amongst themselves and then come to the meeting when it is posted and make the motion to appoint the member to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Mayor Rios called for a motion.

There was no motion on this Agenda item, so the item dies.

16. Deliberate and act on approval to purchase a shade structure at the Fitness Court, located at Memorial Park, and request reallocation of funding to purchase four (4) separate workout stations, with two (2) of the units being wheelchair accessible.

Parks & Leisure Services Director Rick Martinez addressed the Council and stated Council had approved funding sometime ago for capital improvements projects. Mr. Martinez said shade structures had been a hot topic during budget sessions two years ago. Mr. Martinez explained labor and material prices have increased and the basketball structure is not feasible at this time, so he is requesting reallocation of that funding to purchase four separate workout stations, with two being wheelchair accessible, to be installed at the Fitness Court.

Council Member Brundrett asked if any of the money left in the Bonds could be used for this.

Mr. Martinez answered the money in the Bonds were specifically earmarked for the Rookery or aquatic and those funds have to be spent there.

Director of Finance Katie Griffin stated there is approximately \$228,000 left after the request today, assuming the money is not spent for the Memorial Park entry-way project.

Council Member Brundrett asked if staff could get creative and find the money for the shade structure at the basketball court; it is needed.

Ms. Griffin said she will look into that tomorrow.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa said he would personally like to see a structure at the basketball court in the future, and he did really like the wheelchair accessible workout stations.

Mr. Martinez stated a representative of all-inclusive equipment gave a presentation to the Parks Board and it is quite expensive – about \$400,000.

Council Jackson stated maybe this could be looked at for placement at the Corpus Christi Street location.

MOTION: Council Member Jackson moved to approve the purchase of a shade structure at the Fitness Court, located at Memorial Park, and reallocate the funding to purchase four (4) separate workout stations, with two (2) of the units being wheelchair accessible. Council Member Brundrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Deliberate and act on approval to purchase equipment and implementation services for the back-up Communications Center from Motorola (DIR Contract DIR-TSO-4101) and Intrado 911 Life and Safety Solutions (HGAC Contract EC07-20), authorizing the Interim City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents.

Bill Mills, Aransas County Sheriff, 118 Marion Drive, addressed the Council and commented: Want to point out that this was on the Agenda in February, and it was pushed back for discussion with the Town of Fulton and Aransas County since we are a joint dispatch center. I sit on the Communications Board for the City and the County, and that Board is made up of Fulton Chief of Police, Rockport Chief of Police, Sheriff of Aransas County, Director of Emergency Corp. to cover the Fire Departments and the Director of Communications. We did convene the Board to discuss this and at that time we were talking \$840,000 projected cost. We felt, three out of the five members of the Board, on the second meeting we had, felt we should consider some other alternatives. It was explained to us that the City had the funding and was going to proceed, take it or leave it, a little disappointing. So now I am going to talk to you as a citizen of Rockport. I've heard a lot of comments in the last several weeks about debt, about money, about finance and in two months' time the \$840,000 projected is now \$861,000 in the presentation this evening and those aren't hard figures. We are going to approach \$1 million to place an emergency back-up dispatch center that in theory we are never going to use. It's going to sit and collect dust; the building is going to get into SeaGIS requirements for audits about the terminals and consoles. We don't have hard figures. A mobile dispatch center would serve a whole lot more purpose; might be used for other entities around in emergencies and disasters and that is what was put here when we lost the tower. I've heard a comment that we needed it. Well, we didn't need three full-blown consoles. You're building a center that replicates what we do right now, every day of the week. I think that million dollars we are approaching could be put to better use. The City of Corpus at Metrocom does not have this elaborate system. A fold-up table and mobile radios that are put on a desk and you get through it. In an emergency the last thing I really need to worry about is being able to run criminal histories and checks on people while we are trying to respond and locate people. I think it's better use of the money. I don't think it was given the chance to go through the Communication Board where you sent it back to them and I would ask that you consider going to a workshop with this to look at some alternatives; a mobile dispatch center or even phase into this over the years is a recommendation. Buy one console and use one of the used consoles as your backup. This is a lot of money to go into something in theory that you are never going to use. Think we should be inclusive; the Town of Fulton doesn't have a clue about this except for McLester's input.

Communications Director Lee Brown addressed the Council and stated the idea of a back-up communications center has been a plan since after Hurricane Harvey since the building downtown did take damage but did not take a storm surge. Ms. Brown said she has been working on putting numbers together and the back-up center would not be left to sit, it would be tested several times a year. Ms. Brown expressed a mobile communications trailer is probably close to \$750,000 - \$800,000 and the cost for the backup communications center is about \$860,000 - \$890,000 and a year and one-half ago the number was about \$800,000. Ms. Brown explained the idea of a mobile unit is that it could be used in other areas; however, if we had to leave the downtown Public Safety Center for a period of time due to any major damage then we would physically continue operations, and everything would remain live – there would be no flipping switches by IT – emergency services would continue 24-7. Ms. Brown said they do not dispatch for one or two agencies; they dispatch for 12 entities, and they would not want for any of that to be degraded or not function.

Mayor Rios stated he knows we had a lot of discussion about this, and he knows it is expensive. Mayor Rios said he did not remember how close we were to having to evacuate the downtown communications center and we're always going to be taking that chance with the center being downtown when there is another storm. Mayor Rios expressed that when we talk about this, what

dollar amount is one life, or two lives, or ten lives or more; that's a lot of money, but that is the way he looks at it.

Council Member Brundrett asked if a workshop could be held with the entities involved attending to discuss some of these things; especially since it is \$50,000 more than the original estimated cost.

Mayor Rios stated the City is going to bear the cost of this and we are looking at it from a life and safety issue. Mayor Rios declared the City's charge is the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Ms. Brown stated she talked to a representative from the Council of Governments today – the liaison with the State - and I asked about the possibility of grants. Ms. Brown said the State would like to meet with one of our Communications Board members from City and/or County and would like us to attend one of their commissioned meetings regarding the project. Ms. Brown added she specifically asked the question whether they thought the State would assist with funding and the representative from the Council of Governments' response was "let's find out."

Council Member Jackson asked if the list of equipment included in the Agenda packet duplicates what we currently have and do you have to completely duplicate it?

Ms. Brown answered as far as radio equipment, which is the biggest cost and then the 911 equipment is the second biggest cost. Ms. Brown explained there are four positions with the current 911 system and the plan is for 3 positions, and the list in the Agenda packet contains information from the first quote she received; she is waiting on an updated quote from Intrado.

Council Member Jackson stated that the quote in the Agenda packet is not correct, and prices keep climbing.

Ms. Brown said that was correct.

Council Member Jackson said a mobile unit is about \$800,000 and the estimated cost is for this is, let's say \$850,000; what is the difference?

Ms. Brown answered that putting employees in a mobile unit for an extended period of time, whereas being in a stationary place as far as working 12-hour shifts, they would need more of an office setting, restrooms and breakrooms and a mobile center does not have as much room or space.

Mayor Rios said he believed a mobile unit can be dangerous during a storm.

Ms. Brown said during Hurricane Harvey, the Department of Public Safety brought in a mobile communications unit, and they operated out of it for two weeks. Ms. Brown explained a mobile unit is a temporary set-up for a couple of weeks until the City or County can function again; we had additional help and equipment for eight weeks and longer, including the back-up radio tower – we had that for almost two years. Ms. Brown declared a mobile unit is a temporary set-up and there are agencies in the area that have mobile units – DPS and San Patricio County.

Council Member Jackson said the cost would be equal.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa asked what the life expectancy of a mobile unit was.

Public Works and Building & Development Services Director Mike Donoho answered 10-15 years.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa said he understands what Sheriff Mills said about having a workshop and discussing this with the other entities, but if there not going to come to the party without any money and we are fronting the bill, I don't see why they need to be included.

Sheriff Mills said that was not an accurate statement; the County is in full support of shared dispatch and will share the cost, but they wanted some input. Sheriff Mills stated they were notified when the plan was already drawn and we knew what equipment you were ordering and you asked us to bring a checkbook; that was when we asked for some input to consider some other options and then it was told to us that you had the funding and you would go this alone if you had to. Sheriff Mills expressed it was a welcomed deal to have that discussion at that time, which was disappointing. Sheriff Mills said he is concerned; we save the taxpayers a lot of money with a joint dispatch center, and we need to stay in a joint dispatch center rather than split off and doing our own deal and that is not in the best interest of the taxpayers of this County or the City of Rockport. Sheriff Mills stated the County has not said "no"; we don't have a hard figure, but I can tell you the Town of Fulton's portion of that on a pro-rated deal on \$840,000 was like \$23,000 that you would ask them to come up with and the County would be in for \$300,000. Sheriff Mills said the County is opposed to joint dispatch; that has never been the statement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa asked Sheriff Mills when this was discussed in February was it ever brought up to our attention that you as the Sheriff had concerns with what we are doing right now with those monies?

Sheriff Mills answered that they were never consulted and in February when it came to my attention, this plan already been inception hatched and there had been no prior discussion with the Communication Board about any backup 911 system and the Board is in full agreement with that – we all see that need. Sheriff Mills said they would have loved to be part of the discussion and formulate the plan and discuss options. Sheriff Mills stated when the Council pushed it back in February to go talk to the Town of Fulton and the County, that was the first notification we got and it was kind of like bring your checkbook with you, we have the plan. Sheriff Mills expressed the County has not said "no" to shared funding of this thing and I don't believe they will if we can come to an agreement about what is reasonable, what is necessary. Sheriff Mills stated he didn't think anybody that was here in August four years ago when we walked out and that towners was in the parking lot, nobody is going to dispute with you that we don't need a backup system.

Council Member Brundrett asked if we have any more information on what we are going to do with the radio system, VHS or trunking?

Chief of Police Greg Stevens answered it was not in the City's best interest to go with the 800 system but do the VHS that the Sheriff's office uses. Chief Stevens said that is a meeting that we do need to have with the Sheriff's office, County and Communications before we make that final decision. Chief Stevens stated he thinks that is the path we should be going down right now, and the amount of money we would have to spend to stay with the 800 system, it would not be cost effective.

Council Member Brundrett asked if that will affect our back-up system with dispatch, any cost savings?

Ms. Brown answered it would lessen the amount maybe \$10,000-\$15,000, but she would have to double check that.

Council Member Brundrett stated he was all for a back-up system, but it would be nice to have input from the other entities especially if there will be shared cost; that will be a savings for the City of Rockport.

Ms. Brown said there was discussion with the Communications Board and there probably could be another workshop, but the other entities felt like it was overkill to have a back-up communications center

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Villa moved to postpone this until we have a workshop with the other entities and Communications Board and get some hard figures and see if the other entities will participate with cost and then bring back to Council. Council Member Brundrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Reports from Council.

At this time, the City Council will report/update on activities in respective Wards, and 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.

Council Member Jackson said great things are going on in Ward 1; the Kite Festival is schedule for April 30th, go Downtown and check it out, Maritime Museum is up and running. Council Member Jackson added: "Support your local VFW."

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa stated the Business Expo is this Thursday. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa said yesterday a Swimming Pool Operations Advisory Committee meeting was held and the Parks & Leisure Services Advisory Board did not have a meeting due to lack of quorum. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa informed the Council the Pool Committee is trying to come up with a Plan to recruit and retain lifeguards.

Council Member Brundrett stated the Shining Stars event was held on Sunday night and was very well attended and last night was the awards ceremony at the High School. Council Member Brundrett said drainage projects continue in Ward 3; still finding the old water lines.

Mayor Rios emphasized the if you have never attended the Shining Stars event, to take time to attend that; it's uplifting and it's great to see the children and teachers – is a very inspiring event. Mayor Rios said on Saturday he attended the Leadership Academy fundraiser at Legends in Fulton, and they raised \$8,000. Mayor Rios added on Thursday he and Interim City Manager Richard Morton will be attending the City of Portland State of the City event and also on Thursday there

will be a groundbreaking for the new Courthouse and City Hall.

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:

- 19. 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 government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the chapter: Glyn Taylor litigation.**
- 20. 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 government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the chapter: Concho Street Drainage Project.**

At 7:38 p.m., Mayor Rios convened the Rockport City Council into an executive session pursuant to Government Code Sections 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 government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the chapter: Glyn Taylor litigation and Concho Street Drainage 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.

At 8:31 p.m., Mayor Rios reconvened the Rockport City Council into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

21. Adjournment.

At 8:31 p.m., Council Member Jackson moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Brundrett. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED:



Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

