

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING TOUR OF CITY FACILITIES

8:30 a.m., Monday, June 14, 2021

Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass &
Various City Facilities

and

Via Video Conferencing Application ZOOM

A temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or video conference public meetings was granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions were 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.

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." Video conferencing capabilities were utilized to allow individuals to address the City Council. Members of the public could participate in the meeting remotely via ZOOM by utilizing the web link provided on the Agenda or if attending the meeting in person registered at the meeting.

On the 14th day of June 2021, the City Council of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, convened in Special Session/Tour of City Facilities at 8:30 a.m., at the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center and via video conferencing application ZOOM, 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

Council Member Katy Jackson, Ward 1
Council Member Brad Brundrett, Ward 3
Council Member Andrea Hattman, Ward 4

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

Mayor Pat Rios
Mayor Pro-Tem J.D. Villa, Ward 2

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Kevin Carruth
Assistant to City Manager Kimberly Henry
Director of Finance Katie Griffin
Accountant Lorenzo Lara
Parks & Leisure Services Director Rick Martinez

ELECTED OFFICIALS

1. Call to Order.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Special Session/Tour of City Facilities of the Rockport City Council was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

2. Approximately 9:00 a.m. depart Rockport Service Center (2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas) for a driving tour of Parks and ongoing Economic Development Projects.

At 9:00 a.m., the City Council and Staff departed the Rockport Service Center and began the driving tour of Parks and ongoing Economic Development projects.

3. Approximately 10:15 Tour of Wastewater Treatment Plant (1401 FM 2165, Rockport, TX). The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section § 551.089 (3) Deliberation Regarding Security Devices to deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices related to Wastewater Treatment Plant.

At 10:08 a.m., the Rockport City Council convened into an executive session pursuant to provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.089 (3) Deliberation Regarding Security Devices to deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices related to Wastewater Treatment Plant.

4. The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon conclusion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Closed Session and may recall any item posted for Closed Session for action, as necessary.

At 11:00 a.m., the Rockport City Council reconvened into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any necessary actions related to the executive session noted herein.

No action was taken.

5. Approximately 11:30-12:00 Recess for Lunch.

The Rockport City Council recessed for Lunch from 11:15 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

6. Approximately 12:00 p.m. Tour of Departments located at the Rockport Service Center (2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas).

At 12:00 p.m., the Rockport City Council toured the Departments located at the Rockport Service Center.

- 7. Approximately 1:30 p.m. Tour of Departments located at the Laurel Street Facilities (402 E. Laurel Street, Rockport, Texas). Please note due to social distancing requirements the number of persons allowed to enter the building will be limited.**

At 1:30 p.m., the Rockport City Council toured the Departments located at the Laurel Street Facilities.

- 8. Approximately 3:15 p.m. Tour of the Public Safety Center (714 E. Concho Street, Rockport, Texas). The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Closed Session Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section § 551.089 (3) Deliberation Regarding Security Devices to deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices related to Public Safety Center (PD).**

At 2:41 p.m., the Rockport City Council convened into an executive session pursuant to provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.089 (3) Deliberation Regarding Security Devices to deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices related to Public Safety Center (PD).

- 9. The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon conclusion of the Public Safety Center Closed Session and may recall any item posted for Closed Session for action, as necessary.**

At 4:24 p.m., the Rockport City Council reconvened into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any necessary actions related to the executive sessions noted herein.

No action was taken.

- 10. Approximately 4:30 p.m. return to the Rockport Service Center (2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas).**

At 4:30 p.m., the Rockport City Council and staff returned to the Rockport Service Center.

- 11. 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.

There were no citizens to be heard.

11. Adjournment

At 4:35 p.m., the Special Council Meeting/Tour of City Facilities adjourned.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS




Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary