

# CITY OF ROCKPORT

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass

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On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 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

#### CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

Mayor Tim Jayroe  
Mayor Pro-Tem Andrea Hattman, Ward 4  
Council Member Danielle Hale, Ward 2 – *Via ZOOM*  
Council Member Katy Jackson, Ward 1  
Council Member Brad Brundrett, Ward 3

#### PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Warren Hassinger  
Kim Hesley  
Thomas Blazek  
Ruth Davis  
Patricia A. Impens

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS 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  
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

#### 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 Jayroe at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Jayroe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

**3. Presentation: Diane Probst Proclamation.**

Diane Probst, Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce President and Chief Executive Officer joined Mayor Jayroe at the front of the dais.

Mayor Jayroe stated a joint Proclamation from the City of Rockport, Aransas County, and the Town of Fulton has been previously presented to Diane Probst proclaiming June 14, 2022, as Diane Probst Day in Aransas County. Mayor Jayroe said the City Council wanted to make sure and recognize Ms. Probst since she was retiring from the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Jayroe expressed Ms. Probst has worked hard in getting people to come to this town. Mayor Jayroe thanked Ms. Probst for her dedication and service and declared the City was going to miss her smiling face.

**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 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 citizen comments.

**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 Budget Workshop Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2022.**

**6. Deliberate and act on adoption of a Resolution amending Resolution No. 2016-14, the Certification & Education Pay policy, list and pay table.**

**7. Deliberate and act on approval of an Addendum to the Fuel Card Services Agreement between WEX Bank and Sourcewell providing for the City of Rockport to act as a**

**Participating Entity in the WEX Sourcewell Government Card Program, a government fuel card program.**

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

**MOTION:** Council Member Jackson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, as presented. Council Member Brundrett seconded the motion.

Council Member Hale requested Consent Agenda Item 6 be removed for separate discussion.

**MOTION:** Council Member Jackson moved to rescind her motion.

**MOTION:** Council Member Jackson moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, minus Item 6, as presented. Council Member Brundrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda Item 6.**

Interim City Manager Richard Morton said the City has an existing certification and education program that needs to be updated and amended. Mr. Morton informed the Council the current program does not include certification pay for exempt employees, but they have been receiving certification and education pay so he made that change to the program. Mr. Morton said the next change he is suggesting is a \$900 pay cap per month per employee - \$450 certification pay cap and \$450 education pay cap; providing a flexibility clause that if an employee chooses not to pursue a degree, they may take advantage of the total cap of \$900 towards certification pay. Mr. Morton stated he knows employee recruitment and retention is a high priority for the City Council and other cities where he has worked exempt employees were not eligible for certification pay. Mr. Morton expressed if the Council chose to follow the policy as it is currently written, he would suggest grandfathering in those exempt employees already receiving the certification and education pay because they were hired with that promise.

Council Member Hale stated she believed providing certification pay is the right thing to do but her concern is that are we over incentivizing our exempt employees that must have certain requirements to do the job and is that the right thing to do. Council Member Hale said the fiscal impact is not fully clear and staff is working on that, but by adopting this policy we are locking ourselves into a budget item that we do not have full clarification on yet. Council Member Hale said she would support the exemption of directors until the fiscal impact can be reviewed.

Director of Finance Katie Griffin expressed a couple of directors with the City were hired in at lower salaries and certification and education pay was included in their hiring documentation. Ms. Griffin said she did not know why the policy was not followed, but since she has been with the City there has been at least two director level positions that have been added on and they were to receive the additional certification and education pay.

Mr. Morton expressed he was just not comfortable continuing the practice and not following the policy.

Mayor Jayroe said do we look at realigning pay and/or possibly postponing this item and look at

other alternatives

Mr. Morton asked Ms. Griffin what the financial impact would be and how she calculated that; did she take a look at who was eligible and max those employees out.

Ms. Griffin answered the overall financial impact between the current fiscal year and the proposed budget is about \$59,671. Ms. Griffin said it was based on the \$450 cap for education pay and \$450 cap for certification and what they would be eligible for in Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Ms. Griffin stated you will see that slightly increase in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 because some of the certifications build on each other.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman said her concern was if it was postponed, how much differently can we word this. Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman said Council Member Hale's concern was financial and Katy has provided that.

Mr. Morton said he understood where Council Member Hale was coming from; when someone is promoted up to a director position, they usually forego certification and/or education pay because it is required to do the job. Mr. Morton stated in the policy as it is, if it is required to do the job, you are not to be incentivized for that. Mr. Morton expressed this was an attempt to change the policy because it was not being followed. Mr. Morton said if Council chooses and agrees with Council Member Hale that we should not incentivize directors or exempt employees then we scratch the language that we built in. Mr. Morton stated if Council does that, he would like some direction from Council because he does not want to take pay away from existing directors because they were hired with that promise; but for future directors as we hire them, we need to follow the policy, whichever policy it is.

Council Member Brundrett asked if a survey was conducted on where we are on certification pay.

Ms. Griffin answered Kaycee Eddins, Acting Human Resource Manager, did contact surrounding cities and this was a way for us to level up with surrounding cities salaries. Ms. Griffin added that most of our job descriptions do not require the certifications or education; it is preferred.

Council Member Hale said she understood the financial impact for next year would be approximately \$59,000. Ms. Hale stated she did not think we should punish those exempt employees already receiving the pay. Ms. Hale commented if you are hired in at a manager level and you are required to have an associate degree or a bachelor's degree to be qualified for the position, you should not be receiving another pay on top of your salary. Ms. Hale added the \$900 calculated out is almost \$11,000 extra a year on top of a salary and that a big deal. Ms. Hale stated she hope staff understands she is not saying we should not have certification/education pay, but she thinks it is teetering on obsessive in certain areas. Council Member Hale expressed she would support whatever the Council decided, but she would like to see this come back on how it supports the director positions and make sure the Council is aware of how it will be affecting the budget next year.

Mr. Morton stated this was not a new program, but the \$900 cap was non-existent, and it is something he is suggesting and that is why the cost are not as great from year to year.

Mr. Morton said the real issue is exempt versus non-exempt.

Council Member Hale stated she understood but the Council would be looking at adding \$59,000 to the budget next year.

Mr. Morton stated the \$59,000 would be the maximum amount.

**MOTION:** Council Member Hale moved to postpone this Agenda Item for 60 days for reevaluation and to be brought back to Council.

Mr. Morton stated the budget needs to be adopted prior to 60 days, so he would ask Council Member Hale to consider a shorter time frame.

Mayor Jayroe said he would recommend consideration of this item at the August 9, 2022, City Council meeting.

Council Member Jackson ask if Council Member Hale would restate the motion.

**MOTION:** Council Member Hale moved to postpone this Agenda item for reevaluation and to be brought back to the Council at the August 9, 2022, Council meeting. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Hearings**

#### **8. Call to Order – Rockport Planning & Zoning Commission.**

With a quorum of the members present, the meeting of the Rockport Planning & Zoning Commission was called to order at 6:55 p.m., on Tuesday, July 26, 2022, in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

Mayor Jayroe opened the Joint Public Hearings at 6:55 p.m.

#### **9. Conduct a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning & Zoning Commission to consider a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a Quilt Shop, located at 2922 FM 1781; also known as Spanish Woods Estates #5, Lot 3b, being 1.148 acres, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; currently zoned R-1 (1<sup>st</sup> Single Family Dwelling District).**

Community Planner Carey Dietrich stated this is a request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a quilt shop. Ms. Dietrich said she had received two letters in favor of the requested change.

Darleena Lanier, property owner addressed the Council and stated the quilt shop has been in operation for 2.5 years and she had recently found out that the property was not zoned commercial like she was told when she purchased the property.

Mayor Jayroe said the Planning & Zoning Commission will consider this item at their meeting on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

- 10. Conduct a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning & Zoning Commission to consider a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the use of a manufactured home that the owner placed on the property, not realizing it is in the City limits, located at 826 Holly Road; also known as S3925 McCombs Subdivision, Lot 6, 2.00 acres, Rockpoort, Aransas County, Texas; currently zoned R-1 (1<sup>st</sup> Single Family Dwelling District).**

Jamie McAlister, property owner addressed the Council and stated he purchased the property when it was in the County with the plan of moving a manufactured home from a lease in the City to this property for my parents. Mr. McAlister said they paid to have the home moved there without understanding the zoning and once the house was set-up and inspected the City came out and told us that we were in the wrong and needed to approach a different avenue.

Mayor Jayroe said the Planning & Zoning Commission will consider this item at their meeting on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Mark Tobias, 721 Holly Road, addressed the Council and said he owns 802 Holly Road and he objects to the request because it will lower property value in the area. Mr. Tobias said the property is looking more like an RV park than single-family dwellings.

Larry Robinson, 838 Holly Road, addressed the Council and said he is opposed to the request. Mr. Robinson stated there are several RVs on these 2 acres, and it looks like an RV park and he was told he had to have 5 acres for an RV park. Mr. Robinson questioned how long this would keep going before it would be considered an RV park.

Mayor Jayroe closed the Joint Public Hearings at 7:02 p.m.

#### **11. Adjourn – Rockport Planning & Zoning Commission.**

At 7:02 p.m., the Rockport Planning & Zoning Commission adjourned.

#### **Regular Agenda**

- 12. Hear, deliberate and act on requests for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 grant funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Account from the following entities:**
  - a. Aransas County Council on Aging - Bountiful Bowl Pottery Fair/Rockport Clay Expo**

Luis Purón, Executive Director of the Rockport Center for the Arts addressed the Council and stated he was speaking on behalf of Ms. Mary Ellen Nies, Executive Director for Aransas County Council on Aging since she was out of the country. Mr. Purón stated the Aransas County Council on Aging is requesting \$5,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund.

#### **b. Artisan and Crafters Market – Rockport Fulton Market Days**

Tom Meinhausen with Rockport-Fulton Market Days addressed the Council. Mr. Meinhausen

Presented a request for \$60,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund.

**c. University of Texas Marine Science Institute – Bay Education Center**

Adriana Reza with the Bay Education Center addressed the Council. Ms. Reza presented a request for \$15,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund.

**d. Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce**  
**i. Marketing**

Diane Probst, President & Chief Executive Officer, Beth Journey, Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, Donna Townsend with the Tourism Development Council, Jana Hill, Vice President of Marketing and Promotion, and Laney Johnson with Short-Term Rentals group, addressed the Council. They presented a request for \$369,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund.

**ii. HummerBird Celebration**

Diane Probst, President & Chief Executive Officer addressed the Council. Ms. Probst presented a request for \$1,500 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund for the September 2023 HummerBird Celebration.

**iii. Seafair**

Jordan Pilgrim, Co-chair of the Seafair Committee addressed the Council. Mr. Pilgrim presented a request for \$1,500 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund for the October 2022 Seafair.

**e. Friends of the Fulton Mansion - Fulton Mansion State Historic Site**

Allen Lea, Site Manager for the Fulton Mansion State Historical Site, addressed the Council. Mr. Lea presented a request for \$50,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund.

**f. Pan American Civic Association - Labor Day Music Fest**

City Secretary Teresa Valdez said Mr. Luna had called and said he was unable to attend the meeting tonight but respectfully requested Council consider the request.

The Pan American Civic Association has requested \$15,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund for the Labor Day Music Fest.

**g. Rockport Yacht Club - Nautical Flea Market**

No one representing the Rockport Yacht Club was in attendance to present their request.

The Rockport Yacht Club has requested \$1,800 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund for the Nautical Flea Market.

**h. Rockport Center for the Arts**

Luis Purón, Executive Director of the Rockport Center for the Arts, addressed the Council. Mr. Purón presented a request for \$295,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund.

**i. Rockport Cultural Arts District**

Jennifer Day, Executive Director of the Rockport Cultural Arts District, addressed the Council. Ms. Day presented a request for \$118,400 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund.

**j. RockportFulton.com**

Andy Grunberger, webmaster of social media for RockportFulton.com addressed the Council. Mr. Grunberger presented a request for \$75,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund.

**k. Texas Maritime Museum**

Justin Parkoff, Executive Director of the Texas Maritime Museum, addressed the Council. Mr. Parkoff presented a request for \$75,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund.

**l. City of Rockport – Downtown Information Center & Restrooms**

Interim City Manager Richard Morton addressed the Council and presented a request on behalf of the City of Rockport for \$500,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund for a Downtown Information Center & Restrooms.

**m. City of Rockport**

**i. Tropical Christmas**

Rick Martinez, Director of the Parks and Leisure Services Department, addressed the Council. Mr. Martinez presented a request on behalf of the City of Rockport Parks and Leisure Services Department for \$70,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund for the annual Tropical Christmas event.

**ii. Kite Festival**

Rick Martinez, Director of the Parks and Leisure Services Department, addressed the Council. Mr. Martinez presented a request on behalf of the City of Rockport Parks and Leisure Services Department for \$5,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund for the Kite Festival.



### **iii. Whooping Crane Strut**

Rick Martinez, Director of the Parks and Leisure Services Department, addressed the Council. Mr. Martinez presented a request on behalf of the City of Rockport Parks and Leisure Services Department for \$6,500 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund for the annual Whooping Crane Strut event.

### **iv. Event Support**

Rick Martinez, Director of the Parks and Leisure Services Department, addressed the Council. Mr. Martinez presented a request on behalf of the City of Rockport Parks and Leisure Services Department as well as other City Departments for \$30,000 grant funds from the City of Rockport Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund for City Departments providing support in events held within the City of Rockport.

Mr. Morton asked that each Council Member list their recommendation of funding for each request. Mr. Morton explained as each Council Member states their recommendations it will be entered onto a spreadsheet that will calculate whether there is a consensus among Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman stated the Council did receive a packet containing all the requests with backup documentation a week ago to allow them time to review the material and digest the information.

Council Members provided their recommendations.

Council Member Hale provided an explanation for her recommendations: The Rockport Cultural Arts District had more than doubled their request from last year's request; the Artisan & Crafter Markets is a for profit entity, and she would like to see the event prove its market; the Labor Day Music Festival is not listed as a non-profit with IRS and it also is not local; RockportFulton.com is a for profit entity.

Council Member Brundrett stated he funded all requests at the level requested knowing the City would be utilizing Fund Balance.

Council Member Jackson stated she would like to see the Information Center funded at \$600,000.

Mayor Jayroe stated he reviewed the requests at length and his concern was with the for profit requests.

Discussion was held among Council regarding their individual recommendations and a consensus was reached as shown below.

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Fund: 27 - Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund

FY 22-23

Proposed

		Beginning Fund Balance	FY 22-23 Proposed					
		\$1,505,889						
Revenues								
Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenues		\$1,355,000	\$1,355,000	\$1,355,000	\$1,355,000	\$1,355,000	\$1,355,000	
Available Remaining			\$254,107	\$94,707	\$253,107	\$122,107	\$234,707	
Expenditures		Funding Request	Ward 4	Ward 3	Ward 2	Ward 1	Mayor	
19-City Administrative Cost - Personnel		Category Totals	\$58,848	\$58,848	\$58,848	\$58,848	\$58,848	
20-Contracts & Services								
2001	R-F Chamber of Commerce-Marketing	\$369,000	\$369,000	\$369,000	\$369,000	\$369,000	\$369,000	Consensus
2002	Texas Maritime Museum	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	Consensus
2003	UTMSI - Bay Education Center	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	Consensus
2009	Fulton Mansion	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	Consensus
2040	RCA-Arts, Culture & Humanities Tourism	\$295,000	\$295,000	\$295,000	\$295,000	\$295,000	\$295,000	Consensus
2043	AC Council on Aging-Bountiful Bowl	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Consensus
2044	Rockport Yacht Club-Nautical Flea Mkt	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	Consensus
2047	R-F Chamber Of Commerce - Seafair	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	Consensus
2048	R-F Chamber of Commerce - Hummerbird	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	Consensus
2050	Tropical Christmas	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	Consensus
2001	Public Art	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Consensus
2075	Visitor Transportation	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	Consensus
2085	Event Support	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	Consensus
2007	Rockport Cultural Arts District	\$118,400	\$100,000	\$118,400	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$118,400	Consensus
2046	Contracted Service	\$17,244	\$17,244	\$17,244	\$17,244	\$17,244	\$17,244	Consensus
200x	Rockport Kite Festival	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Consensus
200x	Artisan & Crafter Markets	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	Consensus
200x	Whooping Crane Strut	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	Consensus
200x	Labor Day Music Festival	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	Consensus
200x	RockportFulton.com	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	Consensus
Total Traditional Requests		\$1,278,703	\$1,047,544	\$1,208,044	\$1,048,544	\$1,170,544	\$1,008,044	
Fund Balance		\$1,674,895	\$1,903,344	\$1,743,944	\$1,902,344	\$1,771,344	\$1,883,944	
200x	Information Center - Downtown	\$500,000	\$580,000	\$580,000	\$580,000	\$600,000	\$580,000	
Fund Balance with Downtown Information Center funded			\$1,174,895	\$1,403,344	\$1,243,944	\$1,402,344	\$1,171,344	\$1,383,944

**MOTION:** Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman moved to make the following allocations for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 grant funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget:

- a. Aransas County Council on Aging - Bountiful Bowl Pottery Fair/Rockport Clay Expo – \$5,000.
- b. Artisan and Crafters Market – Rockport Fulton Market Days - \$0
- c. University of Texas Marine Science Institute – Bay Education Center - \$15,000
- d. Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce
  - i. Marketing - \$369,000
  - ii. HummerBird Celebration - \$1,500
  - iii. Seafair - \$1,500
- e. Friends of the Fulton Mansion - Fulton Mansion State Historic Site - \$50,000
- f. Pan American Civic Association - Labor Day Music Fest - \$0
- g. Rockport Yacht Club - Nautical Flea Market - \$1,800
- h. Rockport Center for the Arts - \$295,000
- i. Rockport Cultural Arts District - \$100,000
- j. RockportFulton.com - \$0
- k. Texas Maritime Museum - \$75,000
- l. City of Rockport – Downtown Information Center & Restrooms - \$500,000

- m. City of Rockport
  - i. Tropical Christmas - \$70,000
  - ii. Kite Festival - \$5,000
  - iii. Whooping Crane Strut - \$6,500
  - iv. Event Support - \$30,000
- n. Public Art - \$5,000
- o. Visitor Transportation - \$1,000
- p. Contracted Service - \$17,244

Council Member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**13. Deliberate and act on appointment of Council representative on the Aransas County Alliance Local Government Corporation Board of Directors.**

Mayor Jayroe stated previous Mayor Rios served as the Council representative on the Aransas County Alliance Local Government Corporation Board of Directors. Mayor Jayroe said since Mayor Rios is no longer on the City Council, the Council needs to appoint a Council representative.

**MOTION:** Council Member Brundrett moved to appoint Mayor Tim Jayroe as the Council representative on the Aransas County Local Government Corporation Board of Directors. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**14. Deliberate and act to approve a modified organization chart and position changes for the Public Works and Building and Development Departments.**

Interim City Manager Richard Morton said Public Works and Building & Development Director Mike Donoho has been working on this for some time. Mr. Morton stated there have been some retirements and this was an opportunity to restructure to meet the needs of the community. Mr. Morton added he thought this request is worthy and will create a new position, giving the Public Works and Building & Development Departments three Assistant Directors. Mr. Morton said this is not cost neutral and will be about a \$6,000 increase and will also allow for one position to be more utilized by the Finance Department.

Public Works and Building & Development Director Mike Donoho said this was a unique opportunity for a small city such as Rockport; it will allow employees to advance their careers and he has been working on this for several months. Mr. Donoho stated the proposed changes are: the Assistant Director of Public Works & Construction, the Administrative Supervisor (downgraded position), and the Janitor positions are new. Mr. Donoho explained janitorial services have been being performed by City employees in addition to their normal job duties and being paid overtime and that has amounted to quite a bit.

Council Member Jackson asked if it was only a \$6,000 increase.

Director of Finance Katie Griffin answered it was only a \$6,000 increase to the budget.

**MOTION:** Council Member Brundrett moved to approve the modified organization chart and position changes for the Public Works and Building and Development Departments. Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **15. 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 there was all kinds of stuff going on in Ward 1 and she encouraged everyone to shop local. Council Member Jackson expressed Ward 1 is set to possibly explode with investment and business and she is looking forward to working with the Economic Development Corporation.

Council Member Hale stated she was sorry she was not in physical attendance at the meeting, but this is the one week of Summer she is taking some time off. Council Member Hale thanked Ms. Lanier for working with the Spanish Woods Homeowners Association on her request for the quilt shop. Council Member Hale expressed it is a great time to be in Rockport and asked everyone to stay safe.

Council Member Brundrett thanked Interim City Manager Richard Morton for the time he dedicated to the City and for righting the ship.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman said the bids for the Rockport County Club drainage project will be opened on July 27, 2022, and should be coming to Council in August. Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman encouraged everyone to stay safe and school is almost back in session.

Mayor Jayroe thanked Mr. Morton and stated it has been a joy to work with him.

#### **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:

- 16. 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:**
- 1) Burnside Services, Inc., and 2) Concho Street Drainage Project.**

At 8:17 p.m., Mayor Jayroe convened the Rockport City Council into an executive session pursuant to Government Code 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: 1) Burnside Services, Inc., and 2) 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 8:37 p.m., Mayor Jayroe reconvened the Rockport City Council into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

No action was taken

**17. Adjournment.**

At 8:37 p.m., Council Member Jackson moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman. Motion carried unanimously.



**APPROVED:**

  
Tim Jayroe, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Teresa Valdez, City Secretary