

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass

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." Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views on any topic or agenda item can 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 at the meeting. 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 summarized in the minutes of the meeting.

On the 24th day of August 2021, the City Council of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, convened in Regular Session at 6:36 p.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

Mayor Patrick R. Rios
Mayor Pro-Tem J.D. Villa, Ward 2
Council Member Katy Jackson, Ward 1
Council Member Brad Brundrett, Ward 3
Council Member Andrea Hattman, Ward 4

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Kevin Carruth
Assistant to City Manager Kimberly Henry
City Secretary Teresa Valdez
Director of Public Works & Building Services Mike Donoho
Director of Finance Katie Griffin
Parks & Leisure Services Director Rick Martinez
Information Technology Desktop Support Technician Tommy Saucedo
Chief of Police Greg Stevens
Police Officer Nathan Anderson
Police Officer Jessie Aguilar

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Opening Agenda

1. Call 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 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas, and via video conferencing application ZOOM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Council Member Brundrett asked for a point of privilege for former Police Chief Tim Jayroe to give an invocation.

Former Police Chief Tim Jayroe gave an invocation.

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.

Nancy Bolting, 201 Spanish Woods Drive, addressed the Council and commented: Thank you Mayor and Council Members, and I want to comment on the detrimental aspects of some of the social media accounts and comments in our community that frequently do not share complete truths or facts. Please know that there are a greater number of us that do not agree with this minority of residents. We may not blow up your phones or post our beliefs, but please know that we are paying close attention to what our Council votes on and the comments that you make.

Adelaide Marlott, 456 Augusta, addressed the Council on behalf Mike Henderson Chairman of the Operations Committee for First Presbyterian Church, distributed a packet of pictures to the City Secretary and commented: The pictures were taken after the water had begun to recede after the rains of July 7-9, 2021; some were taken after water soaked furniture, carpet and cabinets had been taken out. The flood adjuster was directing what could stay and what had to be removed; the end result left many of our people speechless. Our people are asking what is being done to keep this from happening in the future. Our beautiful building was built in 1941 or thereabouts and we know it is our responsibility to protect and safeguard it in times of trouble. But we know we need your help. We'd like to invite whomever knows about the drainage improvement plans for this area, to come meet with our operations committee, a small group, to discuss what will change in the drainage plan for this area and what that will do to protect this beautiful place of worship. Ms. Marlott provided the name of their church lady and the telephone number to set up a meeting in the future.

Kristie Rutledge, 1411 Dana Drive, addressed the Council and commented: Four years tomorrow since Harvey made landfall and turned our lives upside down – many folks still not recovered; August 31, 2020, momentous occasion – tax notes passed by Council after citizens had petitioned those tax notes and on that day this Council and City staff said to citizens that we are moving forward regardless of what you think. The Courthouse was voted down; that went to election and the City Hall should have gone to election. We were promised on August 31st, I attended that long meeting where 30 people spoke to this Council and said: “do not pass tax notes”; and I heard Bob Henderson say that debt for the tax notes would not increase our taxes. But ya’ll have been debating for weeks and weeks and weeks about how our taxes need to go up, how we needed to grow the size of government to fit your plans; your future growth plans, your 29 new employees, your \$1.6 million worth of new employees over the next five years. You are going to get your courthouse and we got the debt, but you can’t have everything; this idea that you can spend your way into prosperity, spend your way into growth on the backs of people that are hurting, that lost their homes, it’s got to stop. You have to start respecting the voice of your citizens; this City and this City Council because we pay for you with our tax dollars. Your debt proposals for another \$20 million for this year is not going to work out; we don’t have the money. This Council was wise and cut the tax rate. Let’s move forward from here on out as a body that respects the citizens of Rockport.

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 Workshop Minutes of July 20, 2021, Budget Workshop Minutes of August 2, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2021, and Special Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2021.**
- 5. Deliberate and act to award bid to *The Rockport Pilot* to serve as the official newspaper for the City of Rockport for legal ads and publications for a two (2) year period beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2023.**
- 6. Deliberate and act on 3rd quarter report from the Texas Maritime Museum for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 marketing expenditures.**
- 7. Deliberate and act on 3rd quarter report from the Texas Marine Science Institute/Mission Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Bay Education marketing expenditures.**
- 8. Deliberate and act on 3rd quarter report from Rockport Cultural Arts District for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 marketing expenditures.**
- 9. Deliberate and act on the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool doing business as TML Health Benefits Pool (TML Health) Continuation of Coverage Administrative Agreement for the Plan Year 2021-2022 and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents.**
- 10. Deliberate and act on amendment to Section 125 Flexible Spending Arrangement Agreement with TML Health Benefits Pool.**

- 11. Deliberate and act on request for temporary off-street directional signs at various locations for the Seafair Festival from September 21-October 11, 2021, and HummerBird Celebration from September 15 – 21, 2021, including a street banner at the Walmart entryway on Highway 35 North, and FM 3036 at Broadway.**

Kristie Rutledge, 1411 Dana Drive, addressed the Council and commented: What I'm finding in reading the Minutes of the City Council meetings, it reads like an editorial and this is not your job. You are hired by the citizens of Rockport to record what we say accurately, not every word, but to the best of your point. I want to bring up one meeting, August 10, 2021, this room was packed with people here to tell you something – to put regular drainage maintenance in your budget. When I look at the Minutes of August 10th there were a lot of people who spoke to you, they had a lot of emotion and what was recorded in the City Minutes was one simple paragraph with about five sentences. I have been requesting this for over a year that the Minutes accurately reflect what your citizens are saying because that is the only official public record. I am here to ask you to add these meetings, which are being recorded, to a YouTube channel, just like the County does, a very simple deal; you have the staff to do it – put it out there for the citizens of Rockport to see.

Mayor Rios called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. There were none.

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

Public Hearings

Mayor Rios opened the Public Hearings at 6:45 p.m.

- 12. Conduct a public hearing for City of Rockport 2021 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 2021-2022 on September 7, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.**

Nancy Bolting, 201 Spanish Woods Drive, addressed the Council and commented: I looked over your budget and the 20-21 tax increase would equal the difference of the No New Revenue Tax Rate and the Voter Approval Tax Rate of \$.025627 or for a home valued at \$225,000 that equals a \$56.25 increase; a \$500,000 home that equals an increase of \$125.00 for a year. A maintenance and operations field service worker, pay with benefits included is \$50,052; less those paid benefits, your gross amount taken home to pay bills before income tax, social security and medicare is \$32,000 - \$35,000 a year or an average hourly rate before taxes of \$15.38 - \$16.83 and that is based on 2080 hours annually. This year their insurance increased by 2%, the cost of gas has gone up on average \$1.00 per gallon. This is not just about the fluff pointed out by the small minority; this less than \$.03 increase also is about valuing our maintenance and operations employees but also our City personnel. I think you need to consider that.

Kristie Rutledge, 1411 Dana Drive, addressed the Council and commented: On August 10, 2021, you voted to approve the No New Revenue Rate by a vote of 4:1; the only dissenting vote was Mayor Rios. It is my understanding because I did call Mr. Carruth's office on the morning of August 10th that whatever rate was selected by Council on that date could not go up from that date forward. Unfortunately, Council Members were drug back into two special meetings to try to get them to change their minds and that didn't happen. I want to thank you for holding to the No New

Revenue Rate. The next thing we need to do is figure out how to make the budget work. I believe in Council and staff and look forward to making the budget work.

Jeff Hutt, 2201 Prairie Road, addressed the Council and commented: My understanding is that we can only lower the tax rate, correct; the ceiling we are at now is the No New Revenue Rate? When we look at the gas company, it looks like we have expenditures going out for the next 4-5 years at about \$500,000 a year and at the end of those years we are going to be solvent, but we are almost going to be doubling rates. Is that a fair assessment?

Director of Finance Katie Griffin sated the proposed tax rate is the No New Revenue Tax Rate.

Mayor Rios stated this Agenda item is a Public Hearing on the tax rate and Mr. Hutt's question is not related to tax rate and this Agenda item.

13. Conduct a public hearing on City of Rockport Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget.

Mayor Rios said Council will pass on this Agenda item and bring back at a Special Council Meeting on September 7, 2021.

Regular Agenda

14. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport approving the assessment and renditions for the 2021 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 2021 of \$0.208434 for the purposes of Maintenance and Operation, \$0.184286 for the payment of Principal and Interest on debt of the City for a total tax rate of \$0.392720; and providing an effective date.

Director of Finance Katie Griffin stated at Council's request staff has prepared the Ordinance levying a tax rate of \$0.208434 for the purposes of Maintenance and Operation, \$0.184286 for the payment of Interest on debt of the City for a total tax rate of \$0.392720. Ms. Griffin said this is based on the No New Revenue Tax Rate.

MOTION: Council Member Hattman moved to approve the first reading of an Ordinance City of Rockport setting the 2021 *ad valorem* property tax rate at the rate of \$0.392720 per \$100 valuation with \$0.208434 for maintenance and operations and \$0.184286 for debt services and interest and sinking, as presented. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3:2.

FOR MOTION: Council Member Hattman, Council Member Jackson and Council Member Brundrett.

AGAINST MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Villa and Mayor Rios.

15. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance extending a Moratorium for 60 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; fiding 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.

Director of Public Works and Building & Development Services Mike Donoho addressed the Council. Mr. Donoho stated the Moratorium expired yesterday, it slipped through the cracks. Mr. Donoho explained the RV Ordinance was presented to the RV Park Council for input and staff is in the process of reviewing the recommendations to revise the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Donoho said staff is recommending an additional 60 day extension of the Moratorium.

Council Member Brundrett asked if Council extended the Moratorium and a developer brought the City a RV development request right now, is the 60-days realistic to get a development moving. Mr. Brundrett asked how close was staff to finalizing the Ordinance to be brought to Council; about 95% complete?

Mr. Donoho answered “no” because they would have to go through the development process and that takes some time.

City Manager Kevin Carruth said staff needs to meet again with the RV Park Council.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Villa moved to approve the first reading of an Ordinance extending a Moratorium for 60 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. Council Member Hattman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rockport, Texas, authorizing the City to close and exchange certain portions of unimproved Sweet Bay Avenue with the owner of the abutting properties for 2403 Patton Street; and establishing an effective date.

City Manager Kevin Carruth said this is a property exchange staff has been working on for several months. Mr. Carruth called the Council’s attention to the map showing the location of the properties to be exchanged. Mr. Carruth explained Mr. James Elkins would like to exchange Lots 18 and 20 of Block 5, Denver Heights Subdivision for the piece of unimproved street right-of-way known as Sweet Bay Avenue. Mr. Carruth stated the appraisals were within \$3,000 - \$4,000 of one another and Mr. Elkins has agreed to pay some of the closing costs.

James Elkins (via ZOOM) stated he was available if the Council had any questions.

MOTION: Council Member Jackson moved to approve the first reading of reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rockport, Texas, authorizing the City to close and exchange certain portions of unimproved Sweet Bay Avenue with the owner of the abutting properties for 2403 Patton Street; and establishing an effective date. Mayor Pro-Tem Villa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to sign the appropriate deed(s) and other such closing documents as required to sell Lot 5-R, Block 115, Doughty and Mathis Division, being 0.287 acres according to the replat recorded in Volume 7, Page 149, Plat Records of Aransas County Texas, also known as 1017 Young Street; and providing for an effective date.

City Manager Kevin Carruth said there had been no change in substance of format since Council approved the first reading of the Ordinance on August 10, 2021.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Villa moved to approve the second and final reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to sign the appropriate deed(s) and other such closing documents as required to sell Lot 5-R, Block 115, Doughty and Mathis Division, being 0.287 acres according to the replat recorded in Volume 7, Page 149, Plat Records of Aransas County Texas, also known as 1017 Young Street; and providing for an effective date. Council Member Hattman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of a proposed Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 “Utilities,” Article III, “Wastewater Services,” Division 4, “Service Charges” by amending wastewater rates for all customers, providing for the validity of said Ordinance; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.

City Manager Kevin Carruth said there had been no change in substance of format since Council approved the first reading of the Ordinance on August 10, 2021.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Villa moved to approve the second and final reading of a proposed Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 “Utilities,” Article III, “Wastewater Services,” Division 4, “Service Charges” by amending wastewater rates for all customers, providing for the validity of said Ordinance; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date. Council Member Brundrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

19. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 “Utilities,” Article V, “Natural Gas Service,” Division 3. “Service Charges” by amending natural gas rates for all customers; providing for the validity of said Ordinance; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for publication and an effective date.

City Manager Kevin Carruth said there had been no change in substance of format since Council approved the first reading of the Ordinance on August 10, 2021.

MOTION: Council Member Jackson moved to approve the second and final reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 “Utilities,” Article V, “Natural Gas Service,” Division 3. “Service Charges” by amending natural gas rates for all customers; providing for the validity of said Ordinance; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for publication and an effective date. Council Member Brundrett seconded the motion.

Kristie Rutledge, 1411 Dana Drive, addressed the Council and commented: This is a big increase of \$.12 and this is something that has been warned to us by previous Council Members. It is a City utility that we rely on, especially older homes and it is really important that it is maintained properly. Would like the Council to place on a future agenda the sale of the sports complex property. Don't use new debt on repairing the gas line. Protect infrastructure first before you do sports complex.

Mayor Rios called for the vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 20. Deliberate and act on second and final 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” setting new fees for service, repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for publication and effective date.**

City Manager Kevin Carruth said there had been no change in substance of format since Council approved the first reading of the Ordinance on August 10, 2021.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Villa moved to approve the second and final 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” setting new fees for service, repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for publication and effective date. Council Member Brundrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 21. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 “Utilities”, Article II. “Water Service”, Division 3. “Service Charges” by amending water rates for all customers; providing for the validity of said Ordinance; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date.**

City Manager Kevin Carruth said there had been no change in substance of format since Council approved the first reading of the Ordinance on August 10, 2021.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Villa moved to approved the second and final reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 “Utilities”, Article II. “Water Service”, Division 3. “Service Charges” by amending water rates for all customers; providing for the validity of said Ordinance; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date. Council Member Hattman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 22. Deliberate and act on second and 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 1502 Sixteenth Street; also known as Lot 53, Block 251, Swickheimer Subdivision, being 10.014 acres, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; from R-1 (1st Single Family Dwelling District) to R-2M (Manufactured Housing District); repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.**

Council Member Jackson said Mr. Selensky had asked her to thank everyone and let them know he is excited to get started on this workforce housing development.

City Manager Kevin Carruth said there had been no change in substance of format since Council approved the first reading of the Ordinance on August 10, 2021

MOTION: Council Member Hattman moved to approve the second and 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 1502 Sixteenth Street; also known as Lot 53, Block 251, Swickheimer Subdivision, being 10.014 acres, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; from R-1 (1st Single Family Dwelling District) to R-2M (Manufactured Housing District); repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Council Member Brundrett seconded the motion.

Council Member Brundrett asked if there was any conflict between this Ordinance and the RV Moratorium.

City Manager Kevin Carruth answered there was not a conflict.

Motion carried unanimously.

23. Deliberate and act on request for closure of Ann Street between Market Street & North Street; Market Street at intersections of Ann Street, Pearl Street, Church Street, Live Oak Street, Magnolia (N & S) Street east to Magnolia Street; Magnolia Street north to Concho intersections of St. Mary's Street, Wharf Street, North Street, Peter Street, Cornwall Street and Concho Street for the Seafair parade on October 9, 2021.

City Manager Kevin Carruth stated this is the same parade route used in the past, but we are still finalizing the request for closure of Laurel Street so that is not part of the Agenda item tonight.

MOTION: Council Member Brundrett moved to approve the closure of Ann Street between Market Street & North Street; Market Street at intersections of Ann Street, Pearl Street, Church Street, Live Oak Street, Magnolia (N & S) Street east to Magnolia Street; Magnolia Street north to Concho intersections of St. Mary's Street, Wharf Street, North Street, Peter Street, Cornwall Street and Concho Street for the Seafair parade on October 9, 2021. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

24. Deliberate on FY 2020-2021 Budget.

Mayor Rios stated Council will pass on this Agenda item and it will be brought back for Council discussion at a Special Meeting on August 31, 2021.

25. Hear and deliberate on status of COVID-19 and response efforts.

City Manager Kevin Carruth said the State is finally catching up with Aransas County's vaccination rates. Mr. Carruth stated hospitalizations and fatalities are creeping up. Mr. Carruth asked everyone to take safety action that you are comfortable with; this is not going away.

Mayor Rios said he is receiving calls on where to get the rapid test and vaccinations; can get vaccinated at pharmacies. Mayor Rios stated he personally knows a lot of people who have contracted COVID and a few have gone to the hospital.

Mr. Carruth said there have been 5-6 cases in Aransas County Independent School District and 5-6 cases at Sacred Heart School. Mr. Carruth stated citizens can go to the City's website for the latest information. Mr. Carruth said the Pfizer vaccine has received full authorization from the FDA.

Council Member Brundrett said there will be a vaccination clinic tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Allegiance EMS.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa asked everyone to have patience; everywhere you go there are a lot of people out.

Mayor Rios said several local businesses have had to close because of employees not being able to come into work. Mayor Rios stated the small town of Iran, Texas, holds the record of 50% of their population are current testing positive for COVID. Mayor Rios asked everyone to “Be Safe.”

26. Reports from Council.

At this time, the City Council will report/update on 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 she attended the Rockport Cultural Arts District Board Meeting last week and there are great things coming. Council Member Jackson stated stamps are going into corners on sidewalks.

Mayor Pro-Tem Villa asked everyone to pay attention to the weather; there is a possible storm in the Gulf.

Council Member Brundrett said he attended the Friends of Little Bay presentation from Clean Coast Texas. Council Member Brundrett stated good things are coming; working on grants – some already funded for the Little Bay restoration. Council Member Brundrett commented he appreciated the Parks staff cleaning up the sidewalk by the Bent Oaks property.

Council Member Hattman reminded everyone school is back in session and please watch out for children walking and bus stops. Council Member Hattman asked everyone to “pay attention.”

Mayor Rios said the southern trail is just about complete; they are doing cleanup and it looks nice – it is going to be a good asset for the community. Mayor Rios stated he will be receiving calls to monitor the storm situation.

27. Adjournment.

At 7:26 p.m., Mayor Pro-Tem Villa moved to adjourn. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED:


Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa Valdez, City Secretary