

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 27, 2019 Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass

On the 27th day of August 2019, the City Council of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, convened in Special Session at 11:00 a.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 Pat Rios
Council Member Michael Saski, Ward 1
Council Member Bob Cunningham, Ward 3
Council Member Barbara Gurtner, Ward 4

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Kevin Carruth
Assistant City Secretary Ruby Beaven
Finance Director Katie Griffin
Public Works Director Mike Donoho
Parks & Leisure Services Director Rick Martinez
Information Technology Director Bob Argetsinger
Police Chief Greg Stevens

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Opening Agenda

1. Call to Order.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Special Session of the Rockport City Council was called to order by Mayor Rios at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

Public Hearing

- 2. Conduct the first public hearing for City of Rockport 2019 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 2019-2020 on September 24, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockport Service Center located at 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.**

Mayor Rios opened the public hearing at 11:01a.m.

City Manager Kevin Carruth addressed the Council stating the proposed tax rate is \$0.420082 and is higher than the current effective rate. Mr. Carruth said the average residential taxable value is \$224,641 and the proposed tax rate would mean an average tax increase of \$53.42 a year. Mr. Carruth added the values have increased in the last year due to recovery efforts.

Mayor Rios commented that the City is still several hundred accounts less by not having residential homes and commercial units on the tax rolls.

Mayor Rios stated the second public hearing is scheduled for the September 10, 2019, regular meeting.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Rios stated the Rockport City Council will consider adoption of an Ordinance to adopt the tax rate for the City of Rockport Fiscal Year 2019 at the September 24, 2019, City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockport Service Center located at 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas, 78382.

Mayor Rios closed the public hearing at 11:10 a.m.

3. Adjournment

At 11:11 a.m., Mayor Rios moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Gurtner and carried unanimously.



CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS


Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary