

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, 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 13th day of September 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 Tim Jayroe
Mayor Pro-Tem Andrea Hattman, Ward 4
Council Member Danielle Hale, Ward 2
Council Member Katy Jackson, Ward 1
Council Member Brad Brundrett, Ward 3

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Vanessa Shrauner
Assistant to City Manager Kimberly Henry
City Secretary Teresa Valdez
City Attorney Allison Bastian-Rodriguez – *Via ZOOM*
Director of Finance Katie Griffin
Parks & Leisure Services Administrative & Recreation Program Assistant Brittany Elkins
Director of Public Works and Building & Development Services Mike Donoho
Information Technology Director Bob Argetsinger
Police Patrol Captain Nathan Garcia

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 Jayroe at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Brundrett led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

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 Agenda item or any subject matter, 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.

Chris Kappmeyer, 27 Riveria, addressed the Council and stated a Short Term Rental Alliance has been formed with about 20-25 members and they will be having a meeting at the Chamber tomorrow.

Jeff Hutt, 2201 Prairie Road, addressed the Council, and voiced discontent regarding the Council receiving all citizen comments, either on Agenda items or other subject matter, at the "Citizens to be heard" section of the Agenda only. Mr. Hutt declared his dissatisfaction saying the Council was continuing with corruption and deception and stated: "Forget it."

Jeff Dinger, 108 Marion Drive, addressed the Council, and stated he submitted a bid for the old City Hall property and he wanted to find out: 1) why the City is selling the property, 2) why did the City put the property out for bid, 3) who bid on the property, and 4) why the bids are being rejected. Mr. Dinger also stated it appeared the Council rubber stamped the amendment that was made to the Pearl Point housing development that allows HUD vouchers.

Mayor Jayroe said the City had received several Citizen Participation Forms and they were read:

- 1) Evalee Von Villas, 933 Hickory Avenue, (Mayor Jayroe read the comments): Opposed to the 9.29% increase in property taxes and city increases. You are going to make it cost prohibitive to live and work here.
- 2) Kristie Rutledge, 1411 Dana Drive, (Council Member Brundrett read the comments): Urge Council to vote "no" against Agenda Item 7 because the budget is based on the "unused increment" rate which increases property taxes 9.3%. The City's Long Range Spending Plan includes 9% property tax rate increases through 2025; the City pool can be funded by HOT tax; the budget includes unnecessary items; sales tax and interest on investment revenues are under-estimated while expenses are over-exaggerated. Vote "no" against Agenda Item 8 – the City Financial Director misled the public and City Council last week claiming that the proposed "unused increment" rate did not represent a property tax increase; the City can adopt the no new revenue rate again this year and revenues will be sufficient to cover expenses. Vote "no" on any tax rate above the no new revenue rate. Vote "no" against Agenda Item 11 – the City must accept any offer to purchase the old city hall and use the funds to offset tax increases.

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 August 23, 2022, and Special Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022.**
- 5. Deliberate and act on request for closure of Market Street between Business Highway 35 North and Magnolia Street; Market Street at intersections of Young Street, Mathis Street, Ann Street, Pearl Street, Church Street, and Live Oak Street; Magnolia Street at intersections of St. Mary's Street, Main Street, North Street, Peter Street, and Cornwall Street; Austin Street at intersection of Cornwall Street, Concho Street, and Mimosa Street; and Business Highway 35 North at Live Oak Street and Magnolia Street for the Seafair parade on October 8, 2022.**
- 6. Deliberate and act on approval of 2022-2023 Property Tax Assessment/Collection Agreement with Aransas County.**

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. Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

Mayor Jayroe announced a question has arisen about a possible conflict of interest for a Council Member so there will be two separate motions regarding the consideration on adoption of the budget. The first motion for adoption would state adoption of the Budget with the exception of Line Item 01-602-2049 Economic Development Council. The second motion would state approval of that Budget Line Item.

- 7. Deliberate and act to adopt, on first and only reading, of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport adopting a budget and appropriating resources for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023; in accordance with existing statutory requirements; repealing all conflicting ordinances; containing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.**

Director of Finance Katie Griffin gave a PowerPoint presentation (below) on the proposed budget. Ms. Griffin stated there had been no changes to the proposed budget since August 9, 2022, when it was presented to Council. Ms. Griffin said the total budget is \$64,724,088, including capital projects, use of bond proceeds, and vehicle and equipment purchases.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget and Tax Rate

Consolidated Resource vs Expenditure Summary

	FY 20-21 Actual	FY 21-22 Budget	FY 21-22 Disseced	FY 22-23 Proposed	% Change Budget to Proposed
Resources					
General Fund	\$ 11,508,340	\$ 13,628,204	\$ 13,386,239	\$ 12,619,118	-7.4%
Utility Fund - Water and Wastewater	12,196,262	12,296,256	12,257,259	12,645,249	3.2%
Natural Gas Fund	2,494,328	2,628,068	2,578,677	2,128,641	-18.1%
Aquatic Center Fund	441,825	471,432	472,698	443,979	-5.0%
Sewerage Fund	2,467,793	2,454,000	2,454,000	2,719,000	10.6%
Utility Services Fund	183,854	175,300	175,300	175,689	0.2%
Facet Maintenance Fund	893,817	899,638	917,575	1,051,626	9.6%
Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund	1,322,425	1,133,000	1,123,000	1,628,789	43.6%
Communications Center Fund	952,715	671,463	671,463	1,029,610	9.1%
Mortgage Cost Security & Technology Fund	6,169	7,760	8,813	13,790	77.9%
Mortgage Cost Security Case Manager Fund	3,400	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.0%
MS Debt Service Fund	3,057,000	3,253,587	3,253,587	3,568,830	9.7%
Utility Debt Service Fund	2,144,952	2,438,013	2,438,013	2,158,670	-11.5%
Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund	624,318	1,845,819	2,385,891	937,000	-60.3%
General Fund DP	952,250	4,200,000	4,200,000	16,968,645	304.0%
Utility System DP	541,761	720,000	541,761	5,622,850	783.1%
Total Resources	\$ 44,623,646	\$ 47,132,668	\$ 47,733,825	\$ 64,724,698	37.3%
Expenditures					
General Fund	\$ 10,925,344	\$ 13,628,204	\$ 13,253,239	\$ 12,619,118	-7.4%
Utility Fund - Water and Wastewater	11,245,985	12,296,256	11,932,783	12,645,249	3.2%
Natural Gas Fund	2,120,160	2,628,068	2,567,785	2,128,641	-18.1%
Aquatic Center Fund	441,825	471,432	472,698	443,979	-5.0%
Sewerage Fund	2,458,159	2,454,000	2,454,000	2,719,000	10.6%
Utility Services Fund	355,545	175,300	175,300	175,689	0.2%
Facet Maintenance Fund	854,234	901,865	941,307	1,051,626	12.0%
Communications Center Fund	961,717	671,463	672,269	1,029,530	9.1%
Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund	732,160	1,133,000	1,123,000	1,628,789	43.6%
Mortgage Cost Security & Technology Fund	-	7,760	8,813	13,790	77.9%
Mortgage Cost Security Case Manager Fund	13,725	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.0%
MS Debt Service Fund	3,053,209	3,253,587	3,253,587	3,568,830	9.7%
Utility Debt Service Fund	2,177,290	2,438,013	2,438,013	2,158,670	-11.5%
Vehicle & Equipment Replacement Fund	257,113	1,734,143	1,874,676	937,000	-38.2%
General Fund DP	952,250	4,200,000	4,200,000	16,968,645	304.0%
Utility System DP	541,761	720,000	541,761	5,622,850	783.1%
Total Expenditures	\$ 37,231,342	\$ 46,412,120	\$ 46,278,986	\$ 64,724,698	39.5%
Resources Over(Under) Expenditures	\$ 7,392,304	\$ 729,430	\$ 1,054,839	\$ 0	

FY 2022-2023 Consolidated Resources vs Expenditures Summary

Certified Ad Valorem Tax Rate Comparison

	Adopted 2021 Tax Rate	2022 No-New Revenue Tax Rate	2022 Voter-Approval Tax Rate	De Minimis Tax Rate \$500,000 Above NNR	2022 Unused Increment Tax Rate
Percentage Tax Rate Change from 2021		-10.14%	-10.24%	-5.00%	-3.71%
M & O Tax Rate	\$ 0.208434	\$ 0.195250	\$ 0.194884	\$ 0.215428	\$ 0.220511
I & S Tax Rate	\$ 0.184286	\$ 0.157835	\$ 0.157638	\$ 0.157638	\$ 0.157638
Total Tax Rate	\$ 0.392720	\$ 0.352885	\$ 0.352522	\$ 0.373066	\$ 0.378149
Total Taxable Value	\$ 1,564,129,555	\$ 1,858,965,488	\$ 1,858,965,488	\$ 1,858,965,488	\$ 1,858,965,488

Budget Highlights

- General Fund – Revenues
 - Property Tax
 - Voter-Approved Tax Rate of \$0.378149
 - Maintenance & Operation = \$0.220511
 - Interest & Sinking = \$0.157638
 - Sales Tax
 - Projected 6% increase over projected current year
 - Building Permits
 - Projected .0021% decrease under projected current year
 - FEMA Reimbursement
 - Projected \$0 due to completion of majority of Hurricane Harvey recovery projects

Certified Ad Valorem Tax Rate Calculations Form 50-856



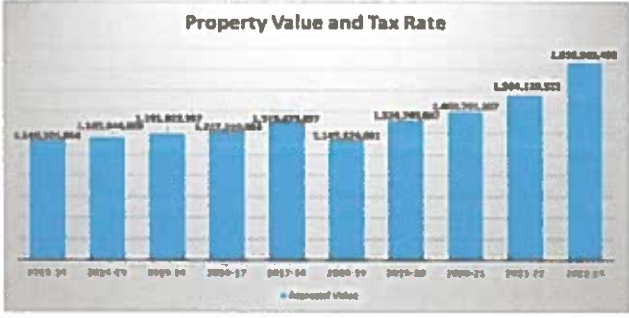
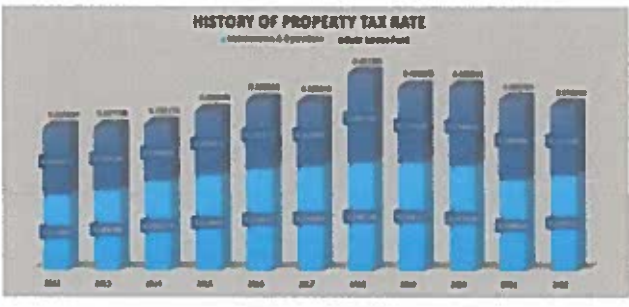
2022 Ad Valorem Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet Form 50-856

Use this form to calculate the ad valorem tax rate for a property. The form is divided into several sections: Section 1 (General Information), Section 2 (Taxable Value), Section 3 (Exemptions), Section 4 (Taxable Value After Exemptions), Section 5 (Tax Rate), and Section 6 (Total Tax).

Section	Description	Amount
1	Assessed Value	\$ 1,000,000
2	Exemptions	\$ 200,000
3	Taxable Value After Exemptions	\$ 800,000
4	Tax Rate	0.0050
5	Total Tax	\$ 4,000

Signature: *Chris Johnson, JRC* Date: 7/29/2022

History of Property Tax Rates Compared to Property Tax Assessed Valuation History



Budget Highlights

- General Fund – Expenditure
 - Inflationary Factors
 - June 2022 Municipal Cost Index of 12.24%
 - June 2022 Consumer Price Index of 8.98%
 - Increased Personnel Costs
 - Health Insurance Approximately \$50k
 - Following change to coverage for less expensive option
 - Texas Municipal Retirement System \$50k
 - Result of national economy impact
 - Health Insurance Approximately \$50k
 - Following change to coverage for less expensive option
 - Acting Pay for three employees for increased duties
 - Human Resources, Information Technologies, & Public Relations
 - Additional costs for bringing in new city manager
 - Housing allowance, moving expenses, insurance

Budget Highlights

- Enterprise Funds
 - Utility Fund
 - Rate Increase
 - Water – 3%
 - San Patricio Municipal Water District proposed increase 8-10%
 - WasteWater – 3%
 - Expenses increased 3.2% due to inflationary factors
 - Personnel Costs include 5% COLA and insurance and TMRS increases
 - Natural Gas Fund
 - Rate Increase – 12.5%
 - Expenses increased 15% due to inflationary factors and regulator compliance initiatives
 - Personnel Costs include 5% COLA and insurance and TMRS increases

Budget Highlights

- Aquatic Center Fund
 - Revenues
 - Partnership Contribution maintain the same
 - Aransas County - \$30k
 - Town of Fulton - \$7k
 - City of Rockport - \$263k (Transfer from General Fund) increased
 - Use of Community Disaster Loan expired
 - Expenditures
 - Costs decreased due to reduced cost of chemicals and maintenance supplies
 - Reduction in part-time employee expense

Projected Fund Balance Summary - 8/30/22						
Fund	Audited	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated FY22	Days of Working Fund Balance	Above (Below) Policy Goal
	Beginning Balance 10/1/2021	FY 2021 2022 Revenue	FY 2021 2022 Expenditures	Ending Fund Balance		
General	\$ 4,411,681	\$ 13,386,738	\$ 13,250,538	\$ 4,547,381	125	(157)
Debt Service	\$ 1,043,742	\$ 3,253,587	\$ 3,253,587	\$ 1,043,742	117	(62)
Utility	\$ 3,988,116	\$ 12,327,259	\$ 11,932,764	\$ 6,383,612	185	15
Natural Gas	\$ (491,631)	\$ 3,078,477	\$ 3,067,785	\$ (488,941)	-58	(238)
Aquatic Center	\$ (246,663)	\$ 472,688	\$ 453,127	\$ (246,663)	-139	(179)
HOV	\$ 1,598,889	\$ 1,129,870	\$ 1,078,509	\$ 1,637,388	534	189
Revised 8/31/22						

Projected Fund Balance Summary - 8/30/23						
Fund	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated FY23	Days of Working Fund Balance	Above (Below) Policy Goal
	Beginning Balance 10/1/2022	FY 2022 2023 Revenue	FY 2022 2023 Expenditures	Ending Fund Balance		
General	\$ 4,547,381	\$ 12,618,118	\$ 12,618,118	\$ 4,547,381	122	(48)
Debt Service	\$ 1,043,742	\$ 3,548,838	\$ 3,548,838	\$ 1,043,742	107	(73)
Utility	\$ 6,383,612	\$ 12,645,249	\$ 12,645,249	\$ 6,383,612	184	4
Natural Gas	\$ (488,941)	\$ 3,139,850	\$ 3,139,841	\$ (488,937)	-57	(237)
Aquatic Center	\$ (246,663)	\$ 443,979	\$ 443,979	\$ (246,663)	-203	(183)
HOV	\$ 1,637,388	\$ 1,808,393	\$ 1,808,393	\$ 1,637,388	322	7
Revised 8/31/22						

Fund Balance Summaries

Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman asked Ms. Griffin if she had looked at the surrounding cities and how they pay their employees and if Ms. Griffin was comfortable with the City's employee

compensation built into this budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman asked if we see employees leaving because of the City not providing benefits.

Ms. Griffin said in 2020 the City had a compensation study done and she anticipates another one being conducted. Ms. Griffin stated included in this budget is increased pay for three employees who have been receiving acting pay for increased duties. Ms. Griffin added the City of Rockport, and every other city is having trouble recruiting and hiring qualified individuals. Ms. Griffin said as for as the City's pay being compatible with other cities, she would say yes, except for we do not pay for employee dependent insurance and some other cities do pay for that. Ms. Griffin answered she did know of some field workers who left employment because of pay and benefits and that is becoming a factor.

Ms. Griffin reviewed the Fund Balance Summaries and stated the City's current policy is 180 days of operating capital and 365 days of hotel occupancy tax funds. Ms. Griffin stated she does not anticipate seeing a positive increase in Fund Balance this year and right now there are still items/expenditures coming in because the year does not end until September 30, 2022.

Council Member Jackson asked how many days of operating capital Ms. Griffin is estimating for the close of 2021-2022.

Ms. Griffin answered 125 days and maybe 132 days next year, but we will still be short 35-50 days.

Council Member Brundrett asked about the citizen comment regarding the budget being based on a 9.3% increase in property taxes.

Ms. Griffin responded that relates to the pages 221 and 222 of the 2021-2022 Budget where there is a multi-year forecast and we use different projections. Ms. Griffin explained in property tax we use a 3% increase and there is a bullet point that has a typographical error that says "... the property tax rate increasing 9%...." and that should have said "... a revenue increase of 9%." Ms. Griffin explained for this year there is a new plan and new projections.

Mayor Jayroe expressed it was important that everyone understand that this Council cannot affect next year's tax rate; it is set year to year.

Council Member Brundrett asked Ms. Griffin to explain the "property tax increase" that was referenced in the citizen comments and that the tax rate decreased.

Ms. Griffin explained the 9.42% stated in the Public Hearing Notices is the increase in property tax revenue which is the amount raised from new property added to the tax roll; will raise more revenue than last years property tax. Ms. Griffin expressed the tax rate is not increasing. Ms. Griffin said the tax rate did decrease but property values did not.

Mayor Jayroe reminded the Council there will be two separate motions and added that the City's legal counsel said there was not a conflict of interest.

MOTION: Council Member Brundrett moved to approve Budget Line Item 01-602-2049 Economic Development Council as presented in the Budget. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4:0.

FOR MOTION: Council Member Jackson, Council Member Hale, Council Member Brudrett, and Mayor Jayroe.

ABSTAIN: Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman (filed Affidavit of Conflict of Interest with City Secretary).

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman moved to approve the first and only reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport adopting a budget and appropriating resources for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, excluding Budget Line Item 01-602-2049; in accordance with existing statutory requirements; repealing all conflicting ordinances; containing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Deliberate and act to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2022-2023 Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

Council Member Jackson asked why the tax rate is not adopted before the budget is adopted.

City Attorney Allison Bastian-Rodriguez responded whenever there is an increase in the amount of revenue this has to come before the vote on the tax levy and that is according to Texas Local Government Code Section 102.007.

MOTION: Council Member Jackson moved to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2022-2023 Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. Council Member Brundrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport approving the assessment and renditions for the 2022 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 2022 of \$0.220511 for the purposes of Maintenance and Operation, \$0.157638 for the payment of Principal and Interest on debt of the City for a total tax rate of \$0.378149; and providing an effective date.

Director of Finance Katie Griffin stated this is the final step in the budget process of adopting an *ad valorem* tax rate in order for the City to maintain operations and support debt service. Ms. Griffin said the proposed 2022 tax rate is \$0.378149 with \$0.220511 for Maintenance and Operation and \$0.157638 for debt service and interest and sinking. Ms. Griffin said staff recommends approval of the second and final reading of the Ordinance.

Council Member Brundrett asked Ms. Griffin to restate the average property increase based on the property valuations.

Ms. Griffin stated based on the average residential home with a value of \$273,658 for 2022 and which the 2021 value was \$248,794, the property tax would be a \$69.14 increase for that same

home.

Council Member Brundrett stated the tax increase only happens if the property value increases.

Ms. Griffin responded that was correct.

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman moved to approve the second and final reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport approving the assessment and renditions for the 2022 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 2022 of \$0.220511 for the purposes of Maintenance and Operation, \$0.157638 for the payment of Principal and Interest on debt of the City for a total tax rate of \$0.378149; and providing an effective date. Council Member Hale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. 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 City Manager Vanessa Shrauner to negotiate and execute all necessary documents.

Communications Center Director Lee Brown addressed the Council and said she was pleased to let them know the Communications Center Board has approved moving forward with the proposed Back-up Communications Center. Ms. Brown stated the initial proposed cost has been cut in half by eliminating some things and the new cost is \$386,422.00 which includes the entire Motorola radio system.

Mayor Jayroe asked how many consoles are included.

Ms. Brown responded there are two consoles included.

Council Member Brundrett thanked Ms. Brown for finding cost savings and going back to the Communications Board and working on this. Council Member Brundrett asked about the Criminal Justice Information Services Security Policy (CJIS) requirements.

Ms. Brown responded the room will be secured and they will not actually bring the CJIS data base here.

Council Member Hale stated she wanted to personally thank Ms. Brown for her work on this project and she actually found out how old this project really was. Council Member Hale said this makes good sense and this is a big win for emergency preparedness and resiliency for this community.

MOTION: Council Member Hale moved to approve purchasing 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) and authorize City Manager Vanessa Shrauner to negotiate and execute all necessary documents. Council Member Brundrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Deliberate and act to reject all bids received on, or before, August 5, 2022, for the sale of old City Hall being Lot E/2, Block 2, Doughty and Mathis Outlots O.L 3, also known as 622 E. Market Street.

City Manager Vanessa Shrauner stated Council reviewed two bids received in Executive Session on August 23, 2022. Ms. Shrauner said it is in the best interest of the City to reject all bids and begin the request for proposals process for development of the old City Hall property. Ms. Shrauner added one bid received was to trade some property valued at \$366,840.00 with additional cash of \$23,240.00, but staff determined that property was of no value to the City. Ms. Shrauner said the other bid was for \$156,727.00.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman asked what the appraised value of the property is.

Ms. Shrauner answered the appraised value is over \$400,000.00.

MOTION: Council Member Brundrett moved to reject all bids received on, or before, August 5, 2022, for the sale of old City Hall being Lot E/2, Block 2, Doughty and Mathis Outlots, Outlot 3, also known as 622 East Market Street, and begin the Request For Proposals process for development of said property. Council Member Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. 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 announced the Sidewalk Sale in Ward 1 is this weekend on Austin Street. Council Member Jackson said the South Rockport Neighbors are having a meeting on Thursday at 7:30 pm. Council Member Jackson stated Ward 1 is getting ready for Seafair.

Council Member Hale said she attended about one-half of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments meeting on September 9, 2022, and discussion was held regarding the \$180 million for this region. Council Member Hale stated on September 12, 2022, she attended the Stormwater Advisory Committee meeting with Mayor Jayroe and discussion was held about Tule Creek and the County pursuing a grant. Council Member Hale added she had served as the master of ceremonies for the Livestock Booster Club event on Saturday and they raised a lot of money.

Council Member Brundrett stated Ward 3 is pretty quiet except for the projects not completed and hears about that daily. Council Member Brundrett expressed the City is working on getting

the projects completed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman thanked the City staff for doing some vegetation clean-up in Tule Creek.

Mayor Jayroe said he had attended the Coastal Bend Council of Governments meeting where the \$179 million available for low to moderate income areas; Aransas County received \$4 million and the City received \$3 million. Mayor Jayroe stated he had attended the Stormwater Advisory Committee meeting and it was discussed that it is extremely important for all entities in the County to work together on the funding available for projects since funding is extremely hard to get. Mayor Jayroe said he had attended the Texas Municipal League Region 11 meeting in Victoria last week Friday where Representative Todd Hunter spoke about the work of the Legislature. Mayor Jayroe stated one of the topics was the Harbor Bridge and in Representative Hunter's opinion by the end of this month they will be getting back to work. Mayor Jayroe added Chairman Hunter is very supportive of our community and of others not in his District.

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:

- 13. 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.

Council did not hold an Executive Session.

14. Adjournment.

At 7:40 p.m., Council Member Jackson moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary



APPROVED:


Tim Jayroe, Mayor