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## **ROCKPORT HIRES INTERIM CITY MANAGER**

ROCKPORT, TX – At a special, closed-session meeting Thursday night, Rockport’s City Council voted to hire Richard N. Morton, Jr. of Malakoff, Texas as interim City Manager beginning December 14. He will work closely with current City Manager Kevin Carruth, whose resignation takes effect January 7, and continue in the position until a full time City Manager is retained by the City.

The City of Rockport retained the services of The Texas First Group to assist with the search for an interim city manager. According to Mayor Patrick Rios, Morton was the City’s top candidate. “Not only does he have impressive experience as a city manager, he’s served in interim positions before and has a good understanding of the factors and influences associated with a coastal community.”

Morton received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Texas A&M University. He started his career in public administration as the Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Bryan in 1988. He has also worked for the City of Sugar Land, Texas and the City of Odessa, Texas, where he served as City Manager for 15 years.

Over the past three years, he has served in interim positions for the cities of Bay City, Port Lavaca and Alvarado. A member of the Texas City Management Association, he has been recognized by his peers with Excellence awards for Management Innovation and Public Works.