

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SAID ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022; THE GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AT-LARGE, A COUNCIL MEMBER TO REPRESENT WARD #2 AND A COUNCIL MEMBER TO REPRESENT WARD #4; PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE GENERAL ELECTION; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, COUNTY OF ARANSAS, STATE OF TEXAS:

In accordance with the general laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, and the Charter of the City, a General Election is hereby called and ordered for Saturday, May 7, 2022. All resident, qualified voters of the City of Rockport's Ward #2 and Ward #4 shall be permitted to vote for their representative in Ward #2 and #4, respectively, in said election. All resident, qualified voters of the City of Rockport Wards #1, #2, #3 and #4 shall be permitted to vote for Mayor.

Section 1: That the City Secretary of the City of Rockport is hereby directed to cause notice to be given of said elections by publication in the official newspaper of the City of Rockport, Texas in accordance State Election Code.

Section 2: That applications to have the name of a candidate placed on the ballot may not be filed earlier than thirty (30) days before the deadline prescribed by the Election Code for filing applications with the City Secretary and that the earliest date for a candidate to file same will be Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 8:00 a.m., with the last day for filing to be Friday, February 18, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., in accordance with Election Code Sec. 143.006 and 143.007.

Section 3: The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot for the positions of Mayor, Council Member Ward #2 and Council Member Ward #4 on said Rockport City Council shall be determined by a drawing conducted by the City Secretary as provided by Section 52.094 of the Texas Election Code on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the City Secretary, Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

Section 4: The Elections Administrator of Aransas County Kevin Stroud is designated as the Early Voting Clerk. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Aransas County Elections & Voter Registration Office, 602 E. Concho Street, Rockport, Texas as follows:

Monday, April 25, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 27, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 28, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, April 29, 2022	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 2, 2022	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 3, 2022	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Section 5: The Early Voting Clerk shall process all applications for early voting by mail. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Kevin Stroud, Elections Administrator of Aransas County, Early Voting Clerk, 602 E. Concho Street, Rockport, TX 78382. Applications for ballot by mail may also be emailed to: kstroud@aransascounty.org. The last day to receive an application from a voter for a ballot to be voted by mail is the close of business on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Section 6: That a HAVA compliant voting system approved by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used for voting during Early Voting and Election Day. Paper ballots shall be used for voting by mail. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall canvass all ballots cast in the Saturday, May 7, 2022, General Election.

Section 7: That Carolyn Smith, Olivia Zambrano, Rich Howell and Melissa Harrison will serve as Presiding Judges, and Hector Rodriguez, Mayra Wilson, Ciji Medina and Sandra Mueller will serve as Alternate Presiding Judges, and the clerks of the election will be appointed by the Presiding Judges in a number not to exceed four (4) clerks for each Voting Center. The appointment is for a single election to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022.

Election officials shall be paid \$12.00 per hour. The Presiding Judge, or the election worker at the polling location that he or she designates, who picks up the elections supplies on May 7, 2022, from the Contracting Officer and who returns the remaining supplies, ballot boxes, and all other election records from the polling location to the Contracting Officer will be compensated with a delivery fee of \$25.00.

The polls at the polling place shall on said Election Day be open from seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. to seven o'clock (7:00) p.m.

Section 8: A committee, of the following persons, is hereby established to hold three computer accuracy tests. The first test shall be conducted at least 48 hours before the count of voted ballots. The second test shall be conducted immediately prior to the start and the third test immediately subsequent to the count of voted ballots to ascertain that the computer will accurately count the votes cast for the offices to be voted upon in said election:

- a) Presiding Judge for May 7, 2022, Election;
- b) Rockport City Secretary; and
- c) Aransas County Independent School District Executive Assistant

Section 9: Notice of this election shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and returns of such notice shall be made as provided for in said Code. The Mayor shall issue all necessary orders and writs for such election and returns of such election shall be made to the City Secretary immediately after the closing of the polls. In addition, the election materials as outlined in Section 272.005, Texas Election Code, shall be printed in both English

and Spanish for use at the polling places and for early voting for said election.

Section 10: That the City Secretary or a designated representative will provide Official Oath and Statement of Elected Officials to candidates who appear to have won, or may win on May 24, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Rockport Mayor Patrick R. Rios has set Thursday, May 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. as the date of Official Canvass. The City Secretary is directed to record results in Election Register as soon as practicable after the Canvass.

Section 11: The Rockport City Secretary is directed to report votes cast for each candidate or measure, by election precinct, to the Texas Secretary of State no later than Monday, June 6, 2022.

Section 12: Said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

Section 13: Should any part, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase contained in this resolution be held to be unconstitutional or of no force and effect, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution, but in all respects said remaining portion shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 14: That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Rockport City Council, County of Aransas, State of Texas, on this 8th day of February 2022.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS



Patrick R. Rios, Mayor



ATTEST:



Teresa Valdez, City Secretary