
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport City Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in person at the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas. **The live stream link to view the meeting is:** <https://www.youtube.com/@rockportxgov>.

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 to the right, or if attending the meeting in person register before the meeting begins. 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 comments will be read at the meeting.



The matters to be discussed and acted upon are as follows:

Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
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 at 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.

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 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2023.
5. Deliberate and act to appoint members to Planning and Zoning Commission.

Public Hearings

6. Conduct a Public Hearing on a request from Ocean Glory Homes for permanent closure/abandonment/vacation of a 20-foot-wide alleyway lying between Lots 4 through 6 and Lots 12 through 14, Block No. 108, Manning Addition, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; being 0.069 acre.

Regular Agenda

7. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance authorizing the closing, vacating, and abandonment of 0.069 acre of land being a 20-foot wide alleyway lying between Lots 4 through 6 and Lots 12 through 14, Block 108, Manning Addition, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, according to the Plat recorded in Volume 1, Page 7, Plat Records of Aransas County, Texas; providing for the terms and conditions of such vacation and abandonment; authorizing the Mayor to execute a Quitclaim Deed for the 0.069 acre to be closed, vacated and abandoned; and providing for an effective date.
8. ***Postponed – December 12, 2023:*** Deliberate and act on request to close South Austin Street from Market Street to the south side of Wharf Street; West one-half block of Main Street to Austin Street and one-half block of East Main Street towards Water Street; and West one-half block of St. Mary’s Street to Austin Street on March 15, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and March 16, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., for the 5th Annual Crawfish Festival; or alternate locations.
9. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 26 “Businesses” by adding Article III Short Term Rentals; repealing all ordinances to the extent they are in conflict; providing for severability; providing for penalties; and providing an effective date.
10. 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; 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.

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:

11. 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) City Hall; and 2) Concho Street & General Land Office (GLO) drainage projects.
12. Section 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

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.

13. Adjournment.

Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodation or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (361) 729-2213, ext. 225 or FAX (361) 790-5966 or email tvaldez@cityofrockport.com for further information. Braille is not available. The City of Rockport reserves the right to convene into executive session under Government Code §§ 551.071-551.074 and 551.086.

In accordance with the requirements of Texas Government Code Section 551.127, a member of the governing body may participate in this meeting from a remote location. A quorum of the governing body as well as the presiding officer shall be physically present at the above posted location, which shall be open to the public. Those participating remotely shall be visible and audible to the public for all open portions of the meeting. A member of a governmental body who participates in a meeting remotely as provided by law, shall be counted as present at the meeting for all purposes.

Certification

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas on Friday, January 5, 2024, at 2:05 p.m. and on the City's website at www.cityofrockport.com. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of this meeting as stated above: *The Rockport Pilot*.


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary