
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport City Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 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/@rockporttxgov>.**

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 January 23, 2024.
5. Deliberate and act on 1st quarter report from the Rockport Cultural Arts District for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 marketing expenditures.
6. Deliberate and act on a Resolution of the City of Rockport, Texas, authorizing the Rockport Police Department to apply for and operate a Criminal Justice Department DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), administered by the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office for Fiscal Year 2024; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the participation in this grant program.
7. Deliberate and act on a Resolution of the City of Rockport, Texas, authorizing the Rockport Police Department to apply for and operate an Operation Lone Star Grant Program (OLS) Fiscal Year 2025, administered by the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security grants division Fiscal Year 2025; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the Executive

Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the participation in this grant program.

8. Deliberate and act on request from the Fulton Oysterfest for temporary closure of sections of Traylor Boulevard and South Fulton Beach Road for the Oysterfest parade on March 9, 2024, and authorization to display banners across the 2400 block of Highway 35 Business and across the 1200 block of FM 3036 for the Oysterfest event.

Public Hearings

9. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider a request from Christopher J. Crowley and Karra A. Crowley for permanent closure/abandonment/vacation of a 20' wide alleyway lying between Lots 1 through 8 and Lots 9 through 16, Block No. 134, Manning Addition, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; being 0.18 acre.

Regular Agenda

10. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance authorizing the closing, vacating and abandonment of 0.18 acre of land being a 20-foot wide alleyway lying between Lots 1 through 8 and Lots 9 through 16, Block 134, 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 0.18 acre to be closed, vacated and abandoned; and providing for an effective date.
11. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance amending the official zoning map as stipulated under Article 4.1 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land from R-1 (1st Single Family Dwelling District) for property located at 914 Holly Road and 1521 State Highway 35 Bypass; also known as McCombs, part of Lots 14 and 15, 1.730 acres, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, to B-1 (General Business District); repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
12. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance amending the official zoning map as stipulated under Article 4.1 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land from R-1 (1st Single Family Dwelling District) for property located at 3629 Highway 35 South; also known as A160 James McKay Survey, being 8.00 acres, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, to B-1 (General Business District); repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
13. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance granting a Conditional Use Permit for the purpose of a small manufacturing business which is building wood frame structures for re-sale on the property located at 3629 Highway 35 South; also known as A160 James McKay Survey, being 8.00 acres, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; subject to compliance with the conditions stated within this Ordinance, as well as those stipulated in the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
14. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport, Texas amending Ordinance No. 1911 which adopted the 2023-2024 budget beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for publication; and providing for an effective date.

15. Deliberate and act on a first 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.
16. Deliberate and act on the Heritage District Certificate of Appropriateness Application submitted for 406 S Austin Street to extend the wood fence enclosure —The Coastal Mercantile.
17. Deliberate and act on the submission of an application by the City of Rockport, Texas for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit for a possible future project that will include upgrades and improvements to Tule Creek.
18. Deliberate and possible approval of an Engagement Agreement from Willdan to provide a 2024 water and wastewater rate study.
19. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport, Texas amending Ordinance No. 1911 which adopted the 2023-2024 budget beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for publication; and providing for an effective date.

20. 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:

21. 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.
22. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters - deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Secretary.

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.

23. Adjournment.

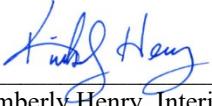
Special Accommodations

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 khenry@rockporttx.gov or 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, February 9, 2024, by 5:00 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*.



Kimberly Henry, Interim City Secretary