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## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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Notice is hereby given that the Rockport City Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 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**

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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**

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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 Budget Workshop Minutes of August 1, 2023, and August 3, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes of August 30, 2023, and September 5, 2023.
5. Deliberate and act on approval of 2023-2024 Property Tax Assessment/Collection Agreement with Aransas County.
6. Deliberate and act on 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report from the Texas Maritime Museum for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 marketing expenditures.
7. Deliberate and act on 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report from the Texas Marine Science Institute/Mission Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Bay Education expenditures.

8. Deliberate and act on request for closure of: Broadway Street at the intersection of Highway 35 North to Austin Street South to Market Street, West one block to Magnolia Street, then North on Magnolia Street to North Street, and closure of all street intersections along route, ending at The Rockport Railroad Depot for the Rockport Cultural Arts District Model T Parade on October 21, 2023.
9. Deliberate and act on adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Rockport, Texas declaring certain City property surplus and authorizing the disposition and donation of said property to further a public purpose; and establishing an effective date.
10. Deliberate and act on recommendation to City Council to remove Planning & Zoning Commission Board Member W. Kent Howard as per Article IX Section 9.05(5) of the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances.
11. Deliberate and act on a request by the Tree & Landscape Committee to approve expenditures from the Tree Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$28,388.00 for the purpose of purchasing trees and educational items for the Arbor Day Events being held in November 2023.

### **Public Hearing**

12. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider a request for a Conditional Use Permit to bring the existing RV Park into compliance with the current City Codes and to remodel existing features in the RV Park on property located at 1331 State Highway 188; also known as Lot 1R & 2, Coastal Paradise Subdivision, 17.989 acres, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas.

### **Regular Agenda**

13. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance granting a Conditional Use Permit for the purpose of bringing the existing RV Park into compliance with current City Codes and to remodel existing features in the RV Park on property located at 1331 State Highway 188; also known as Lot 1R and 2, Coastal Paradise Subdivision, 17.989 acres, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; subject to compliance with the conditions stipulated 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. Discussion for proposal and possible future action regarding the addition of a school zone to the area around ABC Learning Center located at 1422 East Cedar Street, and the addition of a four-way stop at the intersection(s) next to the facility.
15. Deliberate and act to adopt, on first and only reading, an Ordinance of the City of Rockport adopting a budget and appropriating resources for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; in accordance with existing statutory requirements; repealing all conflicting ordinances; containing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date.
16. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance of the City of Rockport approving the assessment and renditions for the 2023 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 2023 of \$0.213583 for the purposes of Maintenance and Operation, \$0.146495 for the payment of Principal and Interest on debt of the City, and that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.360078 which is effectively a 11.26% increase in the tax rate; providing for a lien on all real and personal property to secure payment of taxes due thereon; containing a severability clause; repealing all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith; and providing an effective date. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 12.82% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately (negative) \$-6.93.

17. Deliberate and act to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the 2023-2024 Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

18. City Manager Report:

A. Projects

19. 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:

20. 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: Nguyen litigation.

### **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.

21. 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](mailto: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, September 8, 2023, at 12:15 p.m. and on the City's website at [www.cityofrockport.com](http://www.cityofrockport.com). I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of this meeting as stated above: *The Rockport Pilot* and *Corpus Christi Caller Times*.

  
Teresa Valdez, City Secretary