

# CITY OF ROCKPORT

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 12, 2023 Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass

Members of the public could view the meeting via live stream. Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views on any topic or agenda item could 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 provided on the Agenda, or if attending the meeting in person register before the meeting begins. Using the same form, citizens could also provide written comments to the City Secretary by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The comments were read at the meeting.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023, the City Council of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m., at the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center and notice of meeting giving time, place, date, and subject was posted as described in V.T.C.A., Government Code § 551.041.

#### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Tim Jayroe  
Mayor Pro-Tem Andrea Hattman, Ward 4  
Council Member Stephanie Rangel, Ward 1  
Council Member Danielle Hale, Ward 2  
Council Member Brad Brundrett, Ward 3

#### CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Vanessa Shrauner  
Assistant to City Manager Kimberly Henry  
City Attorney Art Rodriguez, Jr.  
City Secretary Teresa Valdez  
Director of Public Works and Building & Development Services Mike Donoho  
Parks & Leisure Services Director Gene Camargo  
Information Technology Director Bob Argetsinger  
Communications Center Director Lee Brown  
Building & Development Services Assistant Director & Community Planner Carey Dietrich

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

#### Opening Agenda

##### 1. Call meeting to order.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockport City Council was called to order by Mayor Jayroe at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023, in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

## **2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Council Member Hale led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

## **3. Proclamation from Governor of State of Texas: Key Allegro Bridge Ribbon Cutting.**

Mayor Jayroe presented a Proclamation celebrating the opening of the Key Allegro Bridge from Governor Abbott to Chris Veatch and Lynn Powers with the Key Allegro Homeowners Association.

## **4. Presentation: Texas Municipal Human Resources Association Rising Star Award – Acting Human Resources Manager Kaycee Eddins.**

Mayor Jayroe presented Kaycee Eddins, Acting Human Resources Manager with the Texas Municipal Human Resources Association Rising Star Award.

Ms. Eddins thanked everyone for the support she has received.

## **5. 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.

Ken Barron, 402 Cascades Drive, addressed the Council. Mr. Barron voiced concerns regarding silt fencing that could be removed, valves that are not functional on north pond and drainage system, and cattails in pond that need to be sprayed.

## **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.

**6. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance authorizing the closing, vacating and abandonment of a portion of Sweet Bay Avenue, lying between Lot No. 32, Block No. 4, Denver Heights Subdivision, and Lot No. 17, Block No. 7, Denver Heights Subdivision, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, according to the plat recorded in Volume 1, Page 9, Real Public Records of Aransas County, Texas; providing for the terms and conditions of such vacation and abandonment; authorizing the Mayor to execute a quitclaim deeds for the 0.193 acre or 8419 square feet to be closed, vacated and abandoned; and providing for an effective date.**

**7. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 22 “Buildings and Building Regulations” Article IX “Permit and License Fees” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Rockport, Texas; repealing all ordinances to the extent they are**

**in conflict; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.**

- 8. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rockport, Texas adopting an Order declaring certain Charter Amendments adopted pursuant to a Special Election held on Saturday, May 6, 2023; adopting an authenticated copy of the Home Rule Charter for certification by the Mayor; ordering the mailing of such authenticated copy of the Amended City of Rockport Home Rule Charter showing the approval by the voters to the Secretary of State for file and recording said certification; providing for severability; finding and determining that the meeting at which this Ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by law; and establishing an effective date.**

Mayor Jayroe called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

Mayor Jayroe read the captions of the Ordinances listed as Consent Agenda Item Nos. 6, 7 and 8.

**MOTION:** Council Member Brundrett moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Regular Agenda**

- 9. Hear presentation by Texas Department of Transportation on State Highway 35 Overpass project at Corpus Christi Street.**

Robert Isassi, Area Engineer for Texas Department of Transportation distributed to Council copies of the specifics of the project. Mr. Isassi gave a presentation and explained the State Highway 35 Overpass project at Corpus Christi Street.

Discussion was held between Council and Mr. Isassi.

- 10. Deliberate and act to award a contract to replace the segment of 2-inch gas supply line that runs between the City's Natural Gas Supplier and the City's North Gate Regulator Station.**

Public Works Director Mike Donoho addressed the Council. Mr. Donoho stated in April he came to the Council and requested approval of a contract with Mears to perform pressure testing for the Rockport North Gate natural gas line at a cost of \$65,000. Mr. Donoho explained that when the contracted showed up it was determined that the line needed to be replaced and the replacement cost was more than the original bid for the pressure test, at a cost of \$81,000.00.

Brief discussion was held between the Council and Mr. Donoho.

**MOTION:** Council Member Brundrett moved to award a contract to replace the segment of 2-inch gas supply line that runs between the City's Natural Gas Supplier and the City's North Gate Regulator Station. Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 11. Deliberate and act on request for funding assistance for Housing Study for Aransas County from Aransas County Partnership Economic Development Corporation.**

City Manager Vanessa Shrauner stated the Aransas County Partnership Economic Development Corporation has asked the City for a donation of \$5,000 to assist with a housing study. Ms. Shrauner said she thinks it is important for the City to contribute because we will reap the benefits from the study.

Discussion was held between Council and Ms. Shrauner.

Jeffrey Sjostrom, Executive Director Aransas County Partnership Economic Development Corporation, addressed the Council. Mr. Sjostrom informed the Council the housing study is not being limited to Aransas County because there are employers in San Patricio County who live in Aransas County.

**MOTION:** Council Member Hale moved to approve \$5,000.00 funding assistance for Housing Study for Aransas County from Aransas County Partnership Economic Development Corporation. Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **12. City Manager Report:**

### **A. Projects.**

City Manager Shrauner reported she and staff have been working on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget and have gone through some preliminary numbers. Ms. Shrauner asked Council to make note of the Budget Workshop dates listed on the budget calendar that had been emailed to them.

## **13. 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; YMCA Development 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.**

Council Member Rangel reported the Art Walk was very successful. Council Member Rangel stated the Texas Maritime Museum Wine Festival went well.

Council Member Hale reported she had attended a ribbon cutting for the pavilion, a project of Leadership Aransas County, at the Aransas County AgriLife Extension. Council Member Hale said she also had attended the Wine Festival.

Council Member Brundrett stated it is Summer time and children are out of school, the beach is packed and life is good for Rockport.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman thanked Mr. Barron for his comments.

Mayor Jayroe reported he has been involved with several discussions and news programs related to hurricanes and disaster preparedness. Mayor Jayroe stated the main thing repeated over and over is for people to understand that if you are asked to evacuate, to please do so; if you do not you become part of the problem.

### **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:

- 14. 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: A) Concho Street & General Land Office (GLO) drainage projects; and B) Stormwater permitting and related matters.**
- 15. 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.**

At 7:17 p.m., Mayor Jayroe convened the City Council into executive session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in: 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: A) Concho Street & General Land Office (GLO) drainage projects, and B) Stormwater permitting and related matters; and 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.

At 8:24 p.m., Mayor Jayroe reconvened the Rockport City Council into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

No action was taken.

**16. Adjournment.**

At 8:24 p.m., Council Member Brundrett moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman. Motion carried unanimously.



**APPROVED:**

  
Tim Jayroe, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Teresa Valdez, City Secretary