

# CITY OF ROCKPORT

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 25, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 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 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

Mayor Tim Jayroe

#### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Vanessa Shrauner  
Assistant to City Manager Kimberly Henry  
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  
Chief of Police Greg Stevens  
Community Planner Carey Dietrich  
Director of Finance Robbie Sorrell  
Communications Center Director Lee Brown

#### 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 Pro-Tem Hattman at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

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

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

## **3. Presentation: Promotion in Police Department**

Police Chief Greg Stevens announced a promotion in the Police Department. Chief Stevens stated Officer Stephanie Garcia is being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and she will be assigned to Rockport Police Department Administration. Chief Stevens presented Lieutenant Garcia's biographical information.

Lieutenant Garcia's husband Police Captain Nathan Garcia pinned the Lieutenant badge on Lieutenant Garcia.

## **4. 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.

Christy Thompson-Hutt, 2201 Prairie Road, addressed the Council. Ms. Thompson-Hutt voiced comments in regard to Council not appointing a representative from Ward 2 to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Adelaide Marlatt, 456 Augusta, addressed the Council. Ms. Marlatt stated she was serving as facilitator for the Greater Rockport Country Club Stormwater Drainage Team. Ms. Marlatt extended an invitation to the Council to tour the Rockport Country Club to see how beautiful it is and to see the finished drainage project.

## **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.

## **5. Deliberate and act on approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2023.**

## **6. Deliberate and act on 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Report from Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 marketing expenditures.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman called for requests to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

Council Member Brundrett commented he did not have a correction to the Minutes, but he did

want to make a clarification: At the July 11, 2023 Council meeting it was mentioned there were qualifications to become a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission; however after the meeting the City Manager informed the City Council that the only qualification is to be a qualified voter of the City of Rockport.

**MOTION:** Council Member Brundrett moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items, as presented. Council Member Hale seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Regular Agenda**

- 7. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider a request to rezone property located at 607 Sunset Drive; also known as J. Smith Survey, Acres .3078, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, to R-2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Single Family Dwelling District); currently zoned R-1 (1<sup>st</sup> Single Family Dwelling District).**

Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

April and Nathan Clark, owners of the property, addressed the Council. Ms. Clark explained their request to rezone to R-2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Single Family Dwelling District). Ms. Clark stated there are properties on Sunset Drive zoned R-2, so approval of their request would not be considered as spot zoning. Ms. Clark expressed that their request meets all City requirements.

- 8. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance amending Article 4 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land from R-1 (1<sup>st</sup> Single Family Dwelling District) for property located at 607 Sunset Drive; also known as .3078 acre, J. Smith Survey, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, to R-2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Single Family Dwelling District); repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.**

Community Planner Carey Dietrich said the property is currently zone R-1 (1<sup>st</sup> Single Family Dwelling District) and the property owners wish to replat it into two lots. Ms. Dietrich stated the property owners had originally requested it be rezoned to R-5, but they withdrew that request before it ever went to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration.

Council Member Hale said she attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, and the Clark's did a good job of addressing the neighbors' concerns.

**MOTION:** Council Member Hale moved to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending Article 4 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land from R-1 (1<sup>st</sup> Single Family Dwelling District) for property located at 607 Sunset Drive; also known as .3078 acre, J. Smith Survey, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, to R-2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Single Family Dwelling District); repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Council Member Brundrett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Deliberate and act on proposed Professional Service Agreement by and between the City of Rockport and Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the study and update of Water and Wastewater Impact Fees.**

Community Planner Carey Dietrich stated included in the Agenda packet is the Ordinance establishing Impact Fees in 1999. Ms. Dietrich said those fees have not been updated since then and they need updating. Ms. Dietrich explained there are sufficient funds in the Impact Fees account to cover the cost of the proposed study. Ms. Dietrich added that impact fees can only be used for water and wastewater new development.

Brief discussion was held between the Council, Ms. Dietrich and City Manager Shrauner.

Ms. Dietrich said the cost of the study and update of Water and Wastewater Impact Fees is \$260,600 and will come back to Council for appointment of members to review the study. Ms. Dietrich stated a public hearing will be held and there is a process which will take approximately nine months to one year.

**MOTION:** Council Member Brundrett moved to approve the Professional Service Agreement by and between the City of Rockport and Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the study and update of Water and Wastewater Impact Fees. Council Member Rangel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. Upcoming budget schedule discussion and questions.**

City Manager Vanessa Shrauner stated the Council had received the digital budget information yesterday and will get budget binders on Friday for the Budget Workshops next week. Ms. Shrauner informed the Council the City does not have the preliminary numbers from the Aransas County Tax Assessor and will not have them until August 24, 2023. Ms. Shrauner explained this is because the Appraisal District still has 10% of properties contested and they have to get down to 5% before they deliver a certified tax roll.

Discussion was held between Council and Ms. Shrauner regarding the budget process and the August 1, 2023, and August 3, 2023, Budget Workshops.

It was the consensus of Council that the working budget document be included in the Agenda Packet.

**11. 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 she will be attending for the first time the Rockport Cultural Arts District meeting.

Council Member Hale reported she attended her first Planning & Zoning Commission meeting last week. Council Member Hale said everyone was in attendance except one member that has been absent quite often, so the Council needs to look into how to replace that member.

Council Member Brundrett reported projects in Ward 3 are moving forward.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman reported she has met with citizens on drainage and budget issues. Mayor Pro-Tem Hattman said she met with the Tree and Landscape Committee and they are planning an Arbor Day event.

**12. Adjournment.**

At 7:10 p.m., Council Member Brundrett moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hale. Motion carried unanimously.



**APPROVED:**

  
Tim Jayroe, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Teresa Valdez, City Secretary