

Rockport Transcript

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City Becomes More “Colorful”

The City’s Parks Department has enhanced its beautification program with the addition of new pots and plants at City Hall and the Austin Street corridor. “The original plantings were selected for their durability and native origin,” noted Parks Director Rick Martinez. “Although they’re very hardy, they’re not visually appealing all year long.”

To remedy this situation, the Parks Department implemented a new program that resulted in the addition of 37 pots along Austin Street and the incorporation of more colorful, seasonal flowers, bushes and vines in the new and former planters. Additions include purple and green sweet potato vines, plumbago, ferns, esperanza, pentas, and verbena.



Guide to City Council Meetings

Attending a City Council meeting for the first time can be a little daunting. But, the City strives to make it accessible in terms of physicality, information and transparency by going above and beyond the requirements of Texas’ Open Meetings Act.

Meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, at which time Council acts on business, ordinances, resolutions, and commendations. A notice of the meeting, agenda, and background/supporting information on the agenda items are posted in the “View Agendas” section on the City’s web site by 5 pm on the Friday before the meeting. Individuals may also request delivery of this infor-

mation via email by visiting the “Receive Notifications” icon on the web site.

Workshops, which are held on the 4th Tuesday at 1:30 pm, serve primarily as informational and discussion opportunities for Council.



No voting takes place, but Council may direct staff, contractors or other organizations to procure additional information or undertake certain actions.

Citizens are given the opportunity to speak either on one of the topics being discussed at the meeting or on a topic of their choice in the “Citizens to be Heard” section. To do so, one should fill out a “Speaker’s Request” card, which is located on a table to the right of the entry into Council Chambers, and hand it to the City Secretary, who is seated on the left, south side of the dais, prior to the start of the meeting.

According to the law, Council may not discuss or act on any comments made during “Citizens to be Heard” section. The only exceptions are to provide factual clarification or to suggest that the matter be put on the agenda for a future date.

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Speaking order is determined by receipt of the card and subject matter, i.e., whether it's a general comment or addressing an agenda item. The only requirements for speaking at a meeting are: 1) providing your name and address prior to your comments and 2) limiting said comments to three minutes.

There are no age or residency restrictions. If you have a prepared statement, it's very helpful to provide a copy to the City Secretary so that it may be accurately represented in the minutes.

Once the agenda item of interest has been completed, you are welcome to stay or leave Council Chambers. Upon retiring, please

leave quickly and quietly, as the meeting will continue to address other business .

Please note that speakers presenting an approved agenda item are not subject to a time limit. City Council may ask questions, make comments or call upon a staff member or committee chair for further clarification.

Individuals or organizations who wish to place an item on the agenda should submit a written request to the City Secretary, which includes information about the matter to be discussed and contact information. This may be done by mail, hand delivery to City Hall (622 E. Market St.) during normal business hours (8 am—5 pm), and by email to citysec@cityofrockport.com.

Swearing In



Council Members Rusty Day (Ward 1—top) and Pat Rios (Ward 3, Mayor Pro Tem) are sworn in for additional terms. No other candidates came forward to run in the election, as noted in the previous newsletter.

Didja' Know?

Earlier this summer, a South Texas coastal community experienced a flurry of vehicle break-ins. According to police, of the 11 reported incidents, not one of the vehicles was locked and some had the keys in the ignition.

Answers to Your Recycling Questions

DO NOT RECYCLE:

Plastic Bags
Plastic Food Wrappers
Food or Liquid Waste
Yard Waste
Scrap Metal
Electronics
Diapers
Bio-hazardous Waste
Ceramics
Hoses
Clothes
Tools
Styrofoam
Holiday Decorations

Plastic without Numbers
Greasy Food Containers
Glass
Construction Debris
Hazardous Waste
Cables or Batteries
Tissue
Light Bulbs
Dishes or Mirrors
Toys
Shoes
Plastic Straws
To-Go Lids

Please recycle only the items below:

PLASTICS



Recycle plastics #1 thru #7. Look on the bottom of containers for a number inside the recycling arrows.

METAL CANS, ALUMINUM FOIL, ALUMINUM FOIL PANS

Recycle all food and beverage metal cans - steel, tin, bi-metal and aluminum.



CARDBOARD, NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINES



You can also include newspaper inserts, catalogs, paperback books, phone books & brochures.



PAPER FOOD CONTAINERS

Recycle food boxes including: juice boxes, egg, ice cream & milk cartons, and cereal & pasta boxes.



PAPER

Recycle envelopes, office paper, junk mail, greeting cards & file folders. Shredded paper should be put in a paper bag.

**Shop Rockport—
Keep your retail
sales taxes working
at home**

Are You Truly Prepared for a Hurricane or Flood?

C'mon, admit it. Unless you've been tasked with a specific responsibility during an emergency, you probably don't have a viable plan. With the meteorologists warning of an active hurricane season and the early onset of Tropical Storm Cindy, it's important to be prepared.

How will you be alerted to an emergency or evacuation? Will you rely on the national or Corpus media or have you already signed up for CodeRED, the local emergency notification system that can alert you through your landline, cellphone, text or email? A sign-up link is available on the City's web site.

Do you have evacuation routes mapped out? Please note the plural in "routes." You should have at least two plans in anticipation of a hurricane traveling north or south of us. If you'd like to view designated evacuation routes, visit the Texas Department of Transportation's website (www.txdot.gov/travel/hurricane.htm).

Are all family members included? This includes pets, *(continued on page 4)*

Rockport City Council

Mayor



C.J. Wax

Ward 1



Rusty Day

Ward 2



J.D. Villa

Ward 3



Pat Rios

Ward 4



Barbara Gurtner

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too. What if a child is evacuated from school? How will you communicate if you're unable to leave together or become separated? Do you or anyone you know need some assistance during an emergency event? Register on the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR), which provides local

emergency planners and emergency responders with additional information on the needs in their community. For more information or to register visit <https://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/stear/public.htm>

Are you prepared for an emergency even if it doesn't require evacuation? It's important to have emergency supplies already in stock and to ensure that they're all in working order. At a minimum, this includes a 7-day supply of non-perishable food, manual can opener, medi-

cations, water (count on two gallons per person per day for drinking, cooking and hygiene), first aid kit, flashlights, portable radio, candles, matches, pet supplies and lots of batteries.

If an evacuation is required, it's helpful to have a ready-made kit in a designated place if you must leave quickly. You'll need extra cash, personal records, a change of clothes, and the items listed under emergency supplies.

Visit the City's website for more information on hurricanes and preparedness.

Who Do I Call If ...

Emergency
Non-Emergency Public Safety
Utility Bill Questions/Concerns
Street Issues and Repairs
Sewer, Water and Gas Issues
After-Hours
Trash Pick-Up
City Administrative Offices
Building and Development Dept.

911
729-1111
729-2213 x 234
790-1160
790-1160
729-1111
729-2213 x 234
729-2213 x 221
790-1125

For additional questions or concerns, visit the "FAQs" or "Fix It" sections on the City's web site (www.cityofrockport.com) or call City Hall at (361) 729-2213.



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