

CITY OF ROCKPORT

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass

On the 10th day of April 2018, the City Council of the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, convened in Regular Session 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 Charles J. Wax
Mayor Pro-Tem Pat Rios, Ward 3
Council Member Rusty Day, Ward 1
Council Member J. D. Villa, Ward 2
Council Member Barbara Gurtner, Ward 4

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S) ABSENT

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Edward Bellion
Graham Wilson
Ruth Davis
Diana Severino-Saxon
W. Kent Howard

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Kevin Carruth
City Secretary Teresa Valdez
Community Planner Amanda Torres
Parks & Leisure Services Director Rick Martinez
Public Works Director Mike Donoho
Interim Finance Director Sandy Clarkson
Police Chief Tim Jayroe

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT

Opening Agenda

1. Call to Order.

With a quorum of the Council Members present, the Regular Meeting of the Rockport City Council was called to order by Mayor Wax at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3. Presentation: Friends of Aransas & Matagorda Island Wildlife Refuge.

Mayor Wax stated the Whooping Crane Strut was successful. Mayor Wax presented a check in the amount of \$925.00 to Linda Frank, representative for the Friends of Aransas and Matagorda Island Wildlife Refuge and Laura Bonneau, representative for United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

4. Citizens to be heard.

At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. To address the Council, please sign the speaker's card located on the table in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take any action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. It is the prerogative of the Chair to limit or otherwise restrict commenters if comments are discourteous, inappropriate, repetitive, or uncivil.

There were no citizen comments.

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 March 27, 2018.

6. Deliberate and act on 2nd quarter report from the Texas Maritime Museum for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 marketing expenditures.

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

MOTION: Council Member Gurtner moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Council Member Villa seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings:

7. Call to Order – Rockport Planning & Zoning Commission.

With a quorum of the members present, the meeting of the Rockport Planning & Zoning Commission was called to order at 6:33 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, in the Training Room of the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

Mayor Wax opened the Joint Public Hearings at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor Wax stated both of the Joint Public Hearing items will be considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission on Monday, April 16, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

- 8. Conduct and deliberate a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning & Zoning Commission to consider a request for a Joint Public Hearing to allow an RV Park development on properties located at 1360-1460 State Highway 35 Bypass; also known as 14.493 acres out of the Paul McCombs Survey A317, Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; currently zoned B-1 (General Business District)**

There were no public comments.

- 9. Conduct and deliberate a Joint Public Hearing with the Planning & Zoning Commission to consider amendments to Section 24.2.13, Article I, Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 118 Zoning, by providing changes that will establish an age limit on manufactured homes being moved into recreational vehicle/manufactured housing parks in the City of Rockport.**

There were no public comments.

Mayor Wax closed the Joint Public Hearings at 6:35 p.m.

- 10. Adjourn – Rockport Planning & Zoning Commission.**

At 6:35 p.m., the Rockport Planning & Zoning Commission adjourned.

Regular Agenda

- 11. Deliberate and act on second & final reading of an Ordinance annexing adjacent and contiguous territory to the City of Rockport, Texas, pursuant to Article 43.028, Texas Local Government Code; finding that all necessary and required legal conditions have been satisfied, providing that such area shall become a part of the City and that owners and inhabitants thereof shall be bounded by the acts and ordinance now in effect and to be hereinafter adopted; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.**

MOTION: Mayor Pro-Tem Rios moved to approve the second & final reading of an Ordinance annexing adjacent and contiguous territory to the City of Rockport, Texas, pursuant to Article 43.028, Texas Local Government Code; finding that all necessary and required legal conditions have been satisfied, providing that such area shall become a part of the City and that owners and inhabitants thereof shall be bounded by the acts and ordinance now in effect and to be hereinafter adopted; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. Council Member Day seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 12. Deliberate on department long-term recovery reports.**

Public Works Director Mike Donoho provided the following long-term recovery report:

- In the process of gathering estimates and getting bids for repairs to City facilities.
- Receiving a lot of code enforcement cases – tomorrow will be mailing out substantial damage

letters – notifies listed owner of property of process to mitigate their property to bring into compliance.

- Still receiving some contractor complaints.
- The Ameresco project of automated meters is moving forward – in the next couple of weeks we will be starting to put out transmitters and receivers
- Everyone is tired but still coming to work and doing well at their jobs.
- Trying to get the CNG station on Stadium Drive back into operation – is a connectivity with Internet issue.

Mayor Wax asked if there will be a community outreach program informing citizens of the automatic meter reader program.

Mr. Donoho answered that is a big part of the project. Mr. Donoho added that staff believes the new system will give citizens a better opportunity to monitor their usage.

Police Chief Tim Jayroe provided the following long-term recovery report:

- Back to normal.
- Illegal dumping has stopped.
- Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo and Chief Jayroe gave a presentation in Galveston on what they did when the hurricane hit their communities. The registration of vendors created a lot of interest. People are impressed with the cleanliness of our community, so quickly after the hurricane.

Council Member Gurtner informed Chief Jayroe residents in the 3200 Block of Henderson saw a contractor dumping on the vacate lot across from them. Council Member Gurtner said she asked them to call the Police Department if they saw them again.

Mayor Wax stated he is really pleased with the attitudes of officers; they are upbeat and focused on their jobs. Mayor Wax asked Chief Jayroe to extend his thanks to the officers.

Parks & Leisure Services Director Rick Martinez provided the following long-term recovery report:

- Memorial Park opening this past weekend: We did not get there by ourselves, it took teamwork – Public Works staff, responsible contractors, City Manager & Council allowing us to do our job. Biggest reward was to see the children walk onto the ball fields and play ball. It was a great weekend. Memorial Park brings a different energy to this community – it does something to your soul.
- Other parks have been open for a while now. Looking at building gazebos at Zachary Taylor Park and Compass Rose Park. We have let the wildflowers grow at the Bent Oaks property.
- Very pleased we got to the peak of work and now coming to the downside of it.
- Planning grand re-opening of Dog Park on May 4, 2018, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Star Wars theme.

Mayor Wax commented that all people involved in the work at Memorial Park did a phenomenal job. Mayor Wax thanked Boy Scout Troop 365 from Round Rock; they built 12 picnic tables, spread mulch and assisted in clean-up on the native trail.

Interim Finance Director Sandy Clarkson provided the following long-term recovery report:

- Annual audit will be on an upcoming agenda.
- Moving into budget season – life is good.

City Secretary Teresa Valdez provided the following long-term recovery report:

- Placed required Notice of Election ad for Saturday's edition of *The Rockport Pilot*.
- Will be working on sending out Hotel Occupancy Tax applications for consideration in the 2018-2019 Budget.
- Reminder Special Council Meeting next week on April 17, 2018, for rescheduled joint public hearings.

City Manager Kevin Carruth provided the following long-term recovery report:

- It is good to have Memorial Park open again. People are glad the Park is open. Opening Day of Little League was heart touching.

13. Reports from Council.

At this time, the City Council will report/update on all committee assignments, which may include the following: Aransas Pathways Steering Committee, Building and Standards Commission; Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program; Coastal Bend Council of Government; Parks & Leisure Services Advisory Board; Planning & Zoning Commission; Rockport Heritage Board; 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 Day said he was working around the Windswept Oaks property and it was amazing how noisy the birds are. Council Member Day stated it is really special for the City to have a future like that.

Council Member Villa stated all staff are doing a great job. Council Member Villa said it was great to see everyone at Memorial Park on Easter weekend.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rios announced there will be a Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) Town Hall meeting at the Womens' Club on Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Council Member Gurtner stated she attended the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries meeting last night. Council Member Gurtner said it has been 20 years since the original plan and there has been an update.

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 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property.

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Wax convened the Rockport City Council into an executive session pursuant to provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property).

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 7:18 p.m., Mayor Wax reconvened the Rockport City Council into open session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any necessary actions related to the executive sessions noted herein, or regular agenda items, noted above, and/or related items.

No action was taken.

15. Adjournment

At 7:18 p.m., Council Member Villa moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Rios. Motion carried unanimously.



ATTEST:


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Patrick Rios, Mayor