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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, January 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held using the video conferencing application ZOOM. **No in-person meeting will be conducted at the Rockport Service Center.** A temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or video conference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code. **Video conferencing capabilities will be utilized to allow individuals to address the City Council. Members of the public can participate in the meeting remotely via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87919756753> or scan the QR code to the right.**



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the attorney general has said: “statutes that may be interpreted to require face-to-face interaction between members of the public and public officials are suspended; provided, however, that the governmental bodies must offer alternative methods of communicating with their public officials.” Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views on any topic or agenda item can either 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. 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 Mayor will read the comments and they will be summarized in the minutes of the meeting.



The matters to be discussed and acted upon are as follows:

### Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Presentation: Recognition of Gas Department’s 10 consecutive years of “Excellent” performance ratings of “95” or better.
4. Presentation: American Planning Association - Richard R. Lillie FAICP Planning Excellence Recognition Program Award.
5. Presentation: Texas Police Chiefs Association – Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Recognition Program.
6. Citizens to be heard.  
At this time, written comments received by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any subject matter that is not on the agenda, will be read by the Mayor and summarized in the minutes of 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

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.

7. Deliberate and act on approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2020, and Special Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2020.
8. Deliberate and act on an interlocal agreement with Purchasing Cooperative of America for cooperative purchasing services and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents.
9. Deliberate and act on approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Aransas County Independent School District for law enforcement mutual assistance.

### **Public Hearings**

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10. Call to Order – Rockport Planning & Zoning Commission.
11. Conduct a Joint Public Hearing with the Rockport Planning & Zoning Commission to consider a request to rezone property located at 309 West Market Street; also known as East 90 feet of Lots 9, 10, and 11, Block 153, Doughty and Mathis Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas; to B-1 (General Business District) for retail and office space, currently zoned R-1 (1<sup>st</sup> Single Family Dwelling District).
12. Adjourn – Rockport Planning & Zoning Commission.

### **Regular Agenda**

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13. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance amending the official zoning map as stipulated under Article 4.1 of the City of Rockport Zoning Ordinance Number 1027 by changing the zoning of land from B-1 (General Business District) to R-2 (2<sup>nd</sup> Single Family Dwelling District) for property located at located at 607 South Church Street; also known as the south 35 feet of Lot 2, all of Lot 3, and the north half of Lot 4, Block 61, Mathis Subdivision, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, to preserve residential feel of neighborhood; repealing all Ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
14. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance amending the official zoning map as stipulated under Article 4.1 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) to B-1 (General Business District) for property located at 1711-1715 Sixteenth Street; also known as 10.57 acres embracing a portion of Tract 8, lying west of Texas State Highway 35 relief route, and the east one-half of Tract 84, Block 250, Foor and Swickheimer Subdivision, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, to prepare property for commercial use; repealing all Ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
15. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance amending the official zoning map as stipulated under Article 4.1 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) to B-1 (General Business District) for property located at 1123 West Market Street; also known as Lot 7 and Lots 16-20, Block 4, West Terrace Subdivision Unit 1, City of Rockport, Aransas County,

Texas, to bring land use into a conforming zoning district; repealing all Ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

16. Deliberate and act on second and final reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Rockport Code of Ordinances Chapter 98 “Traffic and Vehicles”, Article II. “Traffic Control” amending Section 98.31 “All-way Stop Signs”, Appendix T-50 by adding All-way Stop Sign at Palmetto Avenue and South 12<sup>th</sup> Street and at Palmetto Avenue and South 11<sup>th</sup> Street; repealing all prior ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.
17. Deliberate and act on Rockport Cultural Arts District proposal for a legislative initiative to exempt from sales tax original works of art sold in the District.
18. Deliberate and action of a Resolution of the City of Rockport, Texas authorizing the City Manager to survey, divide, and then prepare, post, and publish for auction the remaining portion of the 0.3444 acres of land consisting of Lots 4 and 5, Block 115, Doughty & Mathis Subdivision, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, also known as 1017 Young St.
19. Hear and deliberate on status of COVID-19 and response efforts.

20. Reports from Council.

At this time, the City Council will report/update on 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.

### **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:

21. Section 551.071 (2) – the City Council will meet in closed session with its attorney 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 to discuss the status and legal issues associated with a performance based services agreement.
22. Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property - To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property: 0.142 acre of land embracing that 25.0 foot wide portion of King Street adjacent to the south boundary of Lot Nos. 8 and 16, Block No. 27, along and with the south boundary of the east 48.34 feet of Block No. 42, Doughty and Mathis Division, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, according to the map or plat recorded in Volume “E”, Pages 272 and 273, Deed Records of Aransas County, Texas.
23. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters - deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: (a) City Manager

evaluation and (b) City Secretary evaluation.

### **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.

24. Adjournment.

### **Special Accommodations**

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations 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 [citysec@cityofrockport.com](mailto:citysec@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.

### **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, January 8, 2021, by 7:45 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*.



Ruby Beaven, Assistant City Secretary