
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport City Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 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/86345950120> 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. 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.

4. Deliberate and act on approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2021.
5. Deliberate and act on a Resolution of the City of Rockport, Texas, authorizing the Rockport Police Department to apply for and operate an Operation Stonegarden Grant Program (OPSG) administered by the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security grants division for Fiscal Year 2020; and authorizing the Mayor to act as the Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the participation in this grant program.

6. Deliberate and act on 1st quarter Report from University of Texas Marine Science Institute/Mission Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Bay Education Center marketing expenditures.
7. Deliberate and act on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rockport, Texas, extending a Declaration of Local Disaster (Winter Storm Uri) for the period of March 9 – April 27, 2021; establishing rules and regulations for the duration of the Disaster; and establishing an effective date.
8. Deliberate and act on request from Rockport Cultural Arts District for closure of Peter Street between Austin Street and Magnolia Street on Saturday, March 27, 2021 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for a fundraising event for the Rockport Railroad Depot.

Regular Agenda

9. 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 (1st Single Family Dwelling District) for property located at 1802 FM 2165; also known as 7.253 acres of land out of a 10.345 acre tract, out of the J.W. Paup Survey, A-179, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, and said 10.345 acre tract being described in a deed of record under Clerk's File Number 339130, Official Public Records of Aransas County, Texas; to R-2 (2nd Single Family Dwelling District) to develop an over 55-years-of-age gated community; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
10. 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 (1ST Single Family Dwelling District) for property located at 1802 FM 2165; also known as 1.343 acres of land out of a 10.345 acre tract, out of the J.W. Paup Survey, A-179, City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, and said 10.345 acre tract being described in a deed of record under Clerk's File Number 339130, Official Public Records of Aransas County, Texas, to B-1 (General Business District) to serve as a buffer between housing development, known as Pearl Street Square; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.
11. Deliberate and act on second and final 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-6 (Hotel/Motel District) for property located at 345 SH 35 Bypass; also known as 28.071 acres of land out of Farm Lots 1, 2 And 3, Land Block 22, T.P. McCampbell Subdivision: a portion of the Northeast one-half of a 40.0 foot wide platted, unimproved roadway, adjacent to Farm Lots 1, 2, And 3, Land Block 21; and a portion of a 40.0 foot wide platted, unimproved roadway adjacent to Farm Lot 1, 2, And 3 Land Block 22, T.P. McCampbell Subdivision, City Of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas, according to the plat recorded in Volume 1, Pages 3 And 4, Plat Records Of Aransas County, Texas, and being out of a called 7.311 acre tract (Tract 3) and a called 56.463 acre tract (Tract 2), as described in a deed of record under Clerks File Number 368317, Official Public Records Of Aransas County, Texas, to B-1 (General Business District) to develop office space and retail space; repealing all ordinances in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

12. Hear and deliberate on Texas Department of Agriculture Downtown Revitalization Program grant application.

13. Hear and deliberate on status of COVID-19 and response efforts.

14. 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.

15. 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 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, March 5, 2021, by 5:00 p.m. and on the City's website at 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*.


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary