
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING & BUDGET WORKSHOP AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport City Council will hold a special meeting & budget workshop on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held using the video conferencing application ZOOM. 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/89087317540> 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](#) (click on the hyperlink or scan the QR code to the right) or 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 entered in the minutes of the meeting.



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

Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.

Regular Agenda

2. Deliberate and act on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rockport, Texas extending a Declaration of Local Disaster for the period of August 1 – August 25, 2020; establishing rules and regulations for the duration of the disaster; and establishing an effective date.

Workshop Agenda

3. Hear and deliberate on presentation of proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.
4. 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 on Friday, July 31, 2020, 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

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Special Meeting & Budget Workshop: August 3, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 2

Deliberate and act on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Rockport, Texas, extending a Declaration of Local Disaster for the period of August 1 – August 25, 2020; establishing rules and regulations for the duration of the disaster; and establishing an effective date.

SUBMITTED BY: City Manager Kevin Carruth

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: PKC

BACKGROUND: Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration for 32 counties due to severe weather from Hurricane Hanna which began on July 25, 2020. Mayor Rios declared the original state of disaster for the City of Rockport beginning July 25, 2020. *Texas Government Code* Section 418.108(b) states that the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven dates from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City of Rockport.

To continue and renew the state of disaster an Ordinance extending the Declaration of Local Disaster is attached for the period of August 1 – August 25, 2020.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Council adopt Ordinance, as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS, EXTENDING A DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 1 – AUGUST 25, 2020; ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE DURATION OF THE DISASTER; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration for 32 Counties due to severe weather from Hurricane Hanna which began Saturday, July 25, 2020 and posed a threat of imminent disaster, including property damage and loss of life, due to widespread flooding, storm surge, and hurricane force winds, in Aransas, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Dimmit, Duvall, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Harris, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kennedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Matagorda, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Victoria, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, and Zapata counties; and

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster facilitated and expedited the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the Mayor is designated as the emergency management director of the City of Rockport, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor on an appropriate local scale; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, has authorized the use of all available resources of state government and political subdivisions to assist in the City's response to this situation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has determined that extraordinary and immediate measures must be taken to respond quickly, prevent and alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Government Code, Mayor Patrick R. Rios, on July 25, 2020, declared a local state of disaster and public health emergency for the City of Rockport, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS:

Section 1. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the City Council.

Section 2. The local state of disaster and public health emergency declared by Mayor Patrick R. Rios for the City of Rockport, Texas, pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Government Code is hereby renewed and extended for a period of August 1, 2020 – August 25, 2020, pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Government Code.

Section 3. Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state

of disaster and public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

Section 4. Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster and public health emergency activates the City of Rockport emergency management plan.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters herein.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

Section 7. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 8. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

Section 9. This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from August 1, 2020 and after its passage, and any publication required by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED, APPROVED, the 3rd day of August 2020 and **EFFECTIVE** the 1st day of August 2020.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS

Patrick R. Rios, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

**PROCLAMATION
DISASTER DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration for 32 Counties due to severe weather from Hurricane Hanna which began Saturday, July 25, 2020 and poses a threat of imminent disaster, including property damage and loss of life, due to widespread flooding, storm surge, and hurricane force winds, in Aransas, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Dimmit, Duvall, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Harris, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kennedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Matagorda, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Victoria, Webb, Wharton, Willacy, and Zapata counties;

WHEREAS, declaring a state of disaster will facilitate and expedite the use and deployment of resources to enhance preparedness and response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by Patrick R. Rios, Mayor of the City of Rockport, Texas, that I do hereby certify that Hurricane Hanna poses an imminent threat of disaster and that a local state of disaster is hereby declared for City of Rockport pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.

Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the City of Rockport.

Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary.

Pursuant to §418.108(d) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Rockport Emergency Management Plan.

That this Proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 25th day of July, 2020.



Patrick R. Rios, Mayor