
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport City Council will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 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/82578350706> 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.



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Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Presentation: Spirit of Rockport Award – Citizen Advisory Board
4. Presentation: Items from 1970 Sesquicentennial Time Capsule.
5. 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 entered in the minutes of the meeting. 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.

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.

6. Deliberate and act on approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2020, and Special Meeting and Budget Workshop Minutes of August 3, 2020.

7. Deliberate and act on 3rd quarter report from the Friends of the Fulton Mansion State Historical Site for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 marketing expenditures.

Public Hearing

8. **CANCELLED** - Conduct a Public Hearing on a proposal to possibly increase solid waste, water, wastewater and natural gas rates for all customers.

Regular Agenda

9. 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 11 – September 22, 2020; establishing rules and regulations for the duration of the disaster; restricting certain activities; and establishing penalties for violations.

10. Deliberate and act on presentation of proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget.

11. Deliberate and act by taking record vote on proposed 2020 ad valorem property tax for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget and scheduling dates for two required public hearings on proposed tax rate.

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

13. 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; Park & Leisure Services Advisory Board; Planning & Zoning Commission; Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce; Aransas County Storm Water Management Advisory Committee; Rockport Cultural Arts District, 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:

14. Section 551.071(2) Consultations with 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 – Potential Divestment of Gas Utility; Agreement with Rockport Center for the Arts for administration of EDA grant.

15. Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property - To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property: Right of way and easement acquisitions necessary for the Key Allegro Bridge project

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.

16. 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, August 7, 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*.



Ruby Beaven, Assistant City Secretary