



City of Rockport
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025 - 4:00 PM
ROCKPORT SERVICE CENTER
2751 STATE HIGHWAY 35 BYPASS
ROCKPORT, TEXAS 78382

City Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Tim Jayroe
Councilmember (Ward 1) Stephanie Rangel
Councilmember (Ward 2) Matt Anderson via Zoom
Councilmember (Ward 3) Brad Brundrett

City Councilmembers Absent:

Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 4) Andrea Hattman

City Staff Present:

Vanessa Shrauner, City Manager
Art Rodriguez, City Attorney via Zoom
Bob Argetsinger Director of Information Technology
Nathan Anderson, Police Chief
Brittany Aquirre, Parks and Leisure Director
Ryan Picarazzi, Public Works Director
Kimberly Henry, Assistant to the City Manager
Carey Dietrich, Director of Community Development
Robbie Sorrell, Director of Finance
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Jayroe called April 8, 2025, Regular Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and announced that a quorum had been met.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Rangel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

No one signed up to speak.

IV. CEREMONIAL MATTERS/PROCLAMATIONS/EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

1. Tenure Tuesday monthly recognitions of Employees

Vanessa Shrauner, City Manager, awarded the following:

Juan Canales	5 years
Isaac Leal	5 years
Jason Darnold	5 years
Kimberly Henry	5 years
Hilary Verduzco	10 years
John Pebsworth	5 years
Dale Martinets Jr.	5 years
Timothy Sawicki	5 years

2. City of Rockport named Tree City USA for 26th Consecutive Year

Mayor Jayroe read the award of naming Rockport as a Tree City USA for the 26th year.

Jason Akin and Pablo Garcia, Parks Department, received the award on behalf of the City.

The City Council then took up Agenda Items X. Executive Session and XI. Business Item.

V. CONSENT

3. Consider the approval to award a bid to Raw Demo and Construction for an amount not to exceed \$52,795.00 for the concrete sidewalks, ramps, retaining walks, and concrete paving on the West half of the Main Street Visitors Kiosk and Art Installation project site located at 909 Main Street.

4. Consider the approval to award the construction contract for the Kluge Trail and Holly Road Street Improvement project to Anderson Columbia Co, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$348,000.00.

5. Consider the adoption of the FY2025-2026 Budget Calendar

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Rangel and a second by Councilmember Brundrett to approve the Consent Agenda Items 3 and 5. The City Council voted on roll:

Mayor Jayroe	aye
Councilmember (Ward 1) Rangel	aye
Councilmember (Ward 2) Anderson	aye
Councilmember (Ward 3) Brundrett	aye

The motion to approve passed unanimously; four (4) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Consider the approval on the only reading of Ordinance 1969 amending Ordinance No. 1948 which adopted the 2024-2025 Budget beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025; repealing all prior Ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for publication; and providing for an effective date (Hotel Occupancy Tax Reserves)

Robbie Sorrell, Finance Director, stated this Ordinance put money in place for CVB additional funding.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Brundrett and a second by Councilmember Rangel to approve the only reading of Ordinance 1969 amending Ordinance No. 1948 which adopted the 2024-2025 Budget beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025; repealing all prior Ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for publication; and providing for an effective date (Hotel Occupancy Tax Reserves). The City Council voted on roll:

Mayor Jayroe	aye
Councilmember (Ward 1) Rangel	aye
Councilmember (Ward 2) Anderson	aye
Councilmember (Ward 3) Brundrett	aye

The motion to approve passed unanimously; four (4) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Consider the approval of the only reading of Ordinance 1970 amending Ordinance No. 1948, which adopted the 2024-2025 Budget beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025; repealing all prior Ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for publication; and providing for an effective date (Contractor's Change Request #01 with South Texas Building Partners)

Robbie Sorrell, Finance Director, stated this Ordinance puts the money in place for the Rockport VFD repairs.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Brundrett and a second by Councilmember Rangel to approve only reading of Ordinance 1970 amending Ordinance No. 1948, which adopted the 2024-2025 Budget beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025; repealing all prior Ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for publication; and providing for an effective date (Contractor's Change Request #01 with South Texas Building Partners). The City Council voted on roll:

Mayor Jayroe	aye
Councilmember (Ward 1) Rangel	aye
Councilmember (Ward 2) Anderson	aye
Councilmember (Ward 3) Brundrett	aye

The motion to approve passed unanimously; four (4) for and none (0) against. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. OTHER ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATES

8. Provide an update on status of House Bill 2962 seeking to exempt political subdivisions from the Miscellaneous Gross Receipts Tax

Robbie Sorrell, Director of Finance, provided an update on HB2962. He noted under state law, Retail Electric providers collect a Miscellaneous Gross Receipts Tax (MGRT) on sales to political subdivisions - including cities. Since the City of Rockport is taxpayer-funded, the tax is essentially a tax on taxes to the citizens. And should the Bill pass residents will get some tax/utility relief from the current double taxation.

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

No Update was provided.

IX. CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Anderson stated he was thankful for the rain.

Councilmember Brundrett announced the Scoop Talk will be held at Grandma B's Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. He encouraged everyone to come out and have ice cream and get their questions answered from the City Manager and himself.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Executive Session pursuant to:

Note 1: Texas Government Code § 551.071, Consultation with Attorney

Note 2: Texas Government Code § 551.072, Real Property

Note 3: Texas Government Code § 551.074, Personnel Matters

Note 4: Texas Government Code § 551.076, Security

Note 5: Texas Government Code § 551.087, Economic Development Negotiations

Note 6: Texas Government Code § 551.089, IT Security

9. Discussion on the Petition for Release from the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction of the City for Approximately 2.6 acres located at 2425 FM 1069 in Aransas County (1)

10. Pending litigation PUC Docket No. 55942, Perdition of Ratepayers Appeal of the City's Water and Wastewater Rates (1)

Mayor Jayroe announced that the City Council will go out of Regular Meeting into Executive Session at 4:08p.m.

Mayor Jayroe announced that the City Council will go out of the Executive Session and into the Regular Meeting at 4:28 p.m.

IV. BUSINESS ITEM

The City Council did not provide a statement following the Executive Session.

XII. ADJOURN

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Brundrett and a second by Mayor Jayroe adjourn the April 8, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting at 4:34 p.m.



Tim Jayroe
Mayor

Shelley Goodwin, TRMC/CMC
City Secretary