



City of Rockport

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025 - 12:00 PM

ROCKPORT CITY HALL- COUNCIL CHAMBERS

212 N. LIVE OAK

ROCKPORT, TEXAS 78382

Mayor Tim Jayroe
Mayor Pro Tern (Ward 4) Andrea Hattman
Councilmember (Ward 1) Stephanie Rangel

Councilmember (Ward 2) Matt Anderson
Councilmember (Ward 3) Brad Brundrett
Vanessa Shrauner, City Manager

Notice is hereby given that Rockport City Council will hold a Special Meeting on Friday, September 12, 2025, at 12:00 PM. The meeting will be held in person in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 212 N. Live Oak, Rockport, Texas 78382. The live stream link to view the meeting is <https://rockporttx.portal.civicclerk.com/>.

The City Council welcomes citizen participation and comments at all City Council Meetings on an Agenda item or any subject matter.

Written comments submitted by 3:30 p.m. on the day before of the meeting.

- Complete the Speaker Card - locate the card online (<https://rockporttx.gov/FormCenter/Citizen-Participation-Form-7/Citizen-Participation-Form-52>)
- Written Comments received by the deadline will be read.

Sign up in person.

- Speaker's cards are located at the entrance of the meeting room and must be delivered to the City Secretary before the meeting begins.
- Any citizen with handouts should provide them to the City Secretary before the meeting. If you wish the City Council to receive your handouts for the meeting, please provide 8 copies; if not, the City Council will receive your handouts the following day.

Rules for Citizen Participation.

- Speakers will be limited to three minutes.
- While civic 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.

NOTE: The City Council may adjourn into Executive Session to consider any item listed on this agenda if a matter is raised that is appropriate for discussion. An announcement will be made based on the Executive Session discussion. The City Council may also publicly discuss any item listed on the agenda for the Executive Session.

Notice is hereby given that other elected or appointed officials may attend the City Council Meeting at the date and time above in numbers that may constitute a quorum. No action or minutes will be taken by such in attendance.

This facility is wheelchair-accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodation or interpretive services must be made 48 hours before this meeting. Please get in touch with the City Secretary's office at (361) 729-2213, ext. 225, or FAX (361) 790-5966 or email sgoodwin@rockporttx.gov for further information. Braille is not available.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Speaker participation instructions are provided in writing at the beginning of the agenda. NOTE: The Texas Open Meetings Act permits a member of the public or a member of the governmental body to raise a subject that has not been included in the notice for the meeting. However, any discussion of the subject must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting, and any response to a question posed to the City Council is limited to either a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.042 has not been posted on the agenda.

IV. FY2025-2026 BUDGET AND FY2025 TAX RATE

1. Regarding item nos. 2 and 3 below, the City provides the following information in compliance Texas Government Code § 551.043(c): (i) a copy of the City’s proposed budget may be located on the City’s home page of its website and at <https://rockporttx.gov/DocumentCenter/View/17400/2025-2026-Proposed-Budget-8-7-2025?bidId=>; and (ii) Taxpayer Impact Statement – For the median-valued homestead property a comparison of the current property tax bill in dollars pertaining to the property for the current fiscal year (“FY”), an estimate if the proposed budget is adopted for the upcoming FY, and an estimate of a balanced budget at the no-new-revenue tax rate for the upcoming FY is below:

Median-Valued Homestead Property of \$338,830	Property Tax Bill in Dollars
Current FY 2024/25	\$ 1,373.26
An estimate if the proposed budget is adopted for FY 2025/26	\$1,445.03
An estimate if a balanced budget is funded and adopted at the no-new-revenue tax rate for FY 2025/26	\$1,299.91

(Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary)

2. Consider and approve on the first of two readings for Ordinance 1991 approving the assessment and renditions for the 2025 taxable property as submitted by the Appraisal District; levying a tax rate for \$100 valuation for the City of Rockport, Aransas County, Texas for the tax year 2025 of \$.231403 for the purpose of maintenance and operations, \$.195072 for the payment of principal and interest on debt of the City for a Total Tax Rate of \$.426475; providing for a lien on all real and personal property to secure payment of taxes due thereon; containing a severability clause; repealing all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith; and providing an effective date.

THIS RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.50 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-4.14. (Robbie Sorrell, Finance Director)

3. Discussion on the next step of the process and announcement of the second and final reading of the 2025 Tax Rate will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. (Vanessa Shrauner, City Manager)

V. 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

The City Council will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Council may also consider any other matter posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Council announces that the item will be considered during Executive Session.

VI. BUSINESS ITEM

The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon the conclusion of the Executive Session; the City Council may take action on any item posted in the Executive Session as necessary.

VII. ADJOURN

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that I, Shelley Goodwin, posted this Agenda at 4:55 p.m. on September 8, 2025, on the bulletin board of the City of Rockport City Hall, 212 N. Live Oak, Rockport, Texas 79382.



Shelley Goodwin, TRMC/MMC
City Secretary



AGENDA MEMO

DEPARTMENT: Finance/Utility Billing

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Robbie Sorrell, Finance Director

MEETING DATE: September 12, 2025

CATEGORY: Ordinance

CAPTION:

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SUMMARY:

Tax ordinance will be used to support 2025-2026 Budget

BACKGROUND:

After completing eight public Budget Workshops starting last April, Council finalized an acceptable total tax rate at the 9/2/2025 workshop.

FUNDING SOURCE:

Levy on taxpayer

FUNDING IMPACT:

Funding represents about 40% of General Fund Revenues and almost all Interest & Sinking Fund Revenues

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of tax rate on first reading. Per Aransas County TAC, the motion must be read as "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .426475, which is effectively a 11.16 percent increase in the tax rate".

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Ordinance

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2025 STEPS TO ADOPT TAX & BUDGET
2. Ordinance - Tax Rate 2025

APPROVAL/REVIEW:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shelley Goodwin", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

Date: September 08, 2025

Vanessa Shrauner, City Manager

Date: September 08, 2025

**§26.05(b) of Property Tax Code
Steps Required for Adoption of Tax Rate & Budget**

Entity Name: City of Rockport

Date: 09/03/2025 10:35 AM

Language Required in the Motion Setting This Year's Tax Rate:

This year's proposed tax rate exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate. The vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order setting the tax rate must be a record vote and 60% of the governing body must vote in favor of the adoption of the tax rate. A motion to adopt the ordinance, resolution, or order must be made in the following form:

I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.426475, which is effectively a 11.16 percent increase in the tax rate.

Statement Required in the Ordinance, Resolution, or Order Setting:

This year's levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. The following statements must be included in the ordinance, resolution, or order setting this year's tax rate. The statements must be in larger type than the type used in any other portion of the document.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.50 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-4.14.

Statement That Must be Posted on the Home Page of Any Internet Website Operated by the Taxing Unit:

This year's levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. The following statements must be included in the ordinance, resolution, or order setting this year's tax rate. The statements must be in larger type than the type used in any other portion of the document.

City of Rockport ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.50 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-4.14.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ASSESSMENT AND RENDITIONS FOR THE 2025 TAXABLE PROPERTY AS SUBMITTED BY THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT; LEVYING A TAX RATE FOR \$100.00 VALUATION FOR THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS FOR THE TAX YEAR 2025 OF \$0.231403 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION, \$0.195072 FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON DEBT OF THE CITY FOR A TOTAL TAX RATE OF \$0.426475; PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TO SECURE PAYMENT OF TAXES DUE THEREON; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the City Council of Rockport, Texas is considering approving and adopting a Budget for the operations and debt service for the City for Fiscal Year 2025-2026); and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid Ordinance anticipates the required levy of an *ad valorem tax* on all taxable property in the City of Rockport; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Appraiser of Aransas County Tax Appraisal District has prepared and certified the appraisal roll for the City of Rockport, Texas, that roll being that portion of the approved appraisal roll of the Aransas County Tax Appraisal District which lists property taxable by the City of Rockport, Texas; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to levy such an *ad valorem tax* at a given rate to generate revenues sufficient to meet the projected expenses of the City for FY 2025-2026; and

WHEREAS, the City has fully and timely complied with all notice and other requirements relative to the adoption of a tax rate for FY 2025-2026.

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

Section 1: There is hereby levied for the FY 2025-2026 upon all real property situated within the corporate limits of the City of Rockport, Texas, and upon all personal property which was owned within the corporate limits of the City of Rockport, Texas, on January 1, 2025, except so much thereof as may be exempt by the Constitution or laws of the State of Texas, a total tax of \$0.426475 on each \$100 of assessed valuation on all taxable property, which total tax herein so levied shall consist and be comprised of the following components:

a) An *ad valorem* tax rate of \$.231403 on each \$100 of assessed valuation of all taxable property is hereby levied for general City purposes and to pay the current operating expenses of the City of Rockport, Texas, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, which tax, when collected shall be appropriated to and for the credit of the General Fund of the City of Rockport, Texas.

b) An *ad valorem* tax rate of \$.195072 on each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property is hereby levied for the purpose of creating an Interest and Sinking Fund with which to pay the interest and principal of the valid bonded indebtedness, and related fees of the City of Rockport, now outstanding and such tax, when collected, shall be appropriated and deposited in and to the credit of the general Debt Service Fund of the City of Rockport, Texas, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

Section 2: The City of Rockport shall have lien on all taxable property located in the City of Rockport to secure the payment of taxes, penalty, and interest, and all costs of collection, assessed and levied hereby.

Section 3: Taxes are payable in Rockport, Texas at the Office of the Tax Assessor Collector of Aransas County, Texas. The City shall have available all the rights and remedies provided by law for the enforcement of the collection of taxes levied under this Ordinance.

Section 4: The tax roll presented to the City Council, together with any supplements thereto, are hereby accepted and approved.

Section 5: Should any paragraph, sentence, provision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance, as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part or parts adjudged to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional.

Section 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the City Council and publication of its caption as the law and the City Charter provide in such cases.

Section 7: All other ordinances and Code provisions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of any such conflict or inconsistency and all other provisions of the Rockport City Code not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 8: The repeal of any ordinance or parts thereof by the enactment of this Ordinance, shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance; nor shall it have the effect of discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, nor as affecting any rights of the City under any section or provision of any ordinances at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

APPROVED on first reading on the 12th day of September 2025, by roll call vote as follows:

FOR MOTION:

AGAINST MOTION:

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS

Tim Jayroe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

APPROVED and PASSED on second and final reading the 23th day of September 2025
by roll call vote as follows:

FOR MOTION:

AGAINST MOTION:

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS

Tim Jayroe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary