

RESOLUTION NO. 07-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT RESPECTFULLY URGING GOVERNOR RICK PERRY, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DAVID DEWHURST, SENATOR GLEN HEGAR, AND REPRESENTATIVE JUAN M. GARCIA TO DEVELOP AND ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROTECT FRESHWATER INFLOWS FOR THE PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF THE ARANSAS AND COPANO BAY SYSTEM; AND FINDING AND DECLARING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, THAT THE PUBLIC NOTICE OF TIME, PLACE, AND THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE PUBLIC BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED WAS POSTED AS REQUIRED BY LAW, INCLUDING THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, freshwater inflows to Aransas and Copano Bay system are important to commercial and recreational fisherman, bird watchers and other citizens living and working in Rockport and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the sport fishing industry makes a tremendous contribution to the economy of the Rockport area through the tourism it attracts; and

WHEREAS, the commercial fishing industry provides many jobs in the Rockport area and supplies fresh fish to local restaurants and markets around the area; and

WHEREAS, the Rockport area is an international birding destination because of the tremendous diversity of birds occurring here; and

WHEREAS, the sport and commercial fishing industries, bird watching, and other nature-related tourism activities help support a variety of businesses in the Rockport area, including hotels and restaurants, tour guide operators, marinas and boat dealers, fishing equipment and supply outlets, and bait dealers and fish houses; and

WHEREAS, sport and commercial fishing and other tourism industries can be harmed by the failure to ensure that sufficient freshwater flows reach the Aransas Bay system; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, it is important for our governing body to speak out strongly in favor of the Texas Legislature taking steps to protect freshwater inflows.

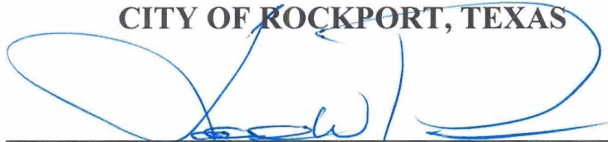
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the City Council respectfully urge Governor Rick Perry, Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst, Senator Glen Hegar, and Representative Juan M. Garcia to develop and enact legislation to protect freshwater inflows.


Section 2. The Rockport City Council hereby finds, determines, and hereby declares that the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public, that the public notice of time, place, and the subject matter of the public business to be considered was posted as required by law, including this Resolution.

PASSED and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Rockport City Council on this the 9th day of JANUARY 2007.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS



Todd W. Pearson, Mayor



George E. Marriott, Mayor Pro-Tem
Ward #1



Leopoldo "Leo" Villa, Council Member
Ward #2



Francis "Frank" Reilly, Council Member
Ward #3



Jerry L. Beattie, Council Member
Ward #4



ATTEST:



Irma G. Parker, City Secretary