

RESOLUTION 2026-34R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS, ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SAID ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026; THE SPECIAL ELECTION SHALL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCIL MEMBER TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF WARD #1 COUNCIL MEMBER STEPHANIE RANGEL, WITH THAT TERM EXPIRING IN MAY 2029; PROVIDING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

WHEREAS, Councilmember Stephanie Rangel resigned from the city of Rockport, Texas City Council, creating a vacancy in Ward #1 which must be filed by special election with 120 days of the effective date of the resignation; and

WHEREAS, the unexpired term of Councilmember Rangel expires in May 2029;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. In accordance with the general laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, and the Charter of the City, the City of Rockport, Texas City Council hereby calls and orders a Special Election for Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to fill the vacancy in Ward #1. The qualified voters of the City of Rockport's Ward #1 shall be permitted to vote for their representative in Ward #1 in said election.

SECTION 2. The City Secretary of the City of Rockport is hereby directed to cause notice to be given of said election by publication in the official newspaper of the City of Rockport, Texas, in accordance with the State Election Code.

SECTION 3. Applications to have the name of a candidate placed on the ballot may be filed with the City Secretary no sooner than the effective date of this Resolution calling and ordering the Special Election, with the last day for filing to be Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

SECTION 4. The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot for the positions of Councilmember Ward #1 on said Rockport City Council shall be determined by a drawing conducted by the City Secretary, Monday, August 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 212 N. Live Oak, Rockport, Texas.

SECTION 5. The Elections Administrator of Aransas County, Kevin A. Stroud, is designated as the Early Voting Clerk. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the main early voting location, established at the Aransas County Elections & Voter Registration Office, 602 E. Concho Street, Rockport, Texas as follows:

Monday, October 19, 2026 – Friday, October 23, 2026: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 24, 2026: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 25, 2026: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday, October 26, 2026 – Friday, October 30, 2026: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 6. The early voting clerk shall process all applications for early voting by mail. Applications for a ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Kevin A. Stroud, Elections Administrator of Aransas County, Early Voting Clerk, 602 E. Concho Street, Rockport, TX 78382. The Election Administrator's website address is: <https://www.aransascountytexas.gov/electionadmin/>. The Election Administrator's phone number is: 361-729-7431. The last day to receive an application from a voter in person for a ballot to be voted by mail is the close of business on Friday, October 23, 2026.

SECTION 7: The Hart InterCivic Verity Touch Writer Dup (Ballot Marking Devices) and Verity Scan, a HAVA compliant voting system approved by the Texas Secretary of State, shall be used for voting during Early Voting and Election Day. Paper ballots shall be used for voting by mail. The Early Voting Ballot Board shall canvass all ballots cast in the November 3, 2026, Special Election.

SECTION 8: The Election Officials serving in the November 3, 2026 Special Election are as follows:

- Election day judge and alternate judge
 - Drifters RV Resort (Banquet Hall), 4401 Hwy 35 S Business, Rockport, TX 78382
 - Presiding: Monica Clark
 - Alternate: Brandon Broom
 - Rockport Service Center (Lobby), 2751 Hwy 35 Bypass, Rockport, TX 78382
 - Presiding: Barry Hill
 - Alternate: Elizabeth Green
 - Aransas County Community Center, 302 N Live Oak St, Rockport, TX 78382
 - Presiding: Gary Guillory
 - Alternate: Sandra Mueller
 - Fulton Fire Department, 401 Googles Cole Blvd, Fulton, TX 78358

- Presiding: Katherine Kane
- Alternate: Joshua Jones
- Central Counting Station and Early Voting Ballot Board
 - Presiding: Debra Stephens
 - Alternate: Neva McDaniel

Election officials shall be paid \$12.00 per hour. The Presiding Judge, or the election worker at the polling location that he or she designates, who picks up the elections supplies from the Contracting Officer and who returns the remaining supplies, ballot boxes, and all other election records from the polling location to the Contracting Officer will be compensated with a delivery fee of \$25.00.

SECTION 9. The polls at the polling place shall on said Election Day be open from seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. to seven o'clock (7:00) p.m.

SECTION 10. A committee is hereby established to hold three computer accuracy tests. The first test shall be conducted at least 48 hours before the count of voted ballots. The second test shall be conducted immediately prior to the start and the third test immediately subsequent to the count of voted ballots to ascertain that the computer will accurately count the votes cast for the office to be voted upon in said election. The members of the committee are as follows:

- Debra Stephens, Presiding Judge
- Rockport City Secretary, Shelley Goodwin
- Aransas County Independent School District Executive Assistant

SECTION 11. Notice of this election shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and returns of such notice shall be made as provided for in said Code. The Mayor shall issue all necessary orders and writs for such election and returns of such election shall be made to the City Secretary immediately after the closing of the polls. In addition, the election materials as outlined in Section 272.005, Texas Election Code, shall be printed in both English and Spanish for use at the polling places and for early voting for said election.

SECTION 12. Said election shall be held in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

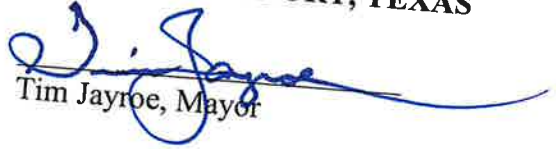
SECTION 13. Should any part, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase contained in this resolution be held to be unconstitutional or of no force and effect, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution, but in all respects said remaining portion shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law, and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required.

SECTION 15. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Rockport, Texas, on this 11th day of August 2026.

CITY OF ROCKPORT, TEXAS


Tim Jayroe, Mayor

ATTEST


Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary