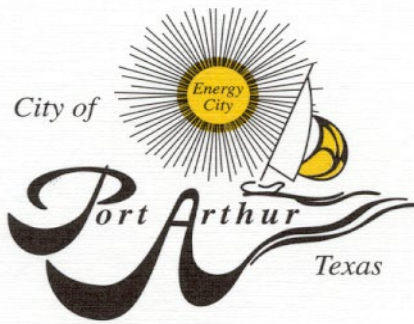


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AGENDA

City Council Special Meeting

**Thursday, November 30, 2023
9:00 A.M. CT**

The City Council Of The City Of Port Arthur Will Conduct The Special Meeting Scheduled For Thursday, November 30, 2023 At 9:00 A.M. CT, By Telephonic And Videoconference In Addition To Allowing In Person Attendance. A Quorum Of The City Council Will Be Physically Present In The City Council Chamber, Fifth Floor, City Hall, 444 Fourth Street Port Arthur, Texas. The Public May Participate In The Meeting In Person Or By Dialing One Of The Following Toll-Free Numbers And Entering The Meeting ID: 814 3959 8685 And Passcode: 662355

**(877) 853-5247 US Toll Free
(888) 788-0099 US Toll Free**

In Compliance With The Americans With Disabilities Act, The City Of Port Arthur Will Provide For Reasonable Accommodations For Persons Attending City Council Meetings. To Better Serve You, Requests Should Be Received 24 Hours Prior To The Meeting. Please Contact The City Secretary's Office, At (409) 983-8115.

Website: <http://www.portarthurtx.gov>

**City Council Special Meeting
City Hall Council Chamber
City Of Port Arthur
November 30, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

PLEASE TURN OFF OR MUTE ALL MOBILE DEVICES

I. INVOCATION, PLEDGE & ROLL CALL

Mayor Bartie	_____
Mayor Pro Tem Hamilton	_____
Councilmember Lewis, Jr.	_____
Councilmember Beckcom	_____
Councilmember Doucet, Sr.	_____
Councilmember Kinlaw, III	_____
Councilmember Frank, Sr.	_____
City Manager Burton	_____
City Secretary Bellard, TRMC	_____
City Attorney Tizeno	_____
Police Chief Duriso Or Designee	_____

II. WORKSHOP

The City Council Will Convene A Training Session For Legal Guidance And Discussion Regarding The Following Topics:

1. An Overview Of How City's Run;
2. The Role Of The City Council And Best Practices For Serving On Governing Bodies;
3. Ethics;
4. The Law As Applied To Government Social Media;
5. The Texas Open Meetings Act; And
6. Texas Public Information Act.

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
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II. WORKSHOP – CONTINUED

This Workshop Is For The Purposes Of Training And Setting Priorities. Intended Participants In The Workshop Will Include The Mayor, City Council, And Senior Staff. No Decisions Will Be Made. While Preferences May Be Stated And Consensus Built Around Concepts And Ideas, No Formal Voting Will Occur And No Binding Action Taken. Any Action Taken By The City Of Port Arthur On The Topics Stated Above Will Occur At A Future, Properly Noticed Meeting Conducted In Compliance With The Texas Open Meetings Act.

III. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

NOTE: If The Meeting Extends Past 11:59 PM, The City Council May Elect To Recess The Meeting And Reconvene At 9:30 AM On December 1, 2023. During The Recess, No Action Will Be Taken On Any Item Of Remaining Business And No Executive Sessions Will Be Held To Discuss Any Matters, All In Accordance With The Open Meetings Law

RULES OF DECORUM – PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL & AUDIENCE MEMBERS

1. *Recognition by Presiding Officer.* No person shall address the Council without first being recognized by the Presiding Officer.
2. *Speaking Procedure; Limitation on discussion and questioning.* Each person addressing the Council shall step up to the microphone provided for the use of the public and give his name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records, state that subject he wishes to discuss, state whom he is representing if he represents an organization or other person, and unless further time is granted by majority vote of the Council, shall limit his remarks to five (5) minutes. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any member thereof. No person other than members of the Council and the person having the floor shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, whether directly or through a member of the Council, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.
3. *Improper References, Disorderly Conduct By Person Addressing The Council;* Any person making, expressly or impliedly, personal, impertinent, slanderous, derogatory, discourteous, snide, or profane remarks or who willfully utters loud, threatening or abusive language, or engages, in any disorderly conduct which would impede, disrupt, or disturb the orderly conduct, the order by the Presiding Officer, and if such conduct continues, may, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer, be ordered barred from further audience before the Council during that Meeting.
4. *Addresses After Motion Made or Public Hearing Closed.* After a motion has been made or a public hearing has been closed, no member of the public shall address the Council from the audience on the matter under consideration without first securing permission to do so by majority vote of the City Council.
5. *Campaign Speeches Prohibited.* No persons will be allowed to address the City Council by making campaign speeches for or against any candidate who has announced or does announce his intention to run, or issue already ordered on a ballot for election.
6. *Disorderly Conduct.* No person in the audience shall engage in disorderly conduct such as hand clapping, stamping of feet, whistling, using profane language, yelling, and similar demonstrations, which conduct disturbs the peace and good order of the meeting.
7. *Limitations on Use of Supplemental Lighting.* Limitations on use of supplemental lighting for television and motion picture cameras to create the least amount of interference with or disturbance of Council proceedings and/or discomfort to the public.
8. *Persons Having Complaints, Allegations, or Charges Against Individual City Employees.* No person shall make any complaint, specific allegation, or charge against an individual City Employee by name in a public meeting unless he first shows that he has pursued appropriate administrative channels.

ENFORCEMENT OF DECORUM

Warning. All persons shall at the request of the Presiding Officer, be silent.

Removal. If, after receiving a warning from the Presiding Officer, a person persists in disturbing the meeting, such Officer may order him to remove himself from the meeting. If he does not remove himself, the Presiding Officer may order the Sergeant-at-arms to remove him.

Resisting Removal. Any person who resists removal by the Sergeant-at-arms shall be charged with violating V.T.C.A, Penal Code 42.05.

Motions To Enforce. Any Councilmember may move to require the Presiding Officer to enforce this division, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the Council shall require him to do so.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The City Secretary shall make public, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law, an agenda containing all business to be discussed at a meeting of the City Council.

Persons Requesting To Be Heard On Agenda Items (1) Residents. Any resident who wishes to address the Council on any matter may do so by notifying the City Secretary in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Law. (2) Nonresidents. Any nonresident wishing to address the Council shall notify the City Secretary and specify his interest in the matter being considered. The City Secretary shall present such request to the Presiding Officer for approval before placing the name on the Agenda.

Specific Agenda Items. After a motion, second and discussion by the City Council on any specific agenda item, and before a vote is taken, the Presiding Officer shall recognize any citizen in the audience wishing to address the council on such item, who shall be permitted to address the Council thereon for a period of three (3) minutes. "Specific Agenda Items" are defined as any item specified on the Notice of Meeting posted for purposes of the Texas Open Meetings Law and which becomes the subject of a motion before the Council.