



City of Corpus Christi

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Corpus Christi, TX 78401
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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

11:30 AM Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority, 602 N.
Staples St., 2nd Floor Board Room (Rm. 210)

Addendums may be added on Friday.

A. Mayor Paulette Guajardo to call the meeting to order.

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Reverend Claude Axel, Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church.

Reverend Claude Axel, Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Aubrey Guerra, Junior at Moody High School.

Jaylin Morales, Public Relations Specialist, Mayor's Office, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Texas Flag.

D. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.

City Secretary Rebecca Huerta called the roll and verified that a quorum of the City Council and the required Charter Officers were present to conduct the meeting.

Charter Officers: City Manager Peter Zaroni, City Attorney Miles Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

Note: Council Member Suckley attended by video conference.

Present: 9 - Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Mike Pusley, Council Member Dan Suckley, Council Member Everett Roy, Council Member Jim Klein, and Council Member Sylvia Campos

E. SECURITY BRIEFING

Assistant City Secretary Stephanie Box provided a security briefing.

F. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEMS 1-2)

1. [24-0123](#) Staff Announcement: Drew Molly, P.E., Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water

City Manager Peter Zaroni introduced Drew Molly as new Chief Operating Officer of

Corpus Christi Water, highlighting his experience and achievements in water management. Drew spoke about the importance of water for the regional community.

2. [24-0124](#) January 15 - January 17, 2024 Extreme Weather Event Debrief

City Manager Peter Zanoni reviewed the city's preparation and response for the freezing weather last week. The city opened daytime warming centers and overnight shelter; 311 was open on the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday and received over 300 calls; wellness checks were performed on seniors that participate in certain programs; and Animal Care Services brought stray animals to the shelter, and fostered shelter animals with residents, resulting in several adoptions. The community collaboration was appreciated.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Shawn Flanagan, 4218 Herndon St., recommends the City does a community campaign on desalination and present options to the community.

Alycia Kasperitis, 5325 Yorktown Blvd., stated that Coastal Bend Homebuilders Association supports a sustainable water supply for the community & supports master plans but not the accompanying cost estimates.

Peter Moore, 15110 Leeward Dr., spoke about the historical significance of the Hillcrest Neighborhood and against industrial development and desalination in this area.

Jay Gardner, 3922 Sweet Bay Dr., shared that the City's Island Strategic Action Committee (ISAC) passed a resolution to extend the no wake zone along Packery channel for boater safety.

Bob Corbett, 13530 Carlos Fifth Court, shared that ISAC is working on resolution related to amend the UDC's relative runoff slope requirements to address flooding issues.

Bryan Gulley, 14202 Playa Del Rey, spoke about concerns for the Inner Harbor plant location and that desalination is a feasible but costly water source.

Deanna King, 901 Leopard St., asked for support for the Hillcrest community.

Shirin Delsooz, 6030 Tapestry Dr., spoke about applying for a grant for a bike trail.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to desalination: Patricia Jones, 4334 Saint George Dr., Donna Moody, 6325 Senators Court, Arturo Lima, 317 Peoples St., Henry Williams, 2422 Summers St., Dorothy Pena, 2114 Meadowpass Dr., Armon Alex, 1610 La Joya St., Mark Muenster, 2921 Airline Rd., Blanca Parkinson, 10801 Silverton Dr., Don Osborn, 1605 Sam Rankin, Barbara Canales, 4920 Ocean Dr.,

Maggie Peacock, 1773 Ennis Joslin Rd., Nancy Vera, 4405 Carlton St., Frances Morey, 2033 18th St., Eli McKay, 1008 Marguerite St., Victoria Holland, 235 Ohio Ave., Rachel Caballero, 522 Hancock Ave., Victoria Rogers, 15837 Grenadine Dr., Alice Upshaw Hawkins, 3605 Cottonwood St., Albert Zertuche, 3601 Cub St., Michael Miller, 51 Camden Place, Brittini Young, 6018 Williston Dr., Amanda Rose, 625 Chamberlain St., Elida Castillo, 131 Lerdo, Lydia Ponce, Venice, CA, and Frankie Orona, San Antonio, TX.

The following citizens spoke in favor of desalination: Justin McKenzie, 256 Melrose St., Jaclyn Curry, 8 Virginia Hills Dr., Al Arreola, 301 Louise Dr., Darcy Schroeder, 409 Dolphin Place, Brian Keeble, 4350 Ocean Dr., Mike Culbertson, 800 N. Shoreline Blvd., Karin Knolle, Sandia, TX, Michael Paris, 177 Northshore Blvd., Peter Bailey, Shenandoah, TX, and Joe Sullivan, 1868 FM 70.

The following citizens submitted written public comments which are attached to the minutes: John Weber, 609 Naples St., Natalie Mendoza, Galveston, TX, Amanda Rios-Place, Spring, TX, Amber Sam, Houston, TX, Dash Harris, Dripping Springs, TX, Luna De Terre, Bedford, TX, Love Sanchez, P.O. Box 60286, Jordyn Middlebrooks, Austin, TX, Perry Fowler, Austin, TX, Sara Dolson, 512 Ohio Ave., Margot Moczygamba, 6105 Jessica Dr., Ashley Griffith, Ingleside, TX, Damian Morales, 4750 Grand Junction Dr., and Julie Travis Rogers, 710 Furman Ave.

H. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (NONE)

I. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

J. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 1:46 p.m. Executive Session Items 14 and 15 were held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

K. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 3-10)

3. [24-0095](#) Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas authorizing the private placement issuance of its Utility System Senior Lien Revenue Improvement Bonds with the Texas Water Development Board in one or more series (as designated by purpose and series) for water, wastewater, and stormwater utility improvements in an amount not to exceed \$211,050,000, within set parameters; making provisions for the payment and security thereof by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the net revenues of the City's Utility System on a parity with certain currently outstanding Utility System Revenue Obligations; stipulating the terms and conditions for the issuance of additional revenue bonds on a parity therewith; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of one or more paying agent/registrar agreements and one or more escrow agreements; complying with the

requirements imposed by the letter of representations previously executed with the Depository Trust Company; complying with the regulations promulgated by the Texas Water Development Board; delegating authority to the City Manager, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Director of Finance and Procurement to execute certain documents relating to the sale of each series of bonds; authorizing the execution and approval of a financing agreement between the City and the Texas Water Development Board related to the bonds; enacting other provisions incident and related to the subject and purpose of this ordinance; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Items 3-9.

Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Drew Molly, Associate of Freese and Nichols Jason Cocklin, and Principal/Vice President of Freese and Nichols Charles Wolf presented information on items 3 through 9 to show how they are all connected to the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant project.

Chief Operating Officer Molly explained that this is a well thought out proposal that CCW was asked to complete by Council. The process started over 10 years ago and has involved multiple councils and public engagement sessions during that time. Presentation topics included: Explanation of each desalination agenda item, Benefits to Customers in Coastal Bend, Lead Project Team, CC Water History, Key Milestones, Project Efforts and Achievements, Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plan, Water Supply and Delivery Resiliency, Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plan: 2024 Opinion of Probable Cost Summary, Project Timeline Going Forward, Master Services Agreement Amendment, SWIFT II Funding, Budget Outlay for SWIFT II, Bureau of Reclamation Grants, and AEP Power Agreement.

Council Members, Chief Operating Officer Molly, Mr. Cocklin, and Mr. Wolf discussed the following topics: concerns about total cost of the project and how those costs were determined; the difference between high-level project cost estimating models and cost estimating for a defined project; Freese & Nichols staff is willing to explain the process to those that want to go into more detail; costs are always a moving target as they change frequently; frequency of use in Texas cities and costs for new groundwater sourced water supplies in this area; annual maintenance costs for this project; the process utilized to model projected water salinity; the possibility of adding a damage bond or indemnity bond to the project; concerns on water rate increases and modeled water rate increases; the amount of yearly debt service the project will create; uneasiness about the time period given to Council to review the information; request for more specific information on the impact to rates for water and wastewater; the project will create about 3,500 jobs over its development with an estimated 600-700 at peak construction times; contractors usually hire from the local area; the City has a project in process with the goal of increasing the capacity of the Mary Rhodes pipelines by about 10 million gallons per day; everyone that lives in the Coastal Bend will pay for the project; there are multiple projects in development to enhance the water supply and this is part of the plan; appreciation that the plant includes another water treatment plant so the City has a backup to O.N. Stevens plant; the deadline to

inform the Texas Water Development Board of the City's decision to accept the loan is February 7; and future water demand is estimated at 15 MGD.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment for items 3 through 9.

David Loeb, 4771 Ocean Dr., expressed concern about increasing water rates but acknowledges this project is the most feasible to increase water supply.

The following individuals spoke in opposition of these items: John Weber, 609 Naples St., Susie Luna Saldana, 4710 Hakel Dr., and Lamont Taylor, 522 Hancock Ave.

The following individuals spoke in support of these items: Bob Paulison, 15226 Barataria Dr., Brian Williams, Taft, TX, and Jessica Rodriguez, 404 N. Chaparral St.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve these Items, seconded by Council Member Roy. These Ordinances and Resolutions were passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

4. [24-0096](#) Resolution relating to the City's intention to reimburse itself for the prior lawful expenditure of funds relating to any capital expenditures from the proceeds of one or more series of tax-exempt or taxable obligations to be issued by the City in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$211,050,000 for authorized purposes; authorizing other matters incident and related thereto; and providing an effective date.

See Item 3.

Aye: 6 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Enactment No: 033266

5. [24-0099](#) Resolution authorizing execution of all documents necessary to make an abridged and full application to the Texas Water Development Board for an amount up to \$535,110,000 for the Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant from the State Water Implementation Fund to complete the Project.

See Item 3.

Aye: 6 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Enactment No: 033267

6. [24-0111](#) Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas authorizing the private placement issuance of its Utility System Senior Lien Revenue Improvement Bonds with the Texas Water Development Board in one or more series (as designated by purpose and series) for water, wastewater, and stormwater utility improvements in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, within set parameters; making provisions for the payment and security thereof by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the net revenues of the City's Utility System on a parity with certain currently outstanding Utility System Revenue Obligations; stipulating the terms and conditions for the issuance of additional revenue bonds on a parity therewith; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of one or more series of bonds; appropriating the proceeds from the sale of the bonds; authorizing the execution of one or more paying agent/registrar agreements and one or more escrow agreements; complying with the requirements imposed by the letter of representations previously executed with the Depository Trust Company; complying with the regulations promulgated by the Texas Water Development Board; delegating authority to the City Manager, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Director of Finance and Procurement to execute certain documents relating to the sale of each series of bonds; authorizing the execution and approval of a financing agreement between the City and the Texas Water Development Board related to the bonds; enacting other provisions incident and related to the subject and purpose of this ordinance; and providing an effective date.

See Item 3.

Aye: 6 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

7. [24-0098](#) Ordinance authorizing the execution of all documents necessary to apply for and accept the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Grants for the construction of the Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant; and appropriating funds.

See Item 3.

Aye: 6 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

8. [24-0072](#) Ordinance authorizing the execution of all documents with American Electric Power, Texas, associated with construction of the interconnection of the Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant to the Electric Council of Texas electric transmission grid in the amount of \$3,062,880, and for the conveyance of property rights and/or modifications of existing contracts for the purchase of real property to transfer interest(s) in property as required by American Electric Power, Texas or its authorized related entities for the construction of said project, located in Council District 1 with FY 2024 funding available from the City's State Water Implementation Revenue Fund Texas Loan-2020.

See Item 3.

Aye: 6 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

9. [24-0073](#) Ordinance authorizing amendment number three to the Master Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols in an amount up to \$3,779,994 for to the Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant Project for Procurement Support Services for a total amount not to exceed \$9,033,994; appropriating \$3,779,994 from the Raw Water and Drought Surcharge funds reserve balances; and amending the FY 2024 Capital and Operating Budgets.

See Item 3.

Aye: 6 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

10. [23-1882](#) Resolution determining the costs of improvements to be financed within Improvement Area #1 of the Whitecap Public Improvement District No. 1 and approving a preliminary service and assessment plan (PSAP), including a proposed improvement area #1 assessment roll.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 10.

Council Members and Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert discussed the following topics: the resolution needs to be amended to correct the hearing date and location; and the costs are not included in the resolution itself but in Exhibit B attached to it.

Council Member Barrera moved to amend the resolution to correct the hearing date to

February 13, 2024 and location to the CCRTA building, seconded by Council Member Hunter and passed unanimously.

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve the resolution as amended, seconded by Council Member Roy. This Resolution was passed as amended and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Pusley

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033268

L. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEM 11)

11. [24-0087](#) Approval of the November 16, 2023 Joint Workshop Minutes, December 6, 2023 Joint Workshop Minutes, and January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEM 12-13)

12. [24-0092](#) Ordinance adopting Land Use Assumptions and Capital Improvements Plans relating to the possible future adoption of water, wastewater, stormwater, and roadway impact fees for the City of Corpus Christi and its extraterritorial jurisdiction; and amending the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Corpus Christi by adopting related Water Master Plan, Wastewater Master Plan, Stormwater Master Plan, and Roadway Master Plan.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 12.

Council Members, Director of Development Services Al Raymond, City Attorney Miles Risley, and Managing Principal of Pape Dawson Engineers Cara Tackett discussed the following topics: a Council Member would like to postpone the Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) to a future date for staff to bring back a standard format; the CIP numbers are high level estimates and based on project definition; changes can be made to the Plans after approval as long as they stay within the general project definition; and CIP's need to be approved in order to move forward with calculations on impact fees.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

Ram Munoz, 1608 South Brownlee, stated that the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) spent hours working on the Master Plans while still considering impact fees.

Eli McKay, 1008 Marguerite St., CIAC member, stated she attended numerous meetings and workshops regarding Master Plans and spoke in support of approving them.

Moses Mostaghasi, 8017 Bar Le Doc, Chairman of CIAC, stated that they spent hours working with Pape Dawson Engineers and City staff on the Master Plans and in support of CIP's while still reviewing impact fees.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Campos. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Absent: 2 - Council Member Hunter and Council Member Pusley

Abstained: 0

13. [23-2047](#) Ordinance abandoning, vacating, and closing 8.0118 acres of improved and unimproved public right-of-way identified as Starry Road and Starry Circle, between Yorktown Blvd and Oso Creek, conditioned on the Petitioner, MPM Development, LP, construction of Osito Way, Mapache Pass, and a portion of Oso Parkway and meeting other conditions.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 13.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Campos. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 2 - Council Member Hunter and Council Member Pusley

Abstained: 0

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 14-15)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Executive Session Items 14 and 15. The Council went into Executive Session at 1:46 p.m. The Council returned from Executive Session at 2:42 p.m.

14. [23-2045](#) **Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071** and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to the potential exchange of properties owned by the City and Corpus Christi Community Improvement Corporation at 1208 Peabody Avenue & 1622 Van Loan Avenue with properties owned by the Port of Corpus Christi at 2011 Palm Drive & 2101 Van Loan Avenue and **Texas Government Code § 551.072** to discuss and deliberate the potential exchange of said properties with the Port of Corpus Christi.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

15. [24-0078](#) **Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071** and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning industries, infrastructure, utilities, and property in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction, services thereto, industrial district agreements, and Chapters 42, 43 and 212 of the Texas Local Government Code and **Texas Government Code § 551.087** to discuss and deliberate regarding potential financial or other incentive(s) to business prospects(s) that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City and with which the City will be conducting economic development negotiations

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Written Public Comment for 1-23-2024

1

Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting 11/14/2023

Name John Weber

Address
Street Address: 609 Naples St
City: Corpus Christi
State / Province: TX
Postal / Zip Code: 78404

Topic Executive Session

Agenda Item Number 14,15

Describe Feedback: **Item 14-** In the interest of trust, this item should be in the open meetings part of the meeting. Why swap land without first being certain the city will be allowed to attempt to construct a desalination facility in the Hillcrest neighborhood? Have you walked by the 1208 Peabody Ave and 1622 Van Loan Ave properties that the City owns? Have you walked by the 2011 Palm Dr. and 2101 Van Loan Ave properties the Port owns? I would suggest all Councilmembers do this first. I would also suggest the City hold public meetings in the neighborhood and ask the residents what they think. **Item 15-** In the interest of trust, IDA discussions and negotiations should be done in open meetings and open to public comment.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.

js_weber@hotmail.com

2

Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting 1/22/2024

Name Natalie Mendoza

Address
Street Address: 1005 Broadway St
City: Galveston
State / Province: TX
Postal / Zip Code: 77550

Topic Desal

Agenda Item Number General public comment

Describe Feedback: Living by the water in Texas, it's very important to me and my community that we keep the bay's ecosystem intact. We cannot allow desalination for fossil fuel companies!

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. natalievillarreal@gmail.com

3

Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting 1/22/2024

Name Amanda Rios-Place

Address Street Address: 17706 TERRANOVA WEST DR
City: Spring
State / Province: TX
Postal / Zip Code: 77379

Topic Desalination

Agenda Item Number 0

Describe Feedback: Don't allow desalination of Corpus Christi! Desalination will endanger the marine life of the bay, injure and/or displace the families of Hillcrest neighborhood, and promote the dangerous idea that the water is for the industry and not the people.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. aplace85@gmail.com

4

Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting 1/22/2024

Name Amber Sam

Address Street Address: 11500 Chimney Rock Rd
City: Houston
State / Province: TX
Postal / Zip Code: 77035

Topic Desalination- Hillcrest neighborhood

Agenda Item Number 0

Describe Feedback:

The Hillcrest neighborhood and the bay should be protected from this polluting process. We say no to the desalination plant that will raise water rates just to provide water for fossil fuel companies, not even the taxpayers. Listen to the residents that will be most affected.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.

srnskiva@gmail.com

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Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting

1/23/2024

Name

Dash Harris

Address

Street Address: 17107 Oak Cliff Circle

City: Dripping Springs

State / Province: TX

Postal / Zip Code: 78620

Topic

Desalination

Agenda Item Number

0

Describe Feedback:

Enough is enough. Listen to the indigenous protectors of this land: The dredging that will happen if this project happens is disrespectful to the land & the people. It will bring pollution to the marine animals and the imbalance it will cause to the ecosystem of the water is going to be catastrophic. The City of Corpus Christi - Government should be ashamed! The water is not for the people - it is for the fossil fuel corporations. We are in the Climate Change era - please recognize the possible dividends of PROTECTING instead of DESTROYING.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.

dawnashleyharris@gmail.com

6

Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting

1/22/2024

Name

Luna De Terre

Address

Street Address: 3021 Everest Dr.

City: Bedford

State / Province: TX

Postal / Zip Code: 76021

Topic

Desalination Plant

Agenda Item Number 0

Describe Feedback:

The desalination plant cannot be constructed by any means, not only will the project only benefit corporate interest as it will be used solely for industry, but even if it did serve the people of the area we would be investing in projects which only treat the symptom of clean water insecurities which have been exacerbated by oil and tech industry rather than treating the illness. We should be investing in local communities and infrastructure which seek to protect and revitalize waterways and ecosystems through natural means which have been utilized for thousands of years by the indigenous populations of this land. Additionally the largest downfall of this plant will be experienced by the people living in the site of this plant, which is historically black, and the ecosystem in the gulf which already have high salinity.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.

lunadeterre@gmail.com

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Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting 1/23/2024

Name Love Sanchez

Street Address: Po Box 60286

Street Address Line 2: 60286

Address

City: Corpus christi

State / Province: Texas

Postal / Zip Code: 78414

Topic Desalination

Agenda Item Number 1111

Describe Feedback:

No Desal! Stop trying to bring in polluters. Creating a resource we don't have is the most horrible idea. It should be criminal what this council does. Desalination is not for the people so why is this council putting the citizens through so much. It's economically wrong, it's environmentally wrong and it's wrong at a policy and standard level as well. This project will not happened. It's inefficient what you all do regarding this.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.

lsanchez33361@yahoo.com

8

Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting 1/23/2024

Name Jordyn Middlebrooks

Address Street Address: 7010 Deborah Dr
City: Austin
State / Province: TX
Postal / Zip Code: 78752

Topic No to Desalination Plant

Agenda Item Number 1111

Describe Feedback: I strongly OPPOSE the desalination plant. This plant will privatize drinkable water and displace a historically BIPOC community that has lived in the area for decades. This is NOT okay. This plant would cause harm to the local Indigenous communities who ancestors have and still do live on the land, and disrupt their ancestral remains. Water is sacred and should be treated as such. We should not be allowing increased pollution of water, displacement that will only expedite already rising inequity. Please DO NOT support desalination. It goes against the wishes of the community, and against protecting Mother Earth.

Written Public Comment for 1-23-2024 - 2nd list

1

Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting	1/23/2024
Name	Perry Fowler
Address	Street Address: PO Box 10062
	City: Austin
	State / Province: Texas
	Postal / Zip Code: 78766
Topic	Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant
Agenda Item Number	K. 5
Describe Feedback:	Please see the attached letter for your consideration.
Uploads:	1.23.24 TXWIN CC Desal Letter.pdf
Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	plf@txwin.org

2

Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting	1/23/2024
Name	Sara Dolson
Address	Street Address: 512 Ohio Ave.
	City: Corpus Christi
	State / Province: TX
	Postal / Zip Code: 78404
Topic	Desalination Facility
Agenda Item Number	0

Describe Feedback: Please don't approve the desalination facility! It would serve no benefit to our community and will harm the bays and local wildlife. It is not natural and has no place in our beautiful bay. Please put the people that live in the community over making a profit, spend that money on something that will actually be beneficial. That's why we voted you to be in the seats you are in - to help take care of all of us and our beautiful city, including our wildlife. Respect your people and the land you are on. In the long run, a desal plant would cause more harm than good. This is a no-brainer! Please vote no to this desal plant. Thanks.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. saramdolson@gmail.com

3

Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting 1/23/2024

Name Margot Moczygemba

Address
Street Address: 6105 Jessica Dr
City: Corpus Christi
State / Province: TX
Postal / Zip Code: 78414

Topic Desalination

Agenda Item Number Desalination

Describe Feedback: I strongly opposed to the proposed project of desalination at this time for the following reasons: I do not agree with plans to use the Hillcrest community to build this plant. It is an injustice that the Hillcrest neighborhood is being considered for building this plant. I strongly believe that other location(s) should be considered instead of breaking up this historic neighborhood. I understand that it has been proposed that the brine be dumped into the bay. I find this unacceptable. The bay is already dirty and if brine is dumped into the bay, this will surely kill marine life. I don't want my tax dollars going towards paying for this project. Our water bills are already higher than other Texas cities. Since industry is the greatest users of our water, I strongly believe they should pay for it.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. margotym@gmail.com

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Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting 1/23/2024

Name Ashley Griffith

Street Address: 2785 El Paso Ave

Address
City: Ingleside
State / Province: TX
Postal / Zip Code: 78362

Topic
Opposition to Desalination

Agenda Item Number
1111

As a 4th generation citizen of Ingleside, I oppose the wide coastal desalination projects that have been proposed across our bay and multiple cities. The effect on our already stressed and delicate coastal ecosystems, wildlife, fishing and tourism industries, would be catastrophic.

Describe Feedback:
I oppose the use of bay waters to be turned into commodities for a harmful industry. The act of dredging in the creation of this project is also harmful and would cause damage and contribute to habitat loss and destabilization of marine species.

Citizens value our area and its precious resources and do not want to risk irreplaceable land and animals by exploiting it all in the name of money.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.
ashleydgriffith@icloud.com

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Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting
1/23/2024

Name
Damian Morales

Address
Street Address: 4750 Grand Junction Drive
City: Corpus Christi
State / Province: TX
Postal / Zip Code: 78413

Topic
Desalination

Agenda Item Number
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Describe Feedback:

No to desal! The historic majority black Hillcrest neighborhood has endured tremendous hardship such as criminal toxic waste pollution, discriminatory construction projects, etc. Is Hillcrest expendable for the sake of industry growth? It has higher cancer rates, birth defects, and higher rates of industrial air pollution. We know we're being sacrificed for the sake of growth which won't benefit us. Water boils are frequent; potholes go unfixed. In 2020 6 refineries had benzene emissions above the federal action limit. Workers in our refineries, which the city is fighting to achieve desal for, have a higher risk of cancer. All with industry growth. If the city truly meant to benefit us with desal, it would apply this sentiment to crumbling wastewater infrastructure. Developing more treatment solutions would even mutually provide grey water for industry, but that would require the city to care about its residents more than industry. Please vote against funding desal.

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I have asked that we vote on whether tax paying citizens fund desalination or not since 2017. I ask that again. Put desalination project on a referendum and let us have a say. If you're so confident that we need it, then it shouldn't be hard to win such a vote. We would accept the outcome and be thankful to have been able to vote. Democracy would be the big winner.

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