

## City of Corpus Christi

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## **Meeting Minutes**

## **City Council**

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 11:30 AM Council Chambers

#### Addendums may be added on Friday.

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Pastor Mario Carrete with New Life Church.

Pastor Mario Carrete with New Life Church gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Field Lomax, 1st grader at St. James Episcopal Church.

Field Lomax, 1st grader at St. James Episcopal Church, 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 Zanoni, City Attorney Miles Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

Present:

 Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Sylvia Campos, Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Eric Cantu, Council Member Mark Scott, Council Member Kaylynn Paxson, and Council Member Everett Roy

#### E. PUBLIC COMMENT

#### F. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (ITEM 1)

1. 25-1264 Arts & Cultural Commission
Capital Improvements Advisory Committee
Committee for Persons with Disabilities
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Sister City Committee

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Adam Rios, Corpus Christi, TX and Ron Graban, Corpus Christi, TX.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Arts & Cultural Commission:

Reappointed: Emily M. Barrera, Amy K. Cooley, and Adriana Parker

Capital Improvements Advisory Committee:

Reappointed: Patricia A. Aitken, Jonathan Gonzalez, Alex Harris, Ramiro Munoz III, and

Velda G. Tamez Appointed: JJ Hart

Committee for Persons with Disabilities:

Appointed: Billy Delgado

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee:

Reappointed: Thomas Cronnon, James M. Lehnert, Adam Rios, and George W. Woods

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Appointed: Ariana K. Jones and Jeremy Berry

Sister City Committee:

Reappointed: Valerie Harbolovic and Angelita M. Romero Appointed: Susane "Westi" Horn (advisory one-year term)

## G. **EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:**

#### H. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 2 - 9)

#### **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Item 2 was pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Cantu moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 2, seconded by Council Member Paxson. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott,

Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

#### 2. <u>25-1246</u> Approval of the July 29, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Member Paxson moved to amend Item 6 of the July 29, 2025 minutes, seconded by Council Member Campos. The Minutes were passed as amended and approved with the following vote:

Aye:

 Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

3. 25-0441 Motion authorizing the execution of a five-year service agreement with Alarm Program Systems, LLC, of Pleasant Hill, California, for security alarm permitting and false alarm management system services for the Corpus Christi Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$563,100.00, with FY 2025 funding of \$28,155.00 from the General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-102

Consent - Capital Projects

4. 25-1149 Motion authorizing a professional services agreement with Lockwood, Andrews & Newman, Inc. (LAN), of Corpus Christi to provide design, bid, and construction phase services for the Nueces River Pump Station Pipeline and System Upgrades Project in an amount up to \$1,540,995.00, located in Council District 1, with FY 2025 funding available from Water Capital Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-103

General Consent Items

5. 25-1010 Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to OxyChem for the 2025 First Responder Donation Program in the amount of \$156,089.71 for funding for the purchase of a new high water rescue vehicle, one additional highway rescue equipment kit, and one additional LUCAS Chest Compression Device for cardiac arrest patients for the Corpus Christi Fire Department.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033714

6. 25-0756 Motion to approve an agreement with The Boston Group, LLC (TBG) for the construction and acceptance of improvements of Wranosky Park, located at 422 Graham Road, to allow construction of parking lot and related mobility improvements, with City funding not to exceed \$111,000.00 from the Parks Capital Improvement Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-104

7. <u>25-1102</u> Motion authorizing an amendment to the Utility Relocation Reimbursement Agreement with AEP Texas, Inc. to relocate an AEP guy wire on the Rodd Field Road Construction Project in an amount of \$145,982.43 for a total amount of \$542,699.43, located in City Council District 5, with FY 2025 funding available from the Bond 2020 Proposition A.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-105

8. 25-1202 Resolution to amend Resolution 033505 Approving the City Council Meeting Calendar for Calendar Year 2025 to cancel the September 16th meeting and add a meeting on September 23rd.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033715

9. 25-1266 Resolution confirming compliance with federal rules and regulations including Civil Rights protections with acceptance of the Community Development Block Grant Regional Mitigation Program Projects (CDBG-MIT) administered by State of Texas General Land Office (GLO) and providing for designation of officers required for grant compliance.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033716

#### I. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:21 p.m. Executive Session Item 19 was held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

- J. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (NONE)
- K. <u>INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 10 13)</u>
- Resolution to consider a proposed ad valorem tax rate of no more than \$0.599774 per \$100 valuation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, also being Tax Year 2025, and taking a record vote; setting the date for the City's proposed FY 2026 budget and proposed FY 2026 ad valorem tax rate public hearings and first reading ordinances on September 02, 2025, with adoption of the FY 2026 budget and FY 2026 ad valorem tax rate on September 09, 2025.

Director of Finance Sergio Villasana presented information on the following topics: truth-in-taxation; truth in taxation definitions; truth-in-taxation actions; truth-in-taxation 2025 tax rate calculations; and recommendation.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Campos. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye:

 Gouncil Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033717

Ordinance awarding a construction contract to JE Construction Services of Corpus Christi for the Harbor Bridge Parks Mitigation Improvement Project in an amount up to \$16,497,423.00; appropriating \$4,976,000.00 from the Metropolitan Planning Organization and amending the budget, located in Council District 1 with FY 2025 funding available from the Bond 2014, prior City Council approved certificates of obligation and Metropolitan Planning Organization reimbursement.

Director of Parks and Recreation Robert Dodd presented information on the following topics: project schedule; T.C. Ayers Aquatic Center; Washington Coles Park; Dr. H.J. Williams Park; Ben Garza Park; T.C. Ayers; Hike and Bike Trail; and North Beach Trailhead.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Lamont Taylor, Corpus Christi, TX and Alex Benavides, Corpus Christi, TX.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye:

 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

**12.** <u>25-1237</u> Motion authorizing the Barisi Village Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Six (TIRZ #6) Project and Financing Plan.

Director of Economic Development Corporation Arturo Marquez presented information on the following topics: Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ); purpose of the TIRZ;

criteria for zone creation; overview; proposed development; requested project reimbursement; requested eligible public improvements, facilities and infrastructure reimbursement; proposed phases; phase 1; phase 2; phase 3; phase 4; phase 5; tax jurisdictions contributing percentages; captured values and revenue chart; project actions; and next steps.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, Debbie Lindsey-Opel, Corpus Christi, TX, and Alex Benavides, Corpus Christi, TX.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Paxson moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye:

 Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Nay: 1 - Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2025-106

Motion for consideration, discussion and possible action to amend the current Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Adopted Budget, and the FY 2026 Proposed Budget of the City of Corpus Christi to prohibit the use of any additional City of Corpus Christi funding and/or support payable to or for the benefit of the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, as requested by City Council members Carolyn Vaughn, Eric Cantu, and Kaylynn Paxson.

Al Arreola, President of the United Chamber, responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Susie Luna Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Cindy Barrera, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, and Alex Benavides, Corpus Christi, TX.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

No action was taken.

#### L. <u>BRIEFINGS: (ITEM 14)</u>

**14.** <u>25-1088</u> Briefing by OVG360 on the American Bank Center

General Manager of OVG360 Danny Melise, General Manager of Hospitality Melanie

Granado, and Regional Vice President of Hospitality Josh Pell presented information on the following topics: about Oak View Group (OVG); financials; partnerships; community engagement and support; local community vendors; expanding promoter network; testimonials; hospitality and highlights; hospitality financials; upcoming events; and conclusion.

#### M. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEM 15)

**15.** 25-1265 Update on Alternative Water Supply Projects, to include briefing by John Byrum, Executive Director of the Nueces River Authority, on the Harbor Island Desalination Project.

Executive Director of the Nueces River Authority John Byrum presented information on the following topics: Nueces River Authority (NRA); new water for South Texas-project overview; conveyance/distribution pipeline; Harbor Island-Port of Corpus Christi lease agreement; permit process overview and status; NRA new water for Texas; NRA new water for South Texas final pricing/impacts; water reservation fees; and advantages.

#### N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 16 - 19)

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting at 5:12 p.m. Executive Session Items 16-18 were held during the recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

16. 25-1236 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 a potential Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) and potential interlocal agreement(s) with Nueces County 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.

17. 25-1151 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 Kent Mcllyar v. City of Corpus Christi, including potential consideration of settlement offers and/or fees for attorneys, engineers, other expert witnesses assisting in this case, deposition fees, and court costs, and updates on litigation in other cases.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to authorize the execution of agreements with attorneys, experts, and service providers to assist in the lawsuit of William Kent McIlyar v. City of Corpus Christi in a cumulative added amount not to exceed \$197,000.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Scott moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Campos. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye:

6 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott and Council Member Roy

Absent:

3 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Cantu and Council Member Paxson

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2025-107

18. 25-1273 Executive Session pursuant to Texas

Executive Session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code § 551.071 and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to the case of *Annette Rodriguez v. City of Corpus Christi, et. al,* including potential consideration of fees for attorneys, engineers, other expert witnesses assisting in this case, deposition fees, and court costs, and updates on litigation in other cases

The following motion was considered:

Motion to authorize the execution of amendments, agreements and encumbrance of funds for legal and other professional consulting and expert witness services and associated court reporter, copy, travel, data, and other costs for the lawsuit of Annette Rodriguez v. City of Corpus Christi, et al in a total added amount of up to \$22,719 with the law firm of Royston, Rayzor, Vickery & Williams, LLP and other providers of services relevant to said lawsuit.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individual spoke:

Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Scott moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Roy. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye:

 Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott and Council Member Roy

Absent:

2 - Council Member Cantu and Council Member Paxson

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2025-108

#### 19. <u>25-1293</u> 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 rules and regulations of state of Texas, EPA, TCEQ, TWDB, Texas Railroad Commission, San Patricio County Groundwater Conservation District, and legal rights, property rights, and contracts related to purchase and/or sale of groundwater, including sources from the Evangeline Aquifer and other sources, and **Texas Government Code § 551.072** to discuss and deliberate the purchase or value of the aforementioned rights to real property because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, including, but not limited to, potential consideration of direction to prepare agreement(s) for the purchase of rights to approximately 23,000 acres of real property related to the provision of water in San Patricio County at locations adjacent to or near U.S. Highway 181 and U.S. Highway 77 (I-69) in an amount up to \$200,000,000.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to direct City staff to prepare an agreement for the purchase of water rights to approximately 22,788 acres of real property in San Patricio County at locations adjacent to or near U.S. Highway 181 and U.S. Highway 77 (I-69) in an amount up to \$7,437 per acre, totaling approximately \$169,491,700, subject to City Council approval of said agreement, appropriation of funds, and an appraisal of the property.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Michael Miller, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Luna Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, and Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Vaughn. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye:

 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2025-109

#### O. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke:

Gail Anderson, Corpus Christi, TX, Sean Merritt, Corpus Christi, TX, Brad Bartilson, Corpus Christi, TX, Terry Brooks, Corpus Christi, TX, Dan McQueen, Corpus Christi, TX,

Susie Luna Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Miriam Guerra-Rachidy, Corpus Christi, TX, Chris Torres, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, Marilena Garza, Corpus Christi, TX, David Cowling, Corpus Christi, TX, Alberto A. Zertuche, Corpus Christi, TX, Elena Martinez, Corpus Christi, TX, Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, Chloe Torres, Corpus Christi, TX, Maggie Peacock, Corpus Christi, TX, Susan Upshaw, Corpus Christi, TX, Gary Hutchins, Corpus Christi, TX, Christina English, Corpus Christi, TX, and Aaron Price, Ingleside, TX.

The following individuals submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Amanda Guerra, Corpus Christi, TX, Terry Brooks, Corpus Christi, TX, Dale Switalla, Corpus Christi, TX, George Gardiner, Corpus Christi, TX, and Janet Newcomb, Corpus Christi, TX.

#### P. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.



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**Date of Meeting** 

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Name

Amanda Guerra

Address

2610 Wind Hollow

Corpus Christi, Texas, 78414

Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 5

**Topic** 

Desalination

Agenda Item Number

13

#### Comment

I am against the city moving forward with the desalination plant.

We the citizens can't afford it and we are the least consumers therefore we should not be paying for it. I am asking that you vote no on going forward with this and use those funds on other water sources. Please stand up for the people.

If you vote for it then at least do it right and insure that the brine will be discharged further out in the gulf and make industry pay for it.

I'm pretty sure the citizens would prefer lower water bills along with clean water versus free fans and 50\$ gas cards given away once a year in limited quantities to the first people in line.

Provide an email to receive a copy of aa331999@live.com

vour submission.



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Date of Meeting

Monday, August 11, 2025

Name

Terry Brooks

**Address** 

1426 Page Pl. #D

Corpus Christi, TX, 78415

Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 2

**Topic** 

Housing Authority deficiencies regarding implementing and enforcing livable standards at Clairelaine Gardens 1418

Arlington Dr. Corpus Christi

Agenda Item Number

none

#### Comment

Subject: Housing Authority deficiencies regarding implementing and enforcing livable standards at Clairelaine Gardens 1418 Arlington Dr, Corpus Christi.

Housing standards unfit for human habitation include conditions that pose risks to health and safety, such as structural issues, infestations, and lack of basic amenities like proper ventilation or sanitation. These conditions can include mold growth, pest infestations, leaks, faulty wiring, lack of heating or cooling, inadequate sanitation, and structural instability.

See attached files

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# **THE PRESENTER:** US Veteran Terry Brooks (with local family) 1426 Page Pl. #D 78415 361-342-5832 **THE PROBLEMS**

For four years, Clairelaine Gardens 1410 Arlington Dr, CC 78415 housing standards degrade as unfit for human habitation include conditions that pose risks to health and safety, such as structural issues, infestations, and lack of basic amenities like proper ventilation or sanitation. These conditions can include mold growth, pest infestations, leaks, faulty wiring, lack of heating or cooling, inadequate sanitation, and structural instability.

#### **EXTERIOR**

- Often over the past several years, the sewer drains feces, toilet paper and urine onto the lawns and sidewalk; the smell is very offensive. In these areas, the entire lawn and sidewalks are soaked in standing human wastewater. The fluids run into the city streets as well. One neighbor downstairs has two small children that live in the excrement areas which are not passable either on the grass or the sidewalks. The sewer drainage problems draw mosquitoes and cockroaches. When it rains, multiple lawns in the complex are flooded with sewer drainage. The apartment sewers draining onto the lawns, sidewalks, and street is a big health hazard. When it rains, there isn't adequate drainage and the sewer problems get worse such that residents can't access their mailbox due to the standing wastewater problem.
- Sink waste is coming out open exterior wall drains and flooding the lawns (a result of clogged pipes). Roofs have no gutters or ground drainage pipes. As such, mold and mildew is all around the outside of the buildings and walls. Overgrown grass around the buildings could hide rats and snakes. Utility lines and poles have issues.
- The screen doors do not close once opened. They have no mechanism to close. An electronic lock system was installed in the complex that fails, often. Druggies stay in the apt. hallways at night disturbing resident's sleep and leave trash or human waste. The apartment laundry facilities are forever closed for this reason.

#### **INTERIOR**

- The gas stove and wall heater pilot lights go out making them dangerous. The gas wall heaters draw air from within the room and can emit combustion products back into the same space where the heater poses health risks due to the pollutants they release, including carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and other particulate matter. Residents are afraid to sleep at night due to the gas appliance pilot lights and gas toxic emissions.
- One tiny, AC window unit works in the living area. The summer heat in the apartments is smothering. Some residents cover their interior windows with foil attempting to block the sun's unbearable heat from entering.
- The apartment plumbing in the restroom and kitchen drains are often clogged. The curtains on the widows are in disrepair and even falling down letting in the cold or heat.
- The 7 ft ceilings are uncomfortable. The interior windowsills' paint was peeling off presenting fear of old lead paint. The windows are difficult, at best, to open. Several windows simply do not open.
- The fridge and stove/oven look like antiques that belong in a museum. Everyone knows that gas appliances are not healthy in the home. They need to be converted to electric. The tiny apt. microwave is almost unusable.
- The apt. has only one old ceiling smoke alarm. They need to be replaced regularly.
- Cockroaches, mice, rats, bugs, and mosquitoes from drainage problems on the grounds can attract snakes.

#### IN GENERAL

- Standing water due to poor drainage leads to mold growth. Standing sewage is a serious health hazard due to the harmful microorganisms it contains. In the past, heavy rains exacerbate these standing water & sewer issues.
- The apartment interiors, appliances, heating/cooling, pipes, and old insulation are proven unsafe for human habitation. Possible lead paint, old iron/lead pipes, asbestos contamination, and poor indoor air quality can negatively impact respiratory health and overall well-being leading to respiratory issues, particularly in children, and prolonged exposure can lead to more serious health problems like heart disease and even death.

**RECOMDATION:** We recommend that the City of Corpus Christi address these inhumane living conditions.



















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Name

Dale Switalla

**Address** 

2818 Hulbirt

Corpus Christi, TX, 78407

Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 1

**Topic** 

Harbor Island

**Agenda Item Number** 

15 25-1265

#### Comment

Go for it. You have 750 million loan from the state that can only be used for a desal project. So partner with the Port in the Harbor Island Desal Project they have been wanting for years and it already has all the TCEQ permits and can produce over 12 times what the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desal could do. Vote NO to Hillcrest Desal. Then get the brackish water projects going to get us by until Harbor Island Desal opens.



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Name George Gardiner

Address 14321 Scallop St

Corpus Christi, TX, 78418

Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 4

**Topic** Desalination

Agenda Item Number 13

#### Comment

I am a water person. For more than 57 years I have been swimming, sailing, fishing, surfing, canoeing, on Padre Island, Corpus Cristi Bay, Laguna Madre and the Nueces River.

Dr. McGregor's photos of Corpus Christi's past show a commercial oyster business in the early 20th century. After Corpus Christi dammed the Nueces River to form Lake Corpus Christi, the lack of fresh water input raised the salinity and local oysters failed to thrive.

To now add more salt to our already stressed Bay by discharging brine as planned in the current desalination proposals is wrong. For anyone to claim that it won't harm water quality reminds me of the testimony of the experts who, on behalf of cigarette manufacturers, claimed that cigarettes didn't cause health problems. This is serious!

As Members of Corpus Christi City Council, you are the stewards of our Bay's water quality as well as our quality of life. Do not allow desalination discharge into the Bay. There are other ways.

**Provide an email to receive a copy of** georgegardiner757@gmail.com **your submission.** 



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Name Janet Newcomb

Address Meadowlane Dr.

Corpus Christi, TX, 78412

Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 4

**Topic** Request for fair allocation of reclaimed water at the Oso

wastewater treatment plant

Agenda Item Number E & O

#### Comment

I am writing to express concerns regarding the current allocation system at the OSO water treatment plant, particularly in relation to equitable access for all users. The existing setup favors large-volume users, especially during weekends, which often results in smaller-scale users being unable to access reclaimed water when needed.

This imbalance creates a challenge for individuals and small-scale gardeners who rely on modest quantities of reclaimed water.

To promote fairness and ensure that all community members can benefit from the water, I propose implementing a tiered or reserved allocation system. Specifically, designating a dedicated time slot, such as the first hour of operation from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM( or earlier if possible) exclusively for small-volume users with tanks holding between 100 and 300 gallons. This would allow smaller users to access water without competing directly with larger commercial or agricultural entities.

Provide an email to receive a copy of tropwatch36@yahoo.com your submission.