



Meeting Minutes

City Council Workshop

Thursday, July 16, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

FY 2027 Budget Workshop: Corpus Christi Water, FY 2027 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Proposed Budget and Water Rates and Wastewater Rates

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

B. 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 Scott arrived at 11:19 a.m.

Present 8 - Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gilbert Hernandez, Council Member Kaylynn Paxson, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Everett Roy, Council Member Sylvia Campos, and Council Member Mark Scott

Absent 1 - Council Member Eric Cantu

C. BRIEFINGS

1. [26-1107](#) Overview of Corpus Christi Water, FY 2027 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Proposed Budget and Water Rates and Wastewater Rates
- Consent Decree Overview
 - Public Utilities Commission Update
 - Drought Surcharge Exemption Fee
 - Additional Topics

Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Corpus Christi Water (CCW) Nick Winkelmann presented information on the following topics: FY 2026-2027 proposed budget schedule; Table of Contents - July 16, 2026; Corpus Christi Water mission statement; FY 2027 proposed operating budget; wastewater consent decree; work completed-district breakdown; wastewater service line issues reported; sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs); completed targets; targets in progress; reporting; request to be removed from consent decree; post consent decree asset management; operational expenses/budget and

capital projects; capital projects; annual operational expenses/budget; savings attributed to self-performance; projected vs. actual wastewater rate impact; Public Utilities Commission update; FY 2026 drought surcharge exemption fee; CCW personnel previous additions; new full-time positions added since 2018; enhancement: reclaimed water program-staff and vehicle additions \$1.1M; new positions and equipment request for FY2027-reclaimed water program-employee duties; enhancement: Rockport gas acquisition new employee and professional services \$189,792; enhancement: new positions for utility assistance program \$161,645; additional positions and vehicles to support groundwater program \$982,430; new position request for FY 2027-five (5) positions to support groundwater program-employee duties; rate revenue generated by customer class; rate adjustment review; 2027 proposed rates; projected wastewater rates-impact on sample utility bill charges; 2027 proposed rates-residential; commercial; large volume; wholesale treated; projected water rates-impact on sample utility bill charges; and FY 2020 to FY 2027 rates.

COO of CCW Winkelmann, Director of Water System Infrastructure Wesley Nebgen, Assistant Director of CCW Finance & Administration Kamil Taras, and Principal Consultant of NewGen Strategies and Solutions Andy McCartney responded to Council questions.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.