



# City of Corpus Christi

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Corpus Christi, TX 78401  
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## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Tuesday, April 14, 2026

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

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**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 Deacon Richard Longoria with St. Helena of the True Cross of Jesus.**

Deacon Richard Longoria with St. Helena of the True Cross of Jesus gave the invocation.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Malori Reyna, senior at Harold T. Branch Academy.**

Malori Reyna, senior at Harold T. Branch Academy, 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

Note: Council Member Cantu arrived at 11:53 a.m.

**Present:** 9 - Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Gilbert Hernandez, Council Member Sylvia Campos, Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Mark Scott, Council Member Kaylynn Paxson, Council Member Everett Roy, and Council Member Eric Cantu

**E. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEM 1)**

**1. [26-0483](#) Buc Days (April 30 - May 10) Overview, Presented by Johnny Philipello, President / CEO of Buc Days Commission**

City Manager Peter Zanoni announced the 88th Anniversary of Buc Days.

President/CEO of Buc Days Commission Johnny Philipello presented information on the following topics: Buc Days unique attendees; total economic impact of Buc Days; Children's Parade April 18; Night Parade April 25; 7 nights of western sports; Rodeo May 5-9, 2026; concert series; steam expo; Ag and Industry Awareness Day; and Steam

Day-May 9.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke: Tom Tagliabue, Corpus Christi, TX, Bradley Bartilson, Corpus Christi, TX, Clent Mericle, Corpus Christi, TX, Abel Sanchez, Corpus Christi, TX, Sondra Meyer, Corpus Christi, TX, Kenneth Castro, Corpus Christi, TX, Shawn Flanagan, Corpus Christi, TX, Jason Followell, Aransas Pass, TX, Alejandro Chavera, Corpus Christi, TX, Scott Barraza, Nueces County, TX, Jesus Wong, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Jared Suarez, Corpus Christi, TX, Dr. Rick Barrera, Corpus Christi, TX, Gerhardt Jackson, Nueces County, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Robin Sanders, Corpus Christi, TX, Joseph Gore, Corpus Christi, TX, Grace Canales, Corpus Christi, TX, Jody Fedler, Corpus Christi, TX, Ron Graban, Corpus Christi, TX, Christian Resendez, Corpus Christi, TX, Samuel Aundra Fryer, Corpus Christi, TX, Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Cathy Fulton, Port Aransas, TX, Selena Guerra, Corpus Christi, TX, Jazmeyne Evans, Corpus Christi, TX, Michael Savod, Corpus Christi, TX, Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, Zachary Bornstein, Corpus Christi, TX, Melinda De Los Santos, Corpus Christi, TX, Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, Melody Cooper, Corpus Christi, TX, Ajit David, Corpus Christi, TX, Sean Merritt, Corpus Christi, TX, Taylor Johnson, Corpus Christi, TX, Tracy Joehnk, Corpus Christi, TX, Justin O'Neal, Corpus Christi, TX, Trevor Lieblong, Corpus Christi, TX, Laura Madden, Corpus Christi, TX, and Alberto Zertuche, Corpus Christi, TX.

The following individual submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Johnny Stobbs, Corpus Christi, TX.

**G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (ITEM 2)**

2. [26-0464](#) Airport Board  
 Board of Adjustment  
 Coastal Bend Council of Government  
 Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation  
 Crime Control & Prevention District  
 Reinvestment Zone No. 7 (London) Board  
 Senior Corps Advisory Committee

Airport Board:

Reappointed: Mark E. Almaguer, Ricardo L. Talavera, Jr., and Jeremy V. Taylor

Appointed: Michael J. Sanders

Board of Adjustment:

Reappointed: Brandon D. Crowson, Ricardo Manzanares-Lopez, Allan Potter, Robert Reyna, Jo M. Rios, and Priscilla San Miguel

Appointed: Allan Potter from Alternate Member to Regular Member

Coastal Bend Council of Government:

Appointed: Michael Dice (Regular Member)

Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation:

Appointed: Moses Mostaghasi

Crime Control & Prevention District:

Appointed: Billy D. Belyeu

Reinvestment Zone No. 7 (London) Board:

Appointed: Bart Braselton (Nueces County)

Senior Corps Advisory Committee:

Appointed: Maria G. Castanuela

**H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:**

**I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 3 - 14)**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Items 4, 7, and 12 were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Vaughn moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 4, 7, and 12, seconded by Council Member Barrera. 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 Scott, Council Member Paxson, Council Member Roy and Council Member Cantu

**Abstained:** 0

3. [26-0504](#) Approval of the March 24, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and March 31, 2026 Workshop Minutes.

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

*Consent - Second Reading Ordinances*

4. [26-0064](#) Briefing on annual operations of Foresight Corpus Christi Golf, LLC and ordinance authorizing the third amendment to the Lease Agreement with Foresight Corpus Christi Golf, LLC, for the Gabe Lozano and Oso Beach Golf Centers to extend the current term of the lease by 10 years to end in 2041, with two five-year mutual renewals; and providing for publication. (28-day delay required between readings)

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson, Council Member Roy and Council Member Cantu

**Nay:** 1 - Council Member Hernandez

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 033897

*Consent - Contracts and Procurement*

5. [26-0170](#) Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$12,222.00 for the FY 2026 Community Grants Program from the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) for the purchase of a Wildland Team Response Trailer and Emergency Response equipment for the Corpus Christi Fire Department.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033898

6. [26-0222](#) Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$99,144.12 for the FY 2027 Border Zone Fire Departments Program from the Texas Office of the Governor for funding for the purchase of advanced tactical communication and night-vision equipment for the Corpus Christi Fire Department.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033899

7. [26-0553](#) Resolution to authorize the amended Treated Water Supply contract with the Nueces County Water Control and Improvement District No. 3.

Director of Water System Infrastructure Wesley Nebgen, Assistant Director of CCW – Finance & Administration Kamil Taras, and Counsel for Water Control and Improvement District No. 3 Charlie Zahn responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Chris Cuellar, Nueces County, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Scott Barraza,

Nueces County, TX, and Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Scott. This Resolution 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 Scott, Council Member Paxson, Council Member Roy and Council Member Cantu

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 033900

8. [26-0418](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase of four replacement garbage trucks and one replacement roll-off truck by the Solid Waste Department, which will be lease-purchases through JPMorgan, for a combined total amount of \$2,475,594.60, with such items to be acquired in the manner, at the amounts, and from the sources stated, with FY 2026 funding of \$165,039.72 from the General Fund and the remaining \$2,310,554.88 for the lease-purchases funded through the annual budget process.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033901

9. [26-0478](#) Motion authorizing execution of a five-year service agreement with Mcore Energy, LLC, of Arlington, in the amount of \$174,125.00 for preventative maintenance, emergency repairs, and training for the compressed natural gas (CNG) pumping stations operated by the Gas Department, with FY 2026 funding of \$17,412.50 from the Gas Operations Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2026-030

*Consent - Capital Projects*

10. [26-0298](#) Motion awarding a construction contract to Gerke Excavating Inc., of Tomah, Wisconsin, for the Flour Bluff 18-Inch Water Line Extension project to enhance system redundancy, increase capacity, and improve service to the Island in an amount not to exceed \$4,008,694.99, located in Council District 4, with FY 2026 funding available from the Water Capital Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2026-031

11. [26-0503](#) Motion authorizing Amendment No. 2 to a professional services contract with Urban Engineering, LLC, of Corpus Christi, Texas, to provide design, bid, and construction phase services for the Northwest Blvd Wastewater Infrastructure

Upgrade project, in an amount of \$502,605.00, for a total contract value not to exceed \$607,815.00, located in Council District 1, with FY 2026 funding available from the Wastewater Capital Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2026-032

*Consent - First Reading Ordinances*

12. [26-0546](#) One reading Ordinance Amending City Code of Ordinances Chapter 55, Article XII Water Resource Management section 55-150; updating the City's Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), providing an effective date of April 14, 2026.

Assistant Director of Water Supply Management Esteban Ramos presented information on the following topics: summary; and current and proposed definitions.

Assistant Director Ramos and Fire Chief Brandon Wade responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Paxson moved to amend the Drought Contingency Plan to keep "domestic water use" in Section 16.1, seconded by Council Member Scott and passed unanimously.

Council Member Scott moved to approve the ordinance as amended, seconded by Council Member Paxson. This Ordinance was passed on emergency as amended and approved with the following vote:

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

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 033902

13. [26-0513](#) Ordinance accepting and appropriating the 2027 Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) grant in the amount of \$204,289.00 for the General Set Aside and \$53,806.00 for the Youth Set Aside, totaling \$258,095.00; authorizing the execution of funding agreements, and other documents necessary to implement the 2027 program; and appropriating into the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Enrichment Grant Fund.

This Ordinance was passed on first reading on the consent agenda.

14. [26-0494](#) Ordinance accepting \$136,250.00 for an increase in the STD/HIV-DIS Prevention Services Program Grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to provide STD/HIV prevention and control services during the grant period of March 1, 2026, through November 30, 2026; and appropriating the funds in the Health Grants Fund.

This Ordinance was passed on first reading on the consent agenda.

**J. RECESS FOR LUNCH**

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:16 p.m. Executive Session Items 23-25 were held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

**K. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEM 15)**

15. [26-0369](#) Zoning Case No. ZN9062, Gulfway Mobile Home Park (District 4). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 7409 McArdle Road from the "CG-2" General Commercial District to the "CG-2/SP" General Commercial with a Special Permit District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Interim Director of Development Services Yvette Wallace presented information on the following topics: zoning and land use; public notification; analysis and recommendation; and special permit conditions.

Interim Director Wallace responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Cantu

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Roy

**Abstained:** 0

**L. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 16 - 21)**

16. [26-0520](#) Resolution revising the 2026 calendar year City Council meeting schedule.

City Manager Peter Zanoni responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX and Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Guajardo.

This Resolution 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 Scott, Council Member Paxson, Council Member Roy and Council Member Cantu

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 033903

17. [26-0556](#) Discussion and possible action to direct the City Manager to provide an update on the recent communication regarding the City's revised credit rating outlook to "negative" for General Obligation (G/O) bonds from Fitch Ratings, as well as potential ratings from Moody's and S&P rating agencies.

Note: This Item was added by Mayor Guajardo.

City Manager Peter Zanoni presented information on the City's revised credit rating.

City Manager Zanoni and Managing Director with Specialized Public Finance Victor Quiroga responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Joseph Wise, Corpus Christi, TX, and Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

No action was taken.

18. [26-0534](#) Discussion and possible action to direct the City Manager to provide an update addressing concerns raised in recent media coverage regarding the Nueces River Authority, including allegations of inaccurate reporting and governance issues, and to present a comprehensive accounting of all city funds disbursed to the Nueces River Authority, as required by Texas law, and to outline any implications for the City of Corpus Christi's water supply strategy and



contractual relationships.

Note: This Item was added by Mayor Guajardo.

City Manager Peter Zanoni responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX and Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

No action was taken.

19. [26-0557](#) Discussion and possible action on allegations regarding information provided on building permit and TIRZ #3 reimbursement applications for the Residence Inn Hotel related to representations, among them related to a hotel rooftop bar, including a presentation from City staff outlying the nature of the allegations, relevant facts, photography of the rooftop bar, and any potential implications, to ensure transparency related to any incentive payments by the Downtown TIRZ #3 and potential fees unpaid to the City.

Note: This Item was added by Mayor Guajardo.

City Manager Peter Zanoni, Interim Assistant City Manager Michael Dice, and City Attorney Miles Risley responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Michael Miller, Corpus Christi, TX, Sondra Meyer, Corpus Christi, TX, and John Bell, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

No action was taken.

20. [26-0558](#) Discussion and possible action regarding allegations of discrepancies in information provided across City permitting, State accessibility review filings, and City incentive applications, for the Courtyard and Residence Inn by Marriott including differences in reported project valuations that impact fee assessments and the calculation of incentive amounts; direction to City staff to investigate the cause and basis of such discrepancies, including independent review or audit if warranted, and to present findings and any necessary follow-up action within City staff authority to the Council.

Note: This Item was added by Mayor Guajardo.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, John Bell, Corpus Christi, TX, and Ajit David, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

No action was taken.

21. [26-0510](#) Discussion and/or possible actions on preliminary and procedural matters for removal proceedings of the mayor, including but not limited to potential certification of Articles of Impeachment, potential suspension, potential reprimand, potential denial of removal action, potential scheduling of pretrial hearing(s) and/or removal hearing, and/or a Resolution scheduling a pretrial hearing on May 19, 2026, to entertain motions, witness lists, requests for summonses, and all other related matters for the Removal Action of the Mayor, and adopting Rules of Procedure for City Council Hearing for Removal Action.

City Secretary Rebecca Huerta stated the purpose of this item is to discuss and act on the Preliminary & Procedural Matters for the Removal Action of the Mayor.

Council Member Hernandez made the following motion: Motion to consent to Lisa Aguilar advising the City Council on procedural matters related to the Petition to Remove the Mayor pursuant to Comment 8 of Section 3.08 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Conduct, seconded by Council Member Campos. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote: Council Members Barrera, Campos, Cantu, Hernandez, Paxson, Scott, and Vaughn voting "yes," and Mayor Guajardo and Council Member Roy "abstained." (Enactment No: M2026-033)

Assistant City Attorney Lisa Aguilar responded to Council questions.

Council Member Hernandez moved to amend the resolution to add "five days prior to the pretrial hearing," seconded by Council Member Campos. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote: Council Members Barrera, Campos, Cantu, Hernandez, Paxson, Scott, and Vaughn voting "yes," and Mayor Guajardo and Council Member Roy "abstained."

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn opened public comment.

Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, and Sandy Fernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn closed public comment.

Council Member Hernandez moved to accept the Petitioners' Articles of Impeachment, seconded by Council Member Campos. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote: Council Members Campos, Cantu, Hernandez, Paxson, and Vaughn

voting "yes," Council Members Barrera and Scott voting "no," and Mayor Guajardo and Council Member Roy "abstained." (Enactment No: M2026-034)

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

**Aye:** 5 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Cantu

**Nay:** 2 - Council Member Barrera and Council Member Scott

**Abstained:** 2 - Mayor Guajardo and Council Member Roy

Enactment No: 033904    Enactment No: M2026-033  
Enactment No: M2026-034

**M. BRIEFINGS: (ITEM 22)**

**22. [26-0486](#) Water Supply Update**

Director of Water System Infrastructure Wesley Nebgen presented information on the following topics: discussion topics; Surface Water-surface water supply (Lake Corpus Christi & Choke Canyon Reservoir); Lake Texana; Groundwater-Evangeline Groundwater Project permit and contractual update; Nueces Groundwater Program; Nueces Groundwater Program; Brackish Ground Water Treatment; Brackish Water Treatment Plant-project scope-Groundwater Reverse Osmosis; and Wastewater Reuse-wastewater reuse project overview.

Director Nebgen responded to Council questions.

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEM 23 - 25)**

**23. [26-0543](#) Executive session briefing 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 allegations related to PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) and updates on litigation in other cases.**

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

**24. [26-0498](#) 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 Article II, Section 11 of the City Charter and other legal matters related to the Petition for Removal of the Mayor filed with the City Secretary's Office on August 29, 2025.**

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

**25. [26-0485](#) 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/or contracts related to purchase and/or sale of groundwater, including water rights in property accessing the Evangeline Aquifer in San Patricio County adjacent and/or near US Highway 181, US Highway 77, US Highway 77 Business, Highway 89, and/or the Aransas River, 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 authorization to enter agreement(s) for professionals for services related to these property rights, interlocal agreements and other agreements with government entities near the aforementioned property(ies) and/or the purchase of the property or property(ies) at and/or adjacent to locations (if any) described herein and/or modified groundwater rights purchase and sale agreement(s) with Evangeline Laguna, L.P. and related entities for groundwater rights in San Patricio County.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

O. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

## Public Comment & Input Form

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## Public Comment & Input Form

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**Date of Meeting**

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

**Name**

Johnny Stobbs

**Address**

6014 Ayers  
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 1

**Topic**

Support of Mayor Guajardo

**Agenda Item Number**

Public Comment

**Comment**

See attached

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# CORPUS CHRISTI PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION - LOCAL 936

*Founded August 20, 1947*

April 13, 2026

Via Email and hand Delivery:

Mayor Paulette Guajardo  
Councilwoman Sylvia Campos  
Councilwoman Carolyn Vaughn  
Councilwoman Kaylynn Paxson  
Councilman Everett Roy  
Councilman Eric Cantu  
Councilman Roland Barrera  
Councilman Mark Scott  
Councilman Gil Hernandez

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, April 13, 2026 – *The following statement was released today by the Corpus Christi Professional Firefighters Association, IAFF Local 936:*

Corpus Christi firefighters deliver excellent service, are good stewards of city resources, and we give back to the community. We are committed to monitoring local political controversies that can affect our ability to deliver on these commitments.

In the case of Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Corpus Christi firefighters are grateful for all the mayor has done to further strengthen our fire department and public safety in our community. The Mayor has often shown real leadership on these issues when the city needed it most. For firefighters who protect this city every day, she has been a trustworthy partner in local government. Her record of listening and leading with resolve has kept the city moving in the right direction.

With the fire service in Corpus Christi, Mayor Guajardo:

- She has led the fight for the implementation of the national safety standard of four-person staffing on fire department trucks. She continues to work with the fire chief, ensuring that the plan is sustainable and provides better fire coverage at incidents,
- Gained city council approval of local redirection of federal government-funded ambulance services resources, saving taxpayers millions of dollars,
- Cooperated with and supported the fire department in its COVID-19 pandemic response which became a blueprint for Governor Greg Abbott's statewide vaccine policy,
- Was an early supporter of lifesaving occupational cancer screening for Corpus Christi firefighters. The screening recently detected cancer in one of our firefighters.

We remain convinced that Corpus Christi needs continued leadership that is strong, experienced and unapologetically committed to the people who keep this city safe. Mayor Guajardo has earned the respect and support of our men and women in the fire service, and we are proud to stand with her.

Respectfully,

Johnny R. Stobbs

President, Corpus Christi Firefighters Association Local 936