



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Professor Imam Aref Mazloun with CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital / TAMUCC.

Professor Imam Aref Mazloun with CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital / TAMUCC gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Dean Presley Isbell, 12th grader at Arlington Heights Christian School.

Dean Presley Isbell, 12th grader at Arlington Heights Christian School, 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, Deputy City Attorney Buck Brice 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 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. [25-1377](#) Corpus Christi B Corporation
Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation
Ethics Commission
Marina Advisory Committee
Watershore and Beach Advisory Committee

Corpus Christi B Corporation:
Reappointed: Mark LaRue
Appointed: Duke Canchola and Claudia Mostaghassi

Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation:
Reappointed: Mark LaRue
Appointed: Duke Canchola and Claudia Mostaghassi

Ethics Commission:
Reappointed: Trevor H. Mauck
Appointed: Elena Martinez

Marina Advisory Committee:
Appointed: Stephen R. Gotberg

Watershore and Beach Advisory Committee:
Appointed: Robert K. Allen and Mohan Rao

G. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

H. BUDGET RELATED ITEMS: (ITEMS 2 - 22)

2. [25-1404](#) Public Hearing and Second Reading Ordinance adopting the Corpus Christi Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, beginning October 1, 2025; authorizing personnel complements; authorizing various contracts and amendments funded by the budget; amending the City of Corpus Christi's Texas Municipal Retirement System Benefits; providing for a copy of the budget to be filed with the County Clerk; and appropriating funds as provided in the budget. (HB 1522 Taxpayer Impact Statement attached.)

Director of Management and Budget Amy Cowley presented information on the following topics: FY 2026 budget addresses City Council and community priorities; FY 2026 proposed City budget; FY 2026 proposed authorized positions; city rates for residential customers; budget amendments; street user fee-potential amendment; and next steps.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

Julie Rogers, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Barrera 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

3. [25-1407](#) Public Hearing and Second Reading Ordinance adopting the Corpus Christi Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 Capital Budget in the amount of \$553,964,906.00, beginning October 1, 2025.

Director of Management and Budget Amy Cowley presented information on the following topics: 10-year capital improvement plan; CIP funding use by department; funding sources; G.O. Bond status; FY 25 CIP score card; and FY 26 CIP summary.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from 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: 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

4. [25-1204](#) Public Hearing and Second Reading Ordinance setting a property tax rate of \$0.599774 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 0.23% increase over the no-new-revenue tax rate, and approving the tax roll as calculated. (60 percent favorable vote required) (City Council Motion: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.599774, which is effectively a 0.23% percent increase in the tax rate.")

Director of Finance Sergio Villasana presented information on the following topics: FY 2026 tax rate; and property tax dollar.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Mayor Guajardo read the following: "During today's City Council meeting, the City Council will vote on the first reading of the proposed property tax rate of \$0.599774 per \$100 valuation for Fiscal Year 2026, and at the September 9, 2025, City Council meeting

beginning at 11:30 am at City Hall, the City Council will vote on the second reading of the proposed property tax rate of \$0.599774 per \$100 valuation."

Council Member Barrera made the following motion: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.599774 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 0.23 percent increase in the tax rate," seconded by Council Member Scott. This Ordinance was passed on first reading 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

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

Abstained: 0

5. [25-1419](#) Ordinance ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2025-2026 Operating Budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget in amount of \$6,061,319.

Director of Management of Budget Amy Cowley provided a brief explanation about this item.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX and Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Scott. This Ordinance was passed on first reading 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

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

Abstained: 0

6. [25-1306](#) Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 6-15 to update the Daily Boarding fees, Commercial Permit fees, 1st and 2nd Occurrence Impoundment fees, Species Appropriate Vaccine fees, adding a 3rd Occurrence Impoundment fee, and amending Section 6-26 to add a legal presumption regarding rabies immunization, effective October 1, 2025.

Director of Animal Care Services Kathleen Chapa presented information on the following topics: background; proposed FY 2026 fee schedule adjustment; and FY 2026 projected revenue.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye: 5 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Campos, Council Member Scott and Council Member Roy

Nay: 4 - Council Member Hernandez, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu and Council Member Paxson

Abstained: 0

7. [25-1301](#) Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 9-35 - Parking Rates to update the parking rates for short-term and covered parking at the Corpus Christi International Airport, effective October 1, 2025.

Assistant Director of Aviation Kimberly Miller presented information on the following topics: Chapter 9 revisions; and daily parking rates South/Central TX airports.

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 Campos. 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

8. [25-0702](#) Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 12-108 to update fees for Sunrise Beach RV Park, effective October 1, 2025.

Interim Director of Water Systems and Support Services Nick Winkelmann presented information on the following topics: Sunrise Beach overview; Sunrise Beach amenities; proposed fee increase; and staff recommendation.

Water Resource Manager Esteban Ramos, responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Campos moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Barrera. 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

9. [25-1294](#) One-reading Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-50 to update water rates effective January 1, 2026.

Principal Consultant with NewGen Strategies and Solutions LLC Andy McCartney presented information on the following topics: FY 2026 proposed water rates; inside city retail water monthly minimum charge; outside city retail water monthly minimum charge; FY 2026 proposed rates; wholesale treated volumetric rates; non-ratepayer wholesale raw water; municipal raw water only; residential sample utility bill; commercial sample utility bill; large volume; and wholesale treated.

Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water (CCW) Drew Molly, Interim Director of Water Systems and Support Services Nick Winkelmann, Assistant Director of CCW Kamil Taras, and Mr. McCartney, responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Michael Miller, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Luna Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Jim Klein, Corpus Christi, TX, and Gilbert Aguirre, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Scott moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Barrera. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Campos and Council Member Scott

Nay: 6 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

10. [25-1302](#) Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-54 to update water laboratory charges effective January 1, 2026.

Interim Director of Water Systems and Support Services Nick Winkelmann presented information on the following topic: water laboratory charges.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Campos moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Scott. 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

11. [25-1303](#) Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-56 to update temporary construction water service charges effective January 1, 2026.

Interim Director of Water Systems and Support Services Nick Winkelmann presented information on the following topic: Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-56 to update temporary construction water service charges.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Campos moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Barrera. 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. [25-1304](#) Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code, Sections 55-70 and 55-71 to update water and wastewater utility tap fees as follows: to require payment in full upon application; to provide that commercial taps will be installed by contractor; to provide that right-of-way fees and street cut costs are not included and are separately charged from the tap fee; to establish meter set fees when the developer has installed the service line; to provide that water and wastewater utility tap fees will be determined based upon time, cost of work and materials, effective January 1, 2026.

Interim Director of Water Systems and Support Services Nick Winkelmann presented information on the following topic: amendments to Corpus Christi Code Section 55-70

and Section 55-71 revision to water and wastewater utility tap fees.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX and Jim Klein, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Campos moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Barrera. 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

13. [25-1299](#) One-reading Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-100 to update wastewater rates effective January 1, 2026.

This Item was postponed.

14. [25-1383](#) Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Chapter 55 Article XIX regarding Recycled/Reclaimed/Effluent water regulations and fees, providing for waiver of effluent water service fee, effective January 1, 2026, providing for publication and penalties.

Interim Director of Water Systems and Support Services Nick Winkelmann presented information on the following topic: Corpus Christi Water effluent water fees.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Nay: 3 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez and Council Member Cantu

Abstained: 0

15. [25-1278](#) Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code, Section 14-1313 to amend the roofing and siding building permit fees, and to remove backflow prevention

assembly tester and mechanical contractor fees, Section 14-1341 to amend agreement processing fees, and Sections 14-1313, 14-1321, 14-1341, 14-1351, and 14-1361 to remove past years from the fee schedule; effective October 1, 2025.

Director of Development Services Michael Dice presented information on the following topic: proposed adjustments.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Michael Miller, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Barrera. 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

16. [25-1288](#) Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 13-3002 to amend the vacant building definition; Section 13-3005 amend the compliance period; Section 13-3006 establishes registration program requirements for owners of vacant buildings (residential and commercial); allow the City to establish a vacant building registration fee and an annual vacant building inspection fee; amend Section 13-2026 providing for a penalty not to exceed \$500 and publication.

Director of Development Services Michael Dice presented information on the following topics: proposal summary; the opportunity; financial impact; D1; D2; D3; D4; D5; ordinance revisions; and operations plan.

Director Dice, Deputy City Attorney Buck Brice, and Assistant Police Chief David Blackmon, responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Henry Williams, Corpus Christi, TX, David Loeb, Corpus Christi, TX, and Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Hernandez and Council Member Paxson

Abstained: 0

17. [25-0254](#) Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 18-2 Outside City Limits Fire Department Response Service fee and updating the rate schedule for persons outside of the Corpus Christi city limits who receive fire service, effective October 1, 2025.

Fire Chief Brandon Wade presented information on the following topics: cost calculation methodology; Response Readiness Fee (RRF); fee for service; cost of equipment; and mileage.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Scott moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Barrera. 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

18. [25-1290](#) Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 18-20 Ambulance Rates and updating the "Adjustment of ambulance rates", "Rates" and "Supplementary Charges" sections, effective October 1, 2025.

Assistant Fire Chief Kenneth Erben presented information on the following topics: fee escalation methodology change; and proposed ambulance fee changes.

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 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

19. [25-1274](#) Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 36-7 Rental Rates & Recreation Fees and Section 12-83 Marina Fee Schedule to update fees, effective October 1, 2025.

Director of Parks and Recreation Robert Dodd presented information on the following topics: background; and FY 2025-2026 proposed fee changes.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Isabel Araiza, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Luna Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Dan McQueen, Corpus Christi, TX, and Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Paxson moved to amend the ordinance to exclude latchkey and administration fees, seconded by Council Member Cantu and passed unanimously.

Council Member Paxson moved to approve the ordinance as amended, seconded by Council Member Cantu. This Ordinance was passed on first reading 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 Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

20. [25-1291](#) Ordinance amending Chapter 43 of the City Code of Ordinances to establish a training session fee schedule for the Corpus Christi Police Department for sessions held at the Corpus Christi Police Academy for other law enforcement agencies and personnel.

Police Chief Mike Markle presented information on the following topic: police training session fee.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Roy moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member

Barrera. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Absent: 2 - Council Member Hernandez and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

21. [25-1227](#) Public Hearing and First reading ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-709 Drainage Utility Charge to update the storm water drainage charges, effective January 1, 2026.

Interim Assistant City Manager Ernesto De La Garza presented information on the following topics: FY 2026 proposed budget storm water fund: \$32.2M; about Public Works-storm; FY 2022-2026 five-year forecast; and recommendations.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX and Dale Switalla, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Scott. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Campos and Council Member Scott

Nay: 5 - Council Member Hernandez, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

22. [25-1371](#) Resolution approving the FY 2027 - FY 2031 Rapid Pavement Program (RPP) as proposed by the Public Works Department that includes a list of local, collector and arterial streets that are planned for street reconstruction utilizing a pavement only approach.

This Item was postponed to September 9, 2025.

I. **CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 23 - 32)**

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Item 30 was withdrawn.

Council Member Campos moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 30, 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 Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

23. [25-1375](#) Approval of the August 26, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes (*Attachments to be added to the website on Friday*)

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

24. [25-0984](#) Resolution authorizing a one-year service agreement with up to two additional one-year options with AutoWorks Unlimited, of Corpus Christi, Texas, in an amount up to \$395,000.00 and a total amount up to \$1,185,000.00 if option years are exercised, for body and emergency equipment repairs for Police Department vehicles including radios and in-car cameras, with FY 2025 funding in the amount of \$65,833.33 available in the General Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033728

25. [25-1158](#) Motion authorizing the execution of a one-year service agreement with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, of Houston, Texas, with an office in Corpus Christi, through the BuyBoard Cooperative to refurbish wire harnessing equipment and make necessary repairs for the Corpus Christi Fire Department's Aerial Ladder Fire Truck (Unit No. 1267) for \$102,000.00, with FY 2025 funding in the amount of \$77,000.00 from the General Fund and \$25,000.00 from the Fire Grants Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-116

26. [25-1153](#) Motion authorizing execution of a one-year supply agreement, with one one-year option, with Polydyne, Inc., of Riceboro, Georgia, in an amount not to exceed \$1,008,000.00, with a potential up to \$2,016,000.00 if the option is exercised, for liquid cationic polymer used in the treatment process to produce potable drinking water at the O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant, with FY 2025 funding of \$168,000.00 from the Water Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-117

27. [25-0786](#) Motion authorizing execution of a one-year service agreement, with two one-year options, with Trout Trucking Company, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$485,610.00, with a potential up to \$1,456,830.00 if options are exercised, for hauling services and disposal of excavation and construction materials for

Corpus Christi Water, with FY 2025 funding of \$121,402.00 from the Water Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-118

28. [25-0657](#) Motion authorizing the execution of a three-year service agreement, with Coastline Refrigeration and Service, of Corpus Christi, Texas, for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning preventative maintenance and repair services for City facilities, in an amount up to \$1,189,996.00, with FY 2025 funding in the amount of \$99,166.33 from the Facility Management and Maintenance Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-119

General Consent Items

29. [25-1261](#) Resolution authorizing a Developer Participation Agreement with MPM Development, LP to reimburse the developer up to \$735,789.32 for the construction of the Oso Parkway Drainage Crossing at the Cimarron Ditch for the development of Royal Creek Estates Subdivision. (District 5)

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033729

30. [25-1401](#) Resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year service agreement, with four one-year options, with the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, for Sister City services, effective for FY 2026.

This Item was withdrawn.

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

31. [25-0886](#) Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code, Section 55-37 to establish requirements for water wells to avoid cross connection with City water supply and to include backflow prevention device testing filing fee which was previously established in City Code Section 14-1313 and providing for penalty and publication, effective October 1, 2025.

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

32. [25-1217](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority in the amount of \$894,028.00 with a City cash match of \$191,860.00 and an in-kind match of \$770,606.00 for a total project cost of \$1,856,494.00 for salaries, overtime, and fringe benefits for four sworn officers and three civilians and for operational needs for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force; designating the Chief of Police as the authorized official, the Deputy Chief of Police of the Criminal Investigations

Division as Program Director, and the Director of Finance, or Director of Finance's designee, as financial officer for this grant; and authorizing four sworn and three civilian positions that currently exist; appropriating FY 2025 funding of \$894,028.00 in the Police Grants Fund and, subject to FY 2026 budget approval, appropriating the necessary remaining cash match and in-kind match.

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

J. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 1:56 p.m. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEM 33)

- 33.** [25-1253](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8769, Gary W. Crook (District 1). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 14454 Northwest Boulevard from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "ON" Neighborhood Office District, providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Director of Development Services Michael Dice provided a brief summary on the zoning case.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Roy moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Cantu. 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

L. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 34- 35)

- 34.** [25-1175](#) Motion on amendment No. 5 to the Design-Build Contract with Kiewit Infrastructure South Co. of Westlake, Texas for design development to a 60% design, for the Inner Harbor Water Treatment Campus (IHWTC) Project, on a cost reimbursable basis for a not to exceed amount of \$50,000,000.00, for a total contract price up to \$97,635,177.98, located in Council District 1, with FY 2025 funding available from the Water Capital Fund.

Director of Inner Harbor Desalination Program Management Office Brett Van Hazel

presented information on the following topics: amendment summary; amendment background; amendment scope; design timeline; and alternative.

City Manager Peter Zanoni, Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Drew Molly, Director Van Hazel, Attorney Janet Whitehead, Engineer at Freese and Nichols for Innovative Water Supply Jason Cocklin, and Financial Advisor at Specialized Public Finance Victor Quiroga, responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Henry Williams, Corpus Christi, TX, Samuel Aundra Fryer, Corpus Christi, TX, David Loeb, Corpus Christi, TX, Eric Von Wade, Corpus Christi, TX, Georgia Tony, Corpus Christi, TX, Becky Moeller, Corpus Christi, TX, Libby Peacock, Corpus Christi, TX, Julius Ramirez, Corpus Christi, TX, Gabriel Flores, Corpus Christi, TX, Oliver Sanchez, Corpus Christi, TX, Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, Rita De Leon Garza, Corpus Christi, TX, Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, Bob Paulison, Corpus Christi, TX, Beatriz Alvarado, Corpus Christi, TX, Deanna King, Corpus Christi, TX, Monna Lytle, Corpus Christi, TX, Paul Fritz, Portland, TX, Kara Rivas, Corpus Christi, TX, Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, Gilbert Aguirre, Corpus Christi, TX, Jennifer Aguirre, Corpus Christi, TX, Elida Castillo, Taft, TX, Joshua Fraedrick, Corpus Christi, TX, and Conor Rice, Corpus Christi, TX.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Mayor Guajardo moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Barrera. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Council Member Barrera, Mayor Guajardo and Council Member Scott

Nay: 6 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

35. [25-1376](#) Resolution of a Financing Agreement between the City of Corpus Christi and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) related to the City's issuance, sale, and delivery of City Utility System Junior Lien Revenue Improvement Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$210,045,000.00 to the TWDB with proceeds of said bonds for the Inner Harbor Water Treatment Campus and other matters in connection therewith.

Attorney Janet Whitehead and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta, responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Michael Miller, Corpus Christi, TX, James Perkins, Corpus Christi, TX, Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Georgia Tony, Corpus Christi, TX, Becky Moeller, Corpus Christi, TX,

and Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Hernandez made the following substitute motion: "Motion to direct staff to ask for an extension from the Texas Water Development Board for the issuance, sale and delivery of the City Utility System Junior Lien Revenue Improvement Bonds not to exceed \$210,045,000.00 with the intent to repurpose for other Region N approved water supply projects," seconded by Council Member Campos. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Barrera and Mayor Guajardo

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2025-120

M. BRIEFINGS: (NONE)

N. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEM 36)

36. [25-1431](#) Update on Alternative Water Supply Projects

This Item was withdrawn.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE)

P. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke: Julie Rogers, Corpus Christi, TX, Alma Garza, Corpus Christi, TX, Callie Walker, Corpus Christi, TX, Dale Switalla, Corpus Christi, TX, Gail Anderson, Corpus Christi, TX, David Rowsey, Corpus Christi, TX, Shawn Flanagan, Corpus Christi, TX, Carrie Meyer, Corpus Christi, TX, Melissa Zamora, Corpus Christi, TX, David Johnson, Corpus Christi, TX, Brad Bartilson, Corpus Christi, TX, Carolyn Koivula, Corpus Christi, TX, Elyda Vasquez, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Autumn Hensiek, Corpus Christi, TX, Sondra Meyer, Corpus Christi, TX, Mila Leschper, Jessica Palitza, Corpus Christi, TX, Taylor Garcia, Corpus Christi, TX, Amanda Breland, Corpus Christi, TX, Tristan Clowdus, Corpus Christi, TX, Alex Benavides, Corpus Christi, TX, Jenny Espino, Corpus Christi, TX, Armon Alex, Corpus Christi, TX, Fatimah Guerra-Rachidy, Corpus Christi, TX, Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, Aracely Martinez, Corpus Christi, TX, George Johnson, Corpus Christi, TX, Maggie Peacock, Corpus Christi, TX, Chloe Torres, Corpus Christi, TX, Aaron Lebowitz, Corpus Christi, TX, Melinda De Los Santos, Corpus Christi, TX, Jake Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Michael Miller, Corpus Christi,

TX, Dan McQueen, Corpus Christi, TX, Aline Trejo Chavez, Corpus Christi, TX, Henry Williams, Corpus Christi, TX, Carla Frank, Corpus Christi, TX, Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Alicia Matus, Corpus Christi, TX, Millicent Carrizales, Corpus Christi, TX, Andrea Puyol, Corpus Christi, TX, James Perkins, Corpus Christi, TX, Sara Dolson, Corpus Christi, TX, Lamont Taylor, Corpus Christi, TX, Jen Gracia, Corpus Christi, TX, Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, Alberto Zertuche, Corpus Christi, TX, Hunter Behnke, Corpus Christi, TX, Laramie Fain, Corpus Christi, TX, Richard Pittman, Corpus Christi, TX, Robert Landeg, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Becky Moeller, Corpus Christi, TX, Eric Payne, Corpus Christi, TX, Jim Klein, Corpus Christi, TX, Elena Martinez, Corpus Christi, TX, Jackson Lewis, Corpus Christi, TX, John Hanzalik, Corpus Christi, TX, Mary Polson, Corpus Christi, TX, Daniel Pena, Corpus Christi, TX, Pat Craig, Corpus Christi, TX, Susan Upshaw, Corpus Christi, TX, Wilson Strain, Corpus Christi, TX, Sandra Love Sanchez, Corpus Christi, TX, Brittini Young, Corpus Christi, TX, Christina English, Corpus Christi, TX, Eli McKay, Corpus Christi, TX, Amanda Guerra, Corpus Christi, TX, Chris Cuellar, Robstown, TX, Myra Alaniz, Robstown, TX, John Weber, Fair Oaks, CA, and John Shepperd, Austin, TX.

The following individuals submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: John Weber, Fair Oaks, CA, Merida Forrest, Corpus Christi, TX, Carl Crull, Corpus Christi, TX, and Guillermo Gallegos, Corpus Christi, TX.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 1:20 a.m.



Sunday, August 31, 2025

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Date of Meeting

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Name

John Weber

Address

10523 Fair Oakks Blvd
Fair Oaks, CA, 95628

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

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

No

Topic

Inner Harbor Due Diligence

Agenda Item Number

34

Comment

Please put off the vote on the Inner Harbor until the independent review of the far-field data is complete. Without this review, the Council is just rolling the dice if the plant will create dead spots in the bay. Also, if the plant will be able to operate at 30 MGD, or 20 MGD, or 10 MGD or less without damaging the bay and/or clogging its prefilters. This could be the most expensive mistake the City ever makes. It would be prudent to do your due diligence before voting to proceed. Keep in mind that Drew Molly is aware that the data used in the QUAL-TX model for the updated permit application is incorrect. Also, keep in mind Drew Molly sits on the Board of the TX Desal Assoc with a Kiewit and GHD employee. The Kiewit proposal was the most expensive of the 3 proposals. Drew Molly was the lead scorer. He should have recused himself because of his business relationship with Kiewit and GHD. I wouldn't want to be the Council member who voted on a project before doing all the due diligence.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. js_weber@hotmail.com



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Name

Carl Crull

Address

8025 Villefranche Dr, Corpus C
Corpus Christi, TX, 78414

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City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 5

Topic

Water Supply

Agenda Item Number

34. 35. and 36

Comment

SEE ATTACHED AS MY COMMENTS EXCEEDED THE 1000 WORD LIMIT

Upload supporting images or documents.



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carlcrullpe@gmail.com

Due to the increasing frequency and severity of droughts in the western reservoir basins, Lake Corpus Christi/Choke Canyon should not be considered a primary water source for the future.

In order to provide water supplies that meet the peak summer demand without any restrictions, 145 MGD is needed. The eastern system can reliably supply about 75 MGD, the Inner Harbor Desal Plant 30 MGD, Evangeline Groundwater 24 MGD, and Nueces River Wells 17MGD for a total of 146 MGD. The conclusion is that all water supplies are needed. Without adequate water supplies all of us suffer. The city is looking more and more barren having a visual impact on both visitors and potential residents. Without industry. The city slowly dies. For every petrochemical job, 3.8 additional jobs are created in the community.

Those who have opposed these water sources have not come forward with any alternates other than to say that industry should pay. When the city attracted these industries to the area, the message was that they would be served by the city's system. They have paid their share through their utility bills.

With regard to the potential state funding authorized by Senate Bill 7, there are a lot of steps before that funding begins to be distributed. First, it must get voter approval in the November Election; then the Water Development Board must set up the criteria and processes for distributing the funds. These funds won't likely be available for another year.

BOTTOM LINE - THE CITY COUNCIL NEEDS TO VOTE TO PROCEED WITH THE INNER HARBOR PROJECT AND THE EVANGELINE GROUNDWATER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE



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Name

Guillermo Gallegos

Address

7622 Cedar Brook Dr
Corpus Christi, TX, 78413

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City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 5

Topic

Desalination

Agenda Item Number

35

Comment

Pouring more money into the most expensive "solution" to our manufactured water crisis is lazy, thick headed, and despicable. To throw so much money into the fire when we can't even fund a homeless services department, despite the number of folks forced to live on the street growing every year, shows me exactly where this city's priorities lie, and it frankly makes me ashamed of my home.



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Name

Merida Forrest

Address

7114 Grape Arbor Drive
Corpus Christi, TX, 78414

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City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 5

Topic

Inner Harbor WTC

Agenda Item Number

34 & 35

Comment

Please Vote NO to the funding related to Hillcrest IHWTC

Official stmt on behalf of the NUECES COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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