



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

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 11:35 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Deacon Michael Mantz, Diocese of Corpus Christi.

Deacon Michael Mantz, Diocese of Corpus Christi, gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Julianna Perez, Senior at W.B. Ray High School.

Julianna Perez, Senior at W.B. Ray High 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, City Attorney Miles Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

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

E. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS:

1. [23-1410](#) Arts and Cultural Commission Update by Jim Moore, Chair

City Manager Peter Zaroni introduced ACC Chair Jim Moore, who serves as the Director of Texas A&M Corpus Christi Performing Arts Center and serves on the Board of the Corpus Christi Chorale.

Chair Moore presented information on the following topics: ACC major responsibilities; Arts and Cultural Commission's focus; current projects; proposed projects; Arts Grant Program; piano celebration week; and Open Air Arts evening.

Council Members, City Manager Zanoni, and Mr. Moore discussed the following topic: a Council Member's desire to allocate money to arts and culture.

2. [23-1461](#) Summer Programming Closures and Labor Day Weekend Schedule

City Manager Zanoni gave an update about the summer programming closures and Labor Day weekend schedule. Collier Pool and the Corpus Christi Natatorium will remain open during the fall and winter. Splash pads will remain open until October 31. City Hall, Municipal Court, and 311 Call Center will be closed on Labor Day. La Retama Library will be open as a cooling center from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Garbage and recycling pickup is on schedule for Labor Day. The Al Kruse Tennis Center will be open 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Golf courses will be open regular hours.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

John Hendricks, 622 Texas Ave., spoke about the lack of upkeep for cemeteries and memorials.

Stephen Klepper, 317 Sunset Ave., spoke in support of offering residents a choice to downsize trash carts.

Adalberto Carrillo, III, 4055 Killarmet Dr., spoke in opposition to Items 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Merida Forrest, 7114 Grape Arbor Dr., Alex Flucke, 729 Sam St., Armon Alex, 1610 La Joya St., Maggie Peacock, 1773 Ennis Joslin Rd., and Brittini Young, 6018 Williston Dr., spoke in opposition to removing a tree canopy study, air quality monitoring, and heating and cooling center enhancements from the FY 2024 operating budget.

Amanda Guerra, 2610 Windhollow Dr., spoke in opposition to eliminating City Marshals.

Susie Saldana, 4710 Hakel Dr., spoke in opposition to raising water rates for residential customers.

Jennifer Espino, 1805 Amazon Dr., spoke about the importance of low barrier shelters.

Julie Galbraith, 15310 Williamsport, expressed concern about the Light Up CC lighting project.

Rachel Caballero, 522 Hancock, Ave., expressed her desire for no tax rate or utility rate increases, and to stop the use of Certificates of Obligation.

Samuel Aundra Fryer, 2222 Cardinales Lane, spoke about early treatment and prophylactic for COVID-19.

Silvia Jimenez de la Garza, 3009 Charles Dr., spoke in support of offering residents a choice to downsize trash carts and in opposition to eliminating City Marshals.

Eli McKay, 1008 Marguerite St., spoke in opposition to cut funding for heating and cooling centers enhancements.

John Weber, 609 Naples St., spoke in opposition to natural gas marketing, and in support of air monitoring services and a tree canopy study.

Autumn Hensiek, 325 Louisiana Ave. and Jake Hernandez, 488 Palmetto St., spoke in opposition to raising water rates for residential customers.

Bob Paulison, 15226 Baratavia Dr., spoke in opposition to removing air quality monitoring services.

Adam Rios, 7301 Tangled Ridge Court, spoke about the Texas Gulf Surfing Organization.

Alycia Kasperitis, 5325 Yorktown Blvd., spoke in support of Item 4, Development Services fee schedule.

The following citizens submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Lee Wheatley, 2314 Greer Dr.; Julie Rogers, 710 Furman Ave.; Chloe Rodriguez, 7410 Lake Conroe Court; and Stephanie Lewis, 1109 Bradshaw Dr.

G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (NONE)

H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

I. BUDGET RELATED ITEMS: (ITEMS 3 - 13)

- 3.** [23-1354](#) Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9, Aviation, Section 9-35 - Parking Rates, by revising the parking rate for long-term parking at the Corpus Christi International Airport.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 3.

Director of Aviation Kevin Smith stated that this ordinance increases the long term parking fee and lost ticket fee by one dollar.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

A Council Member and Director of Aviation Smith discussed the following topic:
Transportation Security Administration (TSA) still requires passengers to remove shoes unless they have a TSA PreCheck.

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

4. [23-1440](#) Ordinance affirming Development Services fee schedules including fee schedules for Technical Construction Codes, Excavation and Fill, Unified Development Code, Zoning, Beachfront Construction, Dune Protection, and Billboards.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 4.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Hunter 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 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

5. [23-1460](#) Ordinance authorizing updates to the City of Corpus Christi's Texas Municipal Retirement System benefits (1) adopting non-retroactive repeating COLAs for retirees and their beneficiaries under Texas Municipal Retirement System Act and (2) authorizing annually accruing updated service credits; decreasing the TMRS contribution rate from 16.57% to 16.29% for calendar year 2024.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 5.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

6. [23-1389](#) Ordinance amending various sections of the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Solid Waste, by revising applicable rates, fees, and charges; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 6.

A Council Member and Director of Solid Waste David Lehfeldt discussed the following topic: the price increase will be \$1.15 per month for residential customers.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

7. [23-1282](#) Ordinance amending Section 55-709, Drainage Utility Charge, of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances, to levy an amended schedule of storm water drainage charges, and providing an effective date.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 7.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, Director of Public Works and Streets Ernesto De La Garza, and Director of Development Services Al Raymond discussed the following topics: concern with how the storm water fees impact certain areas of the City that do not have a drainage system; the fee increase will be \$1.15 per resident; this fund is used to pay for new storm water infrastructure; and to ensure that drainage issues are being addressed properly.

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

following vote:

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

Nay: 3 - Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter and Council Member Pusley

Abstained: 0

8. [23-1403](#) Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-50 regarding water rates and section 55-100 regarding wastewater rates effective January 1, 2024

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 8.

Chief Operations Officer Michael Murphy presented information on the following topics: 2024 wastewater rate adjustments; 2024 raw water rate adjustments; 2024 retail water rate adjustments; 2024 residential volume rate adjustments; 2024 commercial volume rate adjustments; 2024 large volume water rate adjustments; 2024 water rate adjustments; and proposed amendments section 55-50.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, City Attorney Miles Risley, Chief Operations Officer Murphy, and Assistant Director of Support Services for Utilities Reba George discussed the following topics: the City's water department is subsidizing water for San Patricio Municipal Water District and South Texas Water Authority for treated water; a Council Member's concern that apartment dwellers will see an increase in their water bill; Council Members' desire to explore equitable water rates; it is more equitable to reduce all residential meter charges by \$.90; to be mindful about debt service increase in the next four years; how to fund alternative water sources; the water rate evaluation will be addressed annually instead of every two years; a request for a breakdown on how water rates are structured; and City staff will evaluate water contracts and provide an update to Council in a few months.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Mayor Guajardo moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Pusley.

Council Member Pusley moved to amend the ordinance to reduce the 5/8-3/4 meters for inside and outside residential users by \$.90, seconded by Council Member Hernandez.

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

- Aye:** 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos
- Nay:** 1 - Council Member Barrera
- Abstained:** 0

9. [23-1401](#) Ordinance amending Ordinance 17150 by increasing the exemption for ad valorem taxes for all qualified residence homesteads from 10% to 20% of assessed value commencing Tax Year 2024 and increasing the exemption for ad valorem taxes for persons' residence who are disabled or 65 years of age or older from \$50,000, as approved by the citizens of Corpus Christi on April 4, 1987, to \$62,500, commencing Tax Year 2024; providing that this ordinance is cumulative and for an effective date, severance, publication, and codification.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 9.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Mayor Guajardo.

Council Member Pusley moved to amend the ordinance to increase the general homestead exemption from 10% to 20% commencing Tax Year 2024, seconded by Council Member Hunter and passed unanimously.

A Council Member and Interim Director of Finance and Procurement discussed the following topic: the financial impact on 5% is about \$5 million.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

- Aye:** 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos
- Abstained:** 0

10. [23-1363](#) Public Hearing and First Reading Ordinance adopting the City of Corpus Christi operating budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 beginning October 1, 2023; authorizing personnel complements; providing for copy to be filed with the county clerk; appropriating funds as provided in the budget; and adopting the FY 2024 - 2028 Infrastructure Management Plan.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 10.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Campos made a motion to amend the budget to include the tree canopy study, air quality monitoring, and heating and cooling enhancements, seconded by Council Member Klein. The motion failed.

Council Members and City Manager Peter Zanoni discussed the following topics: the City needs financial resources to pay for the amendments; Human Resources is working with the City Marshals to help place them in other City positions; a Council Member's request for more data to justify the heating and cooling enhancements; air monitoring is provided by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas A&M Corpus Christi, as well as a position in the health department; and concerns about what the funding for air quality monitoring will be used for.

Council Member Campos made a motion to amend the budget to reallocate \$50,000 from tree canopy study for additional tree planting, seconded by Council Member Hunter and passed unanimously.

Council Member Klein made a motion to amend the budget to include funding for the air quality monitoring services, seconded by Council Member Campos. Council Members Klein and Campos voted "Aye"; Mayor Guajardo, Council Members Barrera, Hernandez, Hunter, Pusley, Suckley and Roy abstained. The motion failed.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy and Council Member Campos

Nay: 3 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter and Council Member Klein

Abstained: 0

11. [23-1387](#) Public Hearing and First Reading Ordinance adopting the Corpus Christi Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Capital Budget in the amount of \$703,026,801 as amended by the schedule of adjustments, beginning October 1, 2023.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 11.

Director of Management and Budget Eddie Houlihan presented information on the following topics: 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP); and FY 24 CIP program funding uses.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, and Director of Management and Budget Eddie Houlihan discussed the following topics: the Bill Witt Park perimeter fencing will be done with the park dedication fees; and a Council Member's request that a low barrier homeless shelter be addressed in the future CIP.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 0

12. [23-1400](#) Public Hearing and First Reading Ordinance setting a property tax rate of \$0.599774 per \$100 valuation which is effectively an 8.3% increase over the no-new-revenue tax rate and approving the tax roll as calculated.(60 percent favorable vote required)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 12.

Interim Director of Finance and Procurement Alma Casas presented information on the following topics: FY 2024 tax rate; property tax dollar; property tax relief; and next steps.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, and Interim Director Casas discussed the following topics: over 4% of the tax increase is due to the increase in debt service; and a request to provide a property tax comparison using different home values to the public.

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 2024, and at the September 5, 2023, 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 Roy made the following motion, seconded by Council Member Pusley:

"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 an 8.3% increase in the tax rate."

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

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

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

Abstained: 0

13. [23-1364](#) Ordinance ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2023-2024 Operating Budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the FY 2022-2023 Operating Budget in amount of \$13,499,855.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 13.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, and Director of Management and Budget Eddie Houlihan discussed the following topics: if budget cuts were made they would have to come out of the general fund; the debt service payment is going up about \$4 million; a Council Member suggests using the 3.5% increase for maintenance and operation; and concern with a property tax increase every year.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Nay: 4 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter and Council Member Pusley

Abstained: 0

J. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 14 - 26)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Item 18 was pulled for individual

consideration.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 18, seconded by Council Member Roy. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

14. [23-1406](#) Approval of the August 22, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

15. [23-1251](#) Ordinance appropriating \$13,000.00 in the Health Grant Fund for an increase in the Beach Watch Program from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) to collect and analyze water samples, notify the public of beach water quality and to recommend and/or issue water quality advisories when warranted. for the period September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2025.

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

Enactment No: 033135

16. [23-1201](#) Zoning Case No. 0623-02, Ron & Vanessa, LLC III and TRR Development LLC (District 4). Ordinance rezoning properties at or near 15821 and 15826 South Padre Island Drive and 15822 and 15826 Palmira Ave from the CR-2/IO Resort Commercial District with the Island Overlay to the CR-2/IO/PUD Resort Commercial District with the Island Overlay and a Planned Unit Development; Providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

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

Enactment No: 033136

17. [23-1269](#) Zoning Case No. 0523-01 WinnCo Investments, LLC (District 3). Ordinance rezoning property at or near 6302 Old Brownsville Road from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "R-MH" Manufactured Home District; Providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication (Planning Commission and Staff Recommend approval).

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

Enactment No: 033137

18. [23-1273](#) Zoning Case No. 0623-01, MPM Development, LP, Corpus Christi Independent School District, and the City of Corpus Christi (District 5). Ordinance rezoning

property at or near 8101 Yorktown Boulevard from the “FR” Farm Rural District and the “RE” Residential Estate District to the “RS-4.5” Single-Family 4.5 District, the “CN-1” Neighborhood Commercial District, and the “CG-2” General Commercial District. Providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommended approval).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 18.

Council Member Klein asked to pull this item to vote no.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Council Member Klein

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033138

19. [23-0996](#) Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority in the amount of \$822,431 with a City cash match of \$169,372 and an in-kind match of \$714,806, for a total project cost of \$1,706,609 for salaries, overtime, and fringe benefits for four sworn officers three civilians (authorizing two additional general fund positions), and for operational needs for the Corpus Christi Police Department’s Auto Theft Task Force; and designating several City staff members as designated officials for the grant; and appropriating \$822,431 in the Police Grants Fund.

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

Enactment No: 033139

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

20. [23-1144](#) Motion authorizing a one-year service agreement, with two one-year options, with Sylvia Ann Barton dba Leroy and Richards Automotive, of Corpus Christi, for light fleet vehicle repairs and service for the Corpus Christi Fire Department, with a one-year amount not to exceed \$67,485.00 and a potential total amount not to exceed \$202,455.00 if both one-year options are exercised, with FY 2023 funding of \$5,625.00 from the General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-130

21. [23-0513](#) Motion authorizing execution of a three-year service agreement, with two

one-year options, with The Vibration Guys, LLC, of Pearland, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$231,351.00, and a potential amount of \$385,585.00 if the options are exercised, for vibration analysis and condition monitoring of the blowers at the wastewater treatment plants, with FY 2023 funding of \$32,132.08 from the Wastewater Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-131

22. [23-1236](#) Motion authorizing execution of a one-year service agreement, with two one-year options, with CSI Consolidated, LLC, dba AIMS Companies, of Houston, in an amount not to exceed \$710,500.00, with a potential amount of \$2,131,500.00 if options are exercised, for closed circuit televised cleaning and inspection of large diameter wastewater lines for Corpus Christi Water, with FY 2023 funding of \$75,000.00 from the Wastewater Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-132

23. [23-1252](#) Resolution authorizing a six-month service agreement with D. Reynolds Company, LLC, dba The Reynolds Company, of Fort Worth, for \$265,640.88, to purchase equipment and software required for the replacement of the Wastewater Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems at the Greenwood and Broadway Wastewater Treatment Plants, with funding from the Wastewater Capital Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033140

General Consent Items

24. [23-1318](#) Resolution authorizing execution of an interlocal cooperation agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) for integration of the City's public safety radio system and the LCRA's public safety radio system.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033141

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

25. [23-1329](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$167,000.00 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the 2024 Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Project for overtime for sworn officers to increase traffic enforcement in Corpus Christi, with a City match of \$42,669.75 in fringe benefits and fuel expenses, with funds available from the FY 2024 General Fund;

and appropriating \$167,000.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

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

26. [23-1360](#) Ordinance approving amendments to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 Amended Project & Financing Plans approved by the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone Number Two, Corpus Christi, Texas, recommending the allocation of \$150,950,000 in future revenue to specified projects including water and wastewater infrastructure, parks, mobility projects, developer reimbursement, and administration costs.

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

K. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 1:54 p.m. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 27 - 28)

27. [23-1103](#) Ordinance amending Section 14-231 of the City Code to amend the Building Code to provide an exemption for certain government, industrial, and agricultural facilities from permits, amending Sections 14-281 and 14-291 of the City Code to amend the Plumbing and Residential Construction Codes to incorporate Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulations for the testing of backflow assemblies and clarify backflow device requirements for carbonated beverage dispensers, amending Section 55-37 of the City Code to expand authority the disconnection of services for failure to install, test, or maintain a required backflow device; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 27.

Council Members, Director of Development Services Al Raymond, and Interim Assistant Director of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann discussed the following topics: a Council Member's suggestion to remove the backflow prevention device if there is no health hazard related; and the City and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality discuss any issues or concerns that local businesses may have.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

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 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

28. [23-1284](#) Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement with ARINC, Incorporated for space on the ground floor of the Corpus Christi International Airport terminal building for a five-year term, with the option to renew for two additional five-year terms.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 28.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Suckley 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 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

M. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 29 - 31)

29. [23-0968](#) Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Port of Corpus Christi Authority to reimburse \$7,117,722.95 to the City for related engineering and construction costs associated with the removal of two 16-inch waterlines and the installation of a new 24-inch waterline crossing the Corpus Christi Ship Channel located in City Council District 1.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 29.

A Council Member and Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds discussed the following topic: the Geographic Information System (GIS) keeps drawings with accurate locations of gas lines.

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033142

- 30.** [23-1362](#) Ordinance appropriating \$1,700,000.00 of anticipated hotel occupancy tax (HOT) revenues in the No. 1030 HOT Fund for a contractual payment to Visit Corpus Christi and for an emergency declaration for a transformer failure at American Bank Center; appropriating \$330,000.00 from the unreserved fund balance in the HOT Fund for professional consulting services related to the Convention Center Expansion Project; and amending the FY 2023 Operating Budget.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 30.

Council Members, Director of Management and Budget Eddie Houlihan, and Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert discussed the following topics: the \$330,000 from the unreserved fund balance is for efforts for the convention center expansion for services through December; and a request for a detailed list from the engineer of what the \$330,000 will entail.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 0

- 31.** [23-1374](#) Ordinance authorizing the approval of Change Order No. 1 with Fulton Coastcon General Contractors of Corpus Christi, Texas, in an amount of \$298,444.04 for a total amount not to exceed \$21,453,050.04 for the Police Training Academy, located in Council District 5, amending the Capital Budget with FY 2023 funding available from general fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 31.

Council Members, Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds, and Police Chief Mike Markle discussed the following topics: a Council Member's preference for a manual partition as opposed to a motorized partition to save on costs.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Barrera

N. BRIEFINGS: (NONE)

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE)

P. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Sarah Brunkenhoefer

From: CitySecretary
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 8:42 AM
To: Sarah Brunkenhoefer
Subject: FW: Public Input: 08-29-2022 - Lee Wheatley

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| Date of Meeting | 08-29-2022 |
| Name | Lee Wheatley |
| Address | Street Address: 2314 Greer Dr City: Corpus Christi State / Province: Tx Postal / Zip Code: 78418 |
| Topic | Budget |
| Agenda Item Number | Budget |
| Describe Feedback: | Must remove from budget over 41 million dollars to advertise use of natural gas. Total waste of dollars. No increase on any utilities. Must budge available funds and cut if necessary. Our retirement funds do not get increased, next to never! Return to policy " no new revenue tax rate" DO INCREASE water rates to Industrial & Apt complexes.... All my friends and neighbors agree but can not attend these council meetings mid day! |
| Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. | leane2314@gmail.com |

Sarah Brunkenhoefer

From: CitySecretary
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 10:25 AM
To: Sarah Brunkenhoefer
Subject: FW: Public Input: 08-29-2023 - Julie Rogers

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| Date of Meeting | 08-29-2023 |
| Name | Julie Rogers |
| Address | Street Address: 710 Furman Ave City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78404 |
| Topic | City Budget |
| Agenda Item Number | N/A |
| Describe Feedback: | Good morning, thank you for your work on the FY2023-24 Budget. It is so fulfilling to see our community give input and to feel like you are listening. Now, you have the opportunity to show us that you are listening by not only passing the proposed budget but by continuing to pursue equity for all in our community. After the decades of neglect our city has suffered, I understand that things cannot change overnight but we must continue to get on a better path. It is rumored that heating and cooling centers are not included in this budget, but I believe they are and should be included as part of the proposed sustainable initiatives. They are most necessary, but the funding should not impact or come from the budgets of the public libraries or community centers. Please |

continue to make our water rates more equitable too. Adjusting the industrial large volume users' rates is a very good step in the right direction. Take care, Julie Rogers

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Date of Meeting 08-29-2023
Name Chloe Rodriguez
Address Street Address: 7410 Lake Conroe Ct
 City: Corpus Christi
 State / Province: TX
 Postal / Zip Code: 78413
Topic FY 2024 Proposed Budget
Agenda Item Number UNSPECIFIED
Describe Feedback: Good morning.

I would like to comment that the heating and cooling centers for 6 libraries and 8 senior centers worth \$150K should not be removed from the budget. With increased risk of natural disaster from climate change, it is imperative to maintain stable spaces as one AC outage can mean heat stroke or death for some vulnerable populations.

I would also like to stress the importance of the tree canopy study and the air quality monitoring for the Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership. The tree canopy study would supplement the tree planting initiative through discovery of areas where trees are needed the most while the air quality monitoring

funding would help fund materials to expand air monitoring for all 6 criteria pollutants and VOCs. Of the 8 TCEQ air monitoring sites in the area, only 1 monitors for VOCs and with heavy industry presence and frequent flaring, it is important to monitor for community health through the air quality study.

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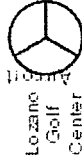
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Sarah Brunkenhoefer

From: CitySecretary
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 3:49 PM
To: Sarah Brunkenhoefer
Subject: FW: Public Input: 08-29-2023 - Stephanie Lewis

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| Date of Meeting | 08-29-2023 |
| Name | Stephanie Lewis |
| Address | Street Address: 1109 Bradshaw Dr City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78412 |
| Topic | In Support of Sustainability Initiatives |
| Agenda Item Number | 10, 15 |
| Describe Feedback: | <p>I'm writing in support of the sustainability initiatives being proposed for the budget. Air quality and water quality monitoring systems are essential to ensuring the health and safety of our residents and tourists, and to earn a reputation of a safe, clean environment for all to enjoy.</p> <p>Other sustainability initiatives such as the tree canopy survey that have been removed from the budget are important as well. As the summer months get hotter, an inadequate tree coverage will only result in an urban heat island effect that will exemplify the real feel effects. This will result in more heat exhaustion related emergencies putting our citizens that work outside at the highest risk. Also, studies have shown that cities with higher percentages of green spaces have happier</p> |

residents.

I urge you to reconsider the budget items that were removed. If any at all, please add the air quality monitoring back. The people of Corpus deserve to know the risks to their health.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.

lewisstephanie17@gmail.com