



City of Corpus Christi

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Corpus Christi, TX 78401
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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Reverend James Amerson with First Methodist Church.

Reverend James Amerson with First Methodist Church gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Ella Therese Garcia, 12th grader at St. John Paul II.

Ella Therese Garcia, 12th grader at St. John Paul II, 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

Note: Council Member Cantu attended by video conference.

Present: 8 - Council Member Roland Barrera, 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Carolyn Vaughn

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

F. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (ITEM 1)

1. [25-1507](#) Resolution nominating candidate(s) for the Nueces County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Nueces County Appraisal District Board of Directors:
Deven S. Bhakta and Gabriele Hilpold

Council Member Barrera moved to nominate Deven S. Bhakta and Gabriele Hilpold,

seconded by Council Member Roy and passed with the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Guajardo

Enactment No: 033744

G. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

H. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 2 -24)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Items 2, 6, 16, 17, 22 and 23 were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Paxson moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 2, 6, 16, 17, 22 and 23, seconded by Council Member Campos. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 0

2. [25-1477](#) Approval of the August 21, 2025 and August 28, 2025 Workshop Minutes, and September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

City Secretary Rebecca Huerta requested to pull the September 9, 2025 minutes, and to approve the August 21 and August 28 Workshop minutes.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the minutes with the exception of the September 9, 2025 minutes, seconded by Council Member Roy. The Minutes were passed and approved with the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 0

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

3. [25-1329](#) Ordinance awarding a construction contract to Fencing Unlimited, LLC of

West Monroe, LA for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant-Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Perimeter Fence Grant Project in an amount up to \$1,022,900.00; located in Council District 4; appropriating \$615,514.30 from the U.S. Department of the Navy.

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

Enactment No: 033759

4. [25-1341](#) Ordinance authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Padre Isles Property Owners Association (PIPOA) for improvements and ongoing maintenance to Don & Sandy Billish Park to update the maintenance obligations by the City and to allow the PIPOA to drill and construct four water wells for irrigation purposes.

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

Enactment No: 033760

5. [25-1330](#) Ordinance appropriating Airport Grant No. 74 in the amount of \$557,814.00 from the Federal Aviation Administration for the Airport Improvement Program for the Terminal Access Road "International Drive Rehabilitation" Project in the Airport CIP Grants Fund; appropriating and transferring \$29,359.00 from the Airport Operating Fund to the Airport Capital Reserve Fund; and amending the FY 2025 Capital Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures each by \$587,173.00.

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

Enactment No: 033761

6. [25-1430](#) Ordinance approving an economic development incentive agreement project between the Corpus Christi B Corporation (Type B Corporation) and Padre Island North, LLC for a total amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 for development of the Marriott Dual Branded Hotels, Courtyard & Residence Inn, Conference Center, Bar & Restaurant located at 15210 - 15222 Windward Drive, Corpus Christi; as part of the project developer, Padre Island North, LLC, will create 73 primary jobs for the new or expanded business enterprise; and appropriating \$2,000,000.00, in project funding to be reimbursed over a five-year period from the unreserved fund balance of the Corpus Christi B Corporation Economic Development fund.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Susie Luna Saldana, 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 second reading and approved with the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Guajardo

Enactment No: 033762

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

7. [25-1252](#) Motion authorizing a one-year service agreement with two one-year options, with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, of Richardson, Texas, for stop loss coverage for the City's self-funded employee health benefit plans from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, with funding from the proposed FY 2026 budget for an estimated amount of \$2,695,429.44 payable from the Police, Fire, and Civilian health benefit funds.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-123

8. [25-1171](#) Resolution authorizing a three-year service agreement with Qwake Technologies, of Austin, Texas, for the purchase of Qwake Technologies' C-THRU system which includes hardware, software, mobile applications, cloud storage, and video and audio streaming services for real-time firefighting visualization and navigation for the Corpus Christi Fire Department in an amount up to \$299,345.68, with FY 2025 funding of \$171,745.68 from the General Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033763

9. [25-1379](#) Motion authorizing the purchase of one Chevy Tahoe from Lake Country Chevrolet of Jasper, Texas, through the TIPS Cooperative, for a total amount of \$76,269.79 to be used by the Corpus Christi Police Department for the Operation Stonegarden Program (drug and human trafficking), with FY 2025 funding in the amount of \$75,000.00 available through the Police Grants Fund and \$1,269.79 from the General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-124

10. [25-1380](#) Motion authorizing the purchase of Cisco network and phone hardware and related SmartNet software licenses from Great South Texas Corp, dba Computer Solutions, of San Antonio, with an office in Corpus Christi, through the DIR Cooperative, for a total amount of \$336,684.87, with FY 2025 funding from the Information Technology Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-125

11. [25-1277](#) Motion authorizing execution of a one-year cooperative agreement with Insight Public Sector, Inc., of Chandler, Arizona, through the Omnia Cooperative, in an amount not to exceed \$129,064.41, for renewal of Adobe licenses for use of Acrobat, Captivate, Creative Cloud, Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, and Sign for City departments, with FY 2025 funding from various funds and continuing one-year renewals, subject to sufficient future appropriations.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-126

12. [25-1405](#) Motion to execute Amendment #1 to the five-year agreement, with five one-year options, with Infax, Inc., of Alpharetta, Georgia, to add four workstations, licenses, and support totaling \$60,790.00 to the Flight Information Display System upgrade project, for a revised total amount of \$459,997.00 and up to \$757,507.89 if all options are exercised, with FY 2025 funding of \$45,593.00 from the Airport Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-127

13. [25-1201](#) Motion authorizing execution of a five-year service agreement with FlashParking, Inc., of Austin, for the upgrade and replacement of hardware and software for parking lot system improvements at Corpus Christi International Airport, for an amount not to exceed \$538,019.00, with \$460,019.00 due in year one, with a potential up to \$658,008.00 if five additional one-year software renewal options are exercised, with FY 2025 funding of \$460,019.00 from the Airport Operating Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-128

14. [25-1147](#) Motion authorizing the purchase of the NoTraffic mobility platform for 77 intersections from Texas Highway Products, Ltd., of Round Rock, through the BuyBoard purchasing cooperative, in the amount of \$1,801,985.00 for software licenses, hardware, and components to enhance traffic signal operations to improve signal timing, safety, mobility, and begin synchronization along designated corridors to be completed in two phases (61 intersections and 16 intersections, respectively) for the Public Works Department, with FY 2025 funding of \$1,432,215.00 from G.O. Bond 2018 and Street CIP and FY 2026 funding of \$369,770.00 from the Streets Fund, subject to approval of the annual budget.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-129

15. [25-0814](#) Motion authorizing execution of a one-year supply agreement, with two one-year options, with Southern Ionics Incorporated, of West Point, Mississippi, in an amount not to exceed \$1,608,500.00, with a potential up to \$4,825,500.00 if options are exercised, to purchase sodium bisulfite for Corpus Christi Water, with FY 2025 funding of \$266,500.00 from the Wastewater Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-130

16. [25-1347](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase of 14 additional vehicles and equipment for Corpus Christi Water, of which all 14 units will be outright purchases, through the BuyBoard, Sourcewell, HGAC and TIPS Cooperatives for a total amount of \$1,113,619.65, with funding from FY 2025 Wastewater Fund.

Interim Director of Asset Management Juan Rivera, Assistant Director of Fleet Division Russell Dean, Director of Corpus Christi Water Wesley Nebgen, and Director of Finance Sergio Villasana, responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033764

17. [25-0998](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase and lease-purchase of 54 replacement and 10 additional light and heavy vehicles and equipment by various City Departments, of which 59 units will be outright purchases and five units will be lease-purchases, through the BuyBoard, HGAC, TIPS, and Sourcewell Cooperatives for a total amount of \$9,599,368.50, with FY 2025 funding in the amount of \$116,623.23 coming from the FY 2025 General Fund, \$216,574.50 coming from the FY 2025 Street Fund, and \$7,776,805.62 coming from the FY 2025 Fleet Equipment Replacement Fund.

See Item 16.

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033765

Consent - Capital Projects

18. [25-1342](#) Motion awarding a construction contract to Cash Construction Company, Inc., of Pflugerville, TX for the Williams Lift Station Force Main project to construct a parallel force main to the existing force main in an amount up to \$18,555,978.00, located in Council Districts 4 and 5, with FY 2025 funding available from the Wastewater Capital Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-131

19. [25-1384](#) Motion awarding a construction contract to M5 Utilities, LLC, of Boerne, TX for the London Area Wastewater Collection System Improvements project in an amount up to \$9,673,073.25 for the Total Base Bid plus Additive Alternate No. 1, located in Council District 3, 5, and outside City limits, with FY 2025 funding available from the Wastewater Capital Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-132

20. [25-1444](#) Motion awarding a construction contract to Guerra Underground, LLC, of Austin, Texas for the Sand Dollar Connection Line 16" (Coral Vine) project in an amount up to \$9,997,672.00 for the Base Bid plus Additive Alternate No. 2 and authorizing a professional services contract amendment no. 2 with Garver, of Houston, Texas with an office in Corpus Christi for construction administration phase services in an amount of \$201,025.00 with a total contract value of \$884,985.00, located in Council District 4, with FY 2025 funding available from the Water Capital Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-133

21. [25-1442](#) Resolution awarding a construction contract with Gerke Excavating, Inc. of Tomah, Wisconsin, for the reconstruction of Starlite Lane from Violet Road to Leopard Street with new concrete pavement, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, ADA-compliant curb ramps, signage, pavement markings, upgraded street illumination, utility, and drainage improvements, in an amount up to \$12,563,957.74, located in Council District 1 with funding available up to \$7,177,916.50 from FY2025. The remaining funds up to \$5,386,041.24, will

be available from the FY2026 Street Bond 2022, Storm Water, Water, Wastewater, and Gas Funds.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033766

22. [25-1209](#) Motion authorizing a professional services contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas for the design, bid, and construction phase services of Williams Drive from Rodd Field Road to Lexington Road, located in Council District 4, in an amount not to exceed \$1,995,282.00, with FY 2025 funding available from the Type B Sales Tax fund, and Water, Waster and Gas Revenue Bond funds.

City Manager Peter Zanoni, Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds, Interim Assistant City Manager Ernesto De La Garza, and Director of Finance Sergio Villasana, responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Absent: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2025-134

General Consent Items

23. [25-1497](#) Resolution approving eight Corpus Christi B Corporation (Type B Corporation) Economic Development Small Business Agreement Projects with the following entities for one year: LiftFund, Inc., Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi, and five projects with Del Mar College for a total amount not to exceed \$1,174,725.00, to assist small businesses within the City of Corpus Christi to create/retain jobs to promote and develop business enterprises.

Compliance Officer of Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation Randy Almaguer, responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Dr. J. Louise Liu, Corpus Christi, TX, Jae Johnson-Lee, Corpus Christi, TX, Sarah Flores, Corpus Christi, TX, Melissa Jimenez, Corpus Christi, TX, Avery Durrill, Corpus Christi, TX, Adrienne Trevino, Corpus Christi, TX, Laura Lerma, Corpus Christi, TX, and Lenora Keas, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033767

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

24. [25-1292](#) Ordinance appropriating additional funding for Airport Grant No. 69 in the amount of \$16,194.00 from the Federal Aviation Administration in the Airport CIP Grants Fund for the Terminal Building Rehabilitation Project; appropriating and transferring \$852.00 from the Airport Operating Fund to the Airport Capital Reserve Fund for the required match; and amending the FY 2025 Capital Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures each by \$17,046.00.

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

I. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:05 p.m. Executive Session Items 28 and 29 were held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

K. BRIEFINGS: (ITEM 25)

25. [25-1451](#) Briefing from South Texas Water Authority (STWA) on test well results, possible volume projections and optional terms regarding possible brackish groundwater desalination agreement, **as requested by City Council members Gil Hernandez, Eric Cantu, and Carolyn Vaughn.**

Nueces County Commissioner John Marez presented a briefing on the South Texas Water Authority (STWA) expansion project as follows: water quality; volume; and

contract.

County Commissioner Marez, Interim Chief Operations Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann, City Attorney Miles Rilsey, and STWA attorney Charlie Zahn, responded to Council questions.

L. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEMS 26 - 27)

26. [25-1498](#) FY 2025 3rd Quarter Financial Report

City Manager Peter Zanoni presented the 3rd Quarter Financial Report as follows: general fund revenues; 3rd quarter actual revenues \$283.5M; general fund expenses; 3rd quarter actual expenditures \$246.5M; HOT tax revenue; water fund; wastewater fund; FY 2025 budget initiatives; Capital Improvement Program; quarter 3 report summary; and next steps.

27. [25-1499](#) Update on Alternative Water Supply Projects

Interim Chief Operations Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann presented information on the following topics: water supply projects update; water supply dashboard; 7-day streamflow anomaly; Nueces River Basin Hydrology recap; Nueces River groundwater wells project; CC Polymers Seawater Desalination Plant; reuse alternatives; NRA-Harbor Island Seawater Desalination; and EV Ranch project.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 28-29)

- 28. [25-1457](#) Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to rules and regulations of state of Texas, EPA, TCEQ, TWDB, Texas Railroad Commission, San Patricio County Groundwater Conservation District, and legal rights, property rights, and contracts related to purchase and/or sale of groundwater, including sources from the Evangeline Aquifer and other sources, and **Texas Government Code § 551.072** to discuss and deliberate the purchase or value of the aforementioned rights to real property because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, including, but not limited to, potential consideration of authorization to enter agreement(s) for fees for attorneys, engineers, geologists, hydrogeologists, and other experts to assist in the proposed transaction and/or the purchase of the property or property(ies) at and/or adjacent to locations (if any) described herein.**

This E-Session Item was passed after executive session.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to authorize the Term Sheet for Fee Simple Groundwater Rights and the

execution of agreements and amendments with attorneys, engineers, surveyors, and hydrogeologists to assist in the acquisition of fully permitted (including drilling, production and transportation permits for the full permitted volume) fee simple groundwater rights from Evangeline/Laguna, LP and the development of the wellfield and conveyance system in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$928,000.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2025-135

29. [25-1529](#) **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 the lawsuit of *Ajit David vs. City of Corpus Christi, et al.* including, but not limited to, potential consideration of authorization to enter agreement(s) for attorneys in said case.

This E-Session Item was passed after executive session.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to authorize execution of a professional services agreement to represent the City in the case of Ajit David vs. City of Corpus Christi and Mayor Paulette Guajardo with Hyde Kelley LLP in an hourly amount totaling up to \$325,000 and an amendment to the professional service agreement to represent the Mayor in said case with McKibben, Martinez, Jarvis & Wood L.L.P. in an hourly amount totaling up to an additional \$119,000.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Susie Luna Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Nay: 1 - Council Member Cantu

Absent: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2025-136

N. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke: Keenan Laymon, Corpus Christi, TX, Brad Bartilson, Corpus Christi, TX, Robert Simmons, Corpus Christi, TX, Richard Milby, Corpus Christi, TX, Eric Von Wade, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Luna Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Adam Rios, Corpus Christi, TX, Amanda Guerra, Corpus Christi, TX, Matthew Rankin, Corpus Christi, TX, Isabel Araiza, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, Daniel Pena, Corpus Christi, TX, Christina English, Corpus Christi, TX, Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, and Eli McKay, Corpus Christi, TX.

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

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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Date of Meeting

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Name

Jason Hale

Address

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CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, 78411-3059

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

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 2

Topic

Water Supply Developments

Agenda Item Number

n/a

Comment

See attached.

Upload supporting images or documents.



Public Comment Regarding Water Sup....pdf

Public Comment Regarding Water Supply Developments

09/23/2025

Hi Councilmembers, over the next few weeks you will be reviewing over 150 MGD worth of water projects. That's enough water to double our water supplies. While that sounds great, the costs involved are immense. My request today is that you keep in mind the affordability of water for residents. Cost isn't the only factor though, if we tie up all of these supplies today, future generations will have limited options for new supplies. So I ask that you keep that in mind as well.

The Goal

If the goal is to reach 120 MGD of water supply without Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon, then we only need 40 MGD to get there.

- We have 80 right now w/ Mary Rhodes & eastern Nueces River groundwater wells
- 18 is on the way from the western wells
- leaving 27 MGD left.

How y'all decide to go about that is up to you.

Affordable Water Rates

However, for the sake of residents and the affordability of their water bills, I am requesting that we

1. only develop enough water to meet existing water needs
2. plus enough for 5 to 10 years of municipal growth.

I believe Evangeline would get us 90% there. The remaining 3 MGD we could get through conservation if needed. Last year we only used 110 MGD, so we'd actually be ahead at that point.

Don't Forget about the Reservoirs

What's important to keep in mind is that Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon have reliably delivered over 65 MGD since the 2000's.

That means once we get the rain we're due for, we will have a surplus of 60 MGD.

That gives us enough water to

1. back off on the ground water wells (if desired), and to still have enough water to
2. not need a new supply for at least 15 years, assuming 1% growth in total water demands.

My Recommendation

My recommendation is for the City to not overdevelop water supplies in order to keep water bills affordable. I am also recommending that as we move forward, we phase in new supplies in moderate amounts on a regular basis to keep up with growth. Something like 5 to 10 MGD every 5 to 10 years would keep rate shock down and ensure we don't fly through new supplies faster than intended like what happened in 2018 with Mary Rhodes Phase II.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jason Hale