



Meeting Minutes

City Council Workshop

Thursday, August 15, 2024

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

Solid Waste, Public Works, Animal Care Services, Health

A. Mayor Pro Tem Campos to call the meeting to order.

Mayor Pro Tem Campos called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

B. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta to call the roll of the required Charter Officers

City Secretary Rebecca Huerta called the roll and verified that a quorum of the City Council and the required Charter Officers were present to conduct the meeting.

Charter Officers: City Manager Peter Zaroni, City Attorney Miles Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

Present 8 - Roland Barrera, Gil Hernandez, Michael Hunter, Sylvia Campos, Dan Suckley, Everett Roy, Mike Pusley, and Jim Klein

Absent 1 - Paulette Guajardo

C. BRIEFINGS:

1. [24-1338](#) FY 2025 Workshop: Solid Waste Services

Mayor Pro Tem Campos referred to Item 1.

Director of Solid Waste Services David Lehfeldt presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about solid waste services; services provided to residents; organization; FY 2024 achievements; FY25 proposed budget general fund 1020: \$35.9M; services funded by monthly utility bill; FY 2025 estimated residential cost of service; and FY 2025 program changes.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, and Director Lehfeldt discussed the following topics: the Recycle Right Program will be reduced to a two person team, but events will be held to educate the community on how to recycle properly; whether recycling glass is cost effective; and a concern with the overtime budget.

2. [24-1339](#) FY 2025 Budget Workshop: Public Works

Mayor Pro Tem Campos referred to Item 2.

Director of Public Works-Streets Ernesto De La Garza presented information on the

following topics: streets mission statement; about Public Works-streets and traffic; organizational chart; street crews; FY 2024 achievements; performance measures; 10 years of street funding; fiscal year 2025; street maintenance and reconstruction; FY 2025 proposed budget-\$129.4 million; rapid pavement program snapshot FY 2022-2024; rapid pavement program snapshot FY 2025; FY 2025 program changes-capital equipment for street operations; FY 2025 program changes non-structural overlay program (skin patch); and FY 2025 program changes rapid pavement program-ADA improvements.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, Director De La Garza, Assistant City Manager Neiman Young, and Assistant Director of Public Works (Street Operations) Manuel Hernandez discussed the following topics: the total amount of street expenditures; a concern about the City's inconsistent data on social media regarding streets; Public Works collaborates with Engineering Services on street construction; a request for a breakdown on how residential streets are funded; and the cost of hiring in-house crews versus hiring a contractor for residential streets.

Director of Public Works-Storm Water Ernesto De La Garza presented information on the following topics: storm water mission statement; about Public Works-storm water; organizational chart; FY 2024 achievements; performance measures; FY 2025 proposed budget storm water fund: \$33.7M; FY 2023-2028 service enhancement forecast; FY 2023-2028 five-year forecast; FY 2025 program changes in-house street sweeping; and FY 2025 program changes maintenance of storm water line construction crew enhancement.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Assistant Director of Public Works (Storm Water) Gabriel Hinojosa discussed the following topics: a desire to increase mowing services throughout the City; the importance of maintaining the storm water lines; staff is exploring additional grant funding for the construction process; and Council Members commended staff for the street sweeping progress.

3. [24-1341](#) FY 2025 Budget Workshop: Animal Care Services

Mayor Pro Tem Campos referred to Item 3.

Director of Animal Care Services Kathleen Chapa presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about animal care services; organization; ACS advisory committee; FY 2024 achievements; Citygate Associates, LLC; Citygate assessment; FY 2024 enhancements; FY 2025 proposed budget animal care services \$5.0M; FY 2025 enhancement; and FY 2025 reduction.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Director Chapa discussed the following topics: a Council Member's desire that the assessment workshop be held in November 2024; at least 11 kennel technicians are required to care for the animals and maintain the kennels; Animal Care's relationship with other entities; the success rate and time frame for service calls; and Animal Care is working with Gulf Coast Humane Society to develop a robust volunteer program.

4. [24-1340](#) FY 2025 Budget Workshop: Health

Mayor Pro Tem Campos referred to Item 4.

Director of Public Health Dr. Fauzia Khan presented information on the following topics: mission statement; organization; about public health district; FY 2024 achievements; partnerships; FY 2025 Nueces County partnership; FY25 health district proposed expenses budget: \$40.4M; FY25 proposed budget fund 1020 general fund: \$5.9M; FY25 proposed budget fund 1046 waiver fund: \$0.5M; FY25 proposed budget 1049 charity care/waiver fund: \$1.8M; FY 2025 enhancement-general fund and waiver; Vector Control Services; FY 2025 enhancement-charity care; FY 2025 continuation-charity care; FY 2025 continuation-waiver; FY 2025 transfer of funding-waiver; and proposed fee schedule increase.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, Dr. Khan, Assistant Director of Public Health Dante Gonzalez, and Senior Management Analyst Blandina Costley discussed the following topics: it takes Vector Control one week to spray the entire City for mosquitoes; chemicals are rotated out so the mosquitoes don't develop resistance; residents are responsible for maintaining lawns to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs; the importance of obtaining pesticides that can be used near the water; the Health Department will share more information about spraying for mosquitoes on social media; what items are included in professional services; and the community can purchase dunks locally for treating standing water around their homes.

D. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Campos adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.