



# City of Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Minutes

### City Council Workshop Session

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Tuesday, August 8, 2017

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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- A. Mayor Joe McComb to call the meeting to order.**

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

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

**Present** 9 - Mayor Joe McComb, Council Member Rudy Garza, Council Member Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Debbie Lindsey-Opel, Council Member Ben Molina, Council Member Lucy Rubio, Council Member Greg Smith, and Council Member Carolyn Vaughn

Council Member Hunter arrived at 9:07 a.m.

- C. BRIEFINGS TO CITY COUNCIL:**

- 1. Proposed FY 2017 - 2018 Budget Workshop - General Fund and Internal Service Funds**

Mayor McComb referred to Item 1. City Manager Margie C. Rose provided opening remarks regarding the proposed FY 2017-2018 budget workshop covering the General and Internal Services Funds.

Director of Budget and Strategic Management Eddie Houlihan presented information on the following topics related to the General Fund: mission; number of employees; revenue / general resources; total expenditures; projected change in the fund balance; and FY 2018 decision packages.

In response to questions from council members, Mr. Houlihan discussed the following topics: time line for completion of natatorium renovations; ownership of the natatorium; communications and planning relating to contractual expenditures related to the natatorium and other projects; that the

natatorium's hours of operation are shared between Corpus Christi Independent School District and the City; that the cost of living adjustment, programmed into the FY 2018 General Fund for Police and Fire, are the result of contractual obligations set out in their collective bargaining agreements with the City; the sources of funding for the cost of living adjustment for Police and Fire; using the funding set aside for the cost of living adjustment for Police and Fire for other priorities; the listing of contractual obligations as decision packages; what decision the city council is being asked to make when items are contractual obligations; the financial unsustainability of monies dedicated to public safety; the need for Police and Fire to "come to the table" to address their fiscally unsustainable collective bargaining agreements.

Mr. Houlihan presented an overview and the order of departmental presentations.

Chief of Police Mike Markel (including Animal Control and Code Enforcement), Fire Chief Robert Rocha, Director of Solid Waste Lawrence Mikolajczyk, Director of Parks and Recreation Jay Ellington, and Director of Court Administration Gilbert Hernandez each presented the following information for their respective departments: mission and mission elements; key services and related full-time equivalencies (FTEs); efficiencies achieved in FY 2017 and planned in FY 2018; number of employees; total revenues; and expenditures.

Following the Code Enforcement portion of Chief Markel's presentation, the following items were discussed in response to questions from council members: the status of programs funded by the Crime Control and Prevention District; funding for additional Police officers; and the impact of Internal Service allocations.

Following Chief Rocha's presentation, the following items were discussed in response to questions from council members: consideration to give the Fire Department some EMS revenues; moving resources from within the Fire Department to staff Fire Station 18; history of staffing plans for Fire Station 18; the desire to staff Fire Station 18; that construction of Fire Station 18 should be completed by about November of 2017; Fire Department staffing levels; the decisions for which city council is responsible; funding of drag-up pay for Fire personnel; and a request from certain council members that Chief Rocha provide the city council with a map showing response times for each fire station in the City, depicted as circles surrounding each fire station.

Following Mr. Mikolajczyk's presentation, the following items were discussed in response to questions from council members: the frequency and location of street sweeping; the remaining life of the landfill; that landfill life is calculated by volume; the current and historical frequency of bulky trash pickup; and the reason the Solid Waste Department's debt service is being paid from the Debt Service Fund versus from the General Fund.

Following Mr. Ellington's presentation, the following items were discussed in response to questions from council members: the number of FTEs dedicated to drainage mowing; the duties and staffing levels of Park Operations; the importance of making the bayfront more beautiful; the adopt-a-park program; and the amount of General and Operating Fund revenue necessary to support the proposed expenditures.

Following Mr. Hernandez' presentation, the following items were discussed in response to questions from council members: the need to modernize and streamline the customer queueing process at Municipal Court; the number of clerks planned for warrant production; computers in city marshals' vehicles; the use of walk-through metal detectors; Special Revenue Fund sources and uses; records retention; collection of fines; payment plans and related fees; court costs set by the state and fines set by a judge, and the percentage of each that goes to the State of Texas / are retained by the City; a council member asked for a review of fees assessed by municipal court judges; utilizing community service in lieu of fines; and the efficiency with which customer calls are answered.

#### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.