



Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

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 11:33 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Deacon Richard Longoria with St. Helena of the True Cross of Jesus.

Deacon Richard Longoria, St. Helena of the True Cross of Jesus, gave the invocation.

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

Grace Caroline Molite, 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 Zanoni, 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: (ITEMS 1-2)

1. [24-0590](#) Staff Announcement: Rebecca Castillo, Director of Human Resources

City Manager Peter Zanoni announced Rebecca Castillo as the Director of Human Resources. Ms. Castillo has over 20 years of Human Resource experience.

2. [24-0542](#) April 18 Governor's Small Business Summit hosted in Corpus Christi, Overview presented by Heather Hurlbert, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert presented information on the Governor's Small Business Summit to be held on April 18 at the American Bank Center. The

summit will offer sessions important for small businesses.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

John Weber, 609 Naples St., presented information about Open Meetings Act Training Part 2.

Ron Graban, 202 Surfside Blvd., commended a few Council Members for attending a FEMA regulations meeting with the North Beach Association, and that he was not aware of certain TIRZ #4 projects.

Carrie Meyer, 4401 Gulfbreeze Blvd., expressed concern that she did not receive notification about the date change for the TIRZ #4 meeting.

The following citizens advocated for a skate park in the Commodores Park Development plan: Cheryl and Cole Segrest, 14965 Canadian Mist Lane, Shane and Jesse Jeansonne, 14918 Tesoro Dr., Mason Ellis, 14710 Lighthouse Dr., Kim Erwin and Trey Noles, 13957 Dasmarinas Dr., Christina Fratila, 15126 Cane Harbor Blvd., Marc Graham, 13905 Forestay St., Michael Lesinski, 15614 Finistere St., Brant Garner, 15533 Finistere St., and Adam Rios, 7301 Tangled Ridge Court.

The following citizens spoke in support of Item 13: Eric Baggerman, 1400 Ocean Dr., Samantha Myers, 606 Pennington Dr., Elizabeth Loika, 15866 Punta Espada Loop, and April Loveless, 1533 S. Brownlee Blvd.

Don Osborn, 513 Sam Rankin, spoke about the TCEQ meeting on April 18, spoke in support of vaccinations, and in opposition to desalination.

Jaime Fergie, 7613 Del Rio Dr., spoke in support of all immunizations.

Ajit David, 5821 Ocean Dr., spoke in support of the skate park at Commodores Park, and expressed concern about project costs associated with FEMA flood zone requirements.

Rachel Caballero, 522 Hancock Ave., spoke about public comment restrictions and opposed to desalination in the Corpus Christi Bay.

Chuck Anderson, 706 Imperial Harbor, spoke about TIRZ # 4 expenditures and in opposition to desalination in the Corpus Christi Bay.

Xavier Gonzales, 2626 Grand Isle Circle, advocated for public health.

The following citizens spoke in support of Item 15: Gail Anderson, 409 Grant Place, Monica Hansen, 7014 Chiswick Dr., Samuel Fryer, 2222 Cardinales Lanes, Victoria Holland, 235 Ohio Ave., Melinda De Los Santos, 611 Gulf Shore Place, Kelley Burnett, Ingleside, TX, and Karl Guenther, Rockport, TX.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to Item 15: John Lusins, 2110 Halcon St., Sonia Matthew, 4218 Lake Apache Dr., and Allyson Larkin, 3261 Austin St.

Shirin Delsooz, 6030 Tapestry Dr., spoke about conservation policies for plastics and fossil fuels.

G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (ITEM 3)

3. [24-0550](#) Airport Board (3 vacancies)
Board of Adjustment (7 vacancies)
Island Strategic Action Committee (4 vacancies)
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (1 vacancy)
Sister City Committee (1 vacancy)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 3.

Airport Board:

Reappointed: John P. LaRue

Appointed: Kimberly D. Barrientos and Kristen Martinez

Board of Adjustment:

Reappointed: Brandon Crowson, Robert Reyna, and Priscilla San Miguel

Appointed: Sue Corey, Ricardo Manzanares-Lopez, Jo M. Rios, and Thomas Howk

Island Strategic Action Committee:

Appointed: Bryan Gulley (Mustang Island Representative), William R. Hibbs II (At-Large), Alan A. Guggenheim (Residential Property Owner), and Kamran Zarghouni (Realtor)

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee:

Appointed: George W. Woods III

Sister City Committee:

Appointed: Joe Benavides

H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 4-14)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. No Items were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve the consent agenda, 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

4. [24-0618](#) Approval of the April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

5. [24-0422](#) Motion authorizing execution of a three-year service agreement with two one-year option periods with Industrial/Organizational Solutions, of Oak Brook, Illinois, to provide promotional testing services for the Corpus Christi Police Department for an amount up to \$316,257.00 and a total amount up to \$527,095.00 if both one-year options are exercised, with FY 2024 funding in an amount of \$52,709.50 available through the General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-051

6. [24-0119](#) Motion authorizing execution of a three-year service agreement with two one-year options with Industrial/Organizational Solutions, of Oak Brook, Illinois, to provide promotional testing services for the Corpus Christi Fire Department for an amount up to \$348,873.00 and a total amount up to \$581,455.00 if both one-year options are exercised, with FY 2024 funding in an amount of \$58,145.00 available through the General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-052

7. [24-0215](#) Motion authorizing a three-year service agreement with Carahsoft Technology Corporation, of Reston, Virginia, for a three-year subscription to the LinkedIn Learning for Government to provide professional development and continuing education resources for City of Corpus Christi employees in an amount up to \$152,398.08, with FY 2024 funding in the amount of \$31,917.44 from the General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-053

8. [24-0420](#) Resolution authorizing renewal of property insurance, including All Other Perils (AOP), Flood, Named Storm, Wind/Hail, Earthquake, and Equipment Breakdown insurance, through Carlisle Insurance Agency, Broker of Record, for the upcoming policy year (May 4, 2024-May 4, 2025), for an annual premium of \$3,769,127.59

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033344

9. [24-0353](#)

Resolution authorizing the purchase of four, six-compartment slide-in kennels for existing Animal Control vehicles from Deerskin Mfg., Inc. of Springtown, Texas, for \$82,156.00 with FY2024 funding in the amount of \$82,156.00 from the General Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033345

10. [24-0094](#)

Motion authorizing the execution of a one-year service agreement, with two one-year options for equipment maintenance, with AYC, LLC, dba Hest Fitness Products, of Corpus Christi, for \$112,594.00 and a potential amount of \$136,674.00 if options are exercised for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of exercise equipment at the Senior Centers for the Parks and Recreation Department, as approved by Council in the FY 2024 Budget, with funding of \$112,594.00 from the Health 1115 Waiver Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-054

Consent - Capital Projects

11. [23-1860](#)

Motion awarding a professional services contract to Ardurra Group, of Corpus Christi, Texas, in an amount up to \$3,806,500 to provide design, bid, and construction phase services for the installation of a new waterline crossing the Laguna Madre and extending to Padre Island, located in Council Districts 4 and 5, with FY 2024 funding available from the Water Capital Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-055

12. [24-0507](#)

Motion authorizing a construction contract to Associated Construction Partners, Ltd., Boerne, Texas, for the Broadway Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation project in an amount of \$13,484,305.00 for the Total Base Bid Plus Additive Alternate No. 1, located in Council District 1, with FY 2024 funding available from the Wastewater Capital Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-056

General Consent Items

13. [24-0423](#)

Motion authorizing an amendment to the Agreement for City-Operated Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District (CCNCPHD) for

FY23-24, to restore the remaining six months of the contract services for a cost of \$882,648.00, which were originally scheduled to terminate on April 2, 2024.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-057

14. [24-0522](#) Resolution approving the annexation of additional properties to expand the Corpus Christi Downtown Management District (DMD) southern boundary to Buford and Water Street, adding an additional 40.721 acres, anticipated to produce \$55,000 annually for the DMD, bringing the current revenues to \$325,000.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033346

J. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:01 p.m. Executive Session Items 20-22 were held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (NONE)

L. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEM 15-18)

15. [24-0617](#) Ordinance repealing January 30, 2024 City Council approval of Ordinance No. 033276, which approved the acceptance of the \$75,000 Partnership for Vaccine Equity (PAVE) Grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to provide a Communications Campaign to strengthen vaccination uptake, as requested by Council Members Hunter, Pusley, and Hernandez.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 15.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, Director of Public Health Fauzia Khan, and Dr. Srikanth Ramachandrani discussed the following topics: concerns regarding purpose of grant, its intended target groups, appropriation of funds, and compliance with the National Association of County and City Health Officials.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Shawn Flanagan, 4218 Herndon St. and Deborah Williamson, 25 Rock Creek Dr., spoke in support of this item.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

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

Aye: 5 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Roy

Nay: 4 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

16. [24-0489](#) Resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Support Agreement with the Naval Air Station of Corpus Christi (NASCC) for the City to provide maintenance and repairs to NASCC's fencing, elevators, roofing, and utility system utilizing existing and newly procured contracts to provide services to be reimbursed by NASCC.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 16.

Director of Intergovernmental Relations Ryan Skrobarczyk presented information on the following topics: IGSA overview; and IGSA history.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Hunter. 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: 033347

17. [24-0504](#) Motion awarding a construction contract to Bay Ltd., of Corpus Christi, Texas, for Base Bid 4 in an amount of \$6,000,000.00, with the option to renew for one additional year to be administratively authorized for a total amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.00 for Residential Street Rebuild Program FY 2024 and FY 2025 as planned in the Rapid Pavement Program, located city-wide with funding available through Street Fund, Storm Water, Wastewater, Water and Gas Capital Funds.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 17.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Director of Public Works Ernest De La Garza discussed the following topics: this Rapid Pavement Program is moving along swiftly which focuses only on residential streets; and there is no penalty if

contractors don't achieve a certain amount of lane mileage within an allotted time frame, but the work will be given to another contractor.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Hunter. This Motion 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: M2024-058

18. [24-0544](#) Proposed Bond 2024 Briefing, to include funding amounts per category and a listing of proposed candidate projects to be presented to stakeholders and citizens.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 18.

Assistant City Manager Neiman Young presented information on the following topics: key dates for Bond 2024; recent General Obligation Bond programs; guiding principles to be used in developing the program; city bond background; Bond 2024 program summary; and Bond 2024-street proposed candidate projects.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, and Assistant City Manager Young discussed the following topics: concerns about this proposed bond being the largest bond in the City's history; the pilot program will include a defined list of sidewalks for a total of one million dollars; and a request for a workshop to be held to discuss Bond 2024 in greater depth.

M. BRIEFINGS: (ITEM 19)

19. [24-0553](#) Briefing on Actuarial Audit of Corpus Christi Firefighters' Retirement System Actuarial Valuation as of December 31, 2020.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 19.

Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez and Principal Actuarial Consultant Jason Franken with Foster and Foster presented information on the following topics: Corpus Christi Firefighters' Retirement System (CCFFRS); pension governance; Corpus Christi Firefighters' Retirement System (CCFFRS) Board of Trustees (7 members); CCFFRS support staff; number of firefighter pension recipients; contributions for city employees; history of contribution rates; funding levels for both pension plans;

requirements for actuarial valuation; CCFFRS actuarial valuation; audit for actuarial valuation; current year actuarial audit; audit objectives; overall findings; recommendations; and actuary response.

Council Members, CFO Sanchez, and Mr. Franken discussed the following topics: retired firefighters have received an increase of \$110; and a breakdown of contributions for general city employees and police versus firefighters.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 20-22)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Executive Session Items 20, 21 and 22. The Council went into Executive Session at 2:01 p.m. The Council returned from Executive Session at 3:26 p.m.

20. [24-0582](#) **Executive Session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code § 551.071** and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to the case of *Douglas Edward Taylor v. City of Corpus Christi*, including potential consideration of settlement offers and/or fees for attorneys, engineers, other expert witnesses assisting in this case, deposition fees, and court costs, and updates on litigation in other cases.

This E-Session Item was passed after executive session.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to authorize the execution of all documents necessary to settle the case of Douglas Edward Taylor III vs. City of Corpus Christi in an amount not to exceed \$165,000.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Hunter. This Motion 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: M2024-059

21. [24-0609](#) **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 City Auditor and **Texas Government Code § 551.074** (personnel matters) to deliberate the evaluation of the City Auditor.

This E-Session Item was passed after executive session.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to authorize issuance of evaluation of the City Auditor with the final rating of 3

out of 4 and increase the Auditor's salary by five percent based on said evaluation.

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Motion 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: M2024-060

22. [24-0631](#) **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 incentive(s) for development at properties adjacent to N. Chaparral Street and Lomax Street, including floodwall and dry flood proofing, and **Texas Government Code § 551.087** to discuss and deliberate regarding the aforementioned potential financial or other incentive(s) to business prospects(s) that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City and with which the City will be conducting economic development negotiations

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

O. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 5:42 p.m