

# **City of Corpus Christi**

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# **Meeting Minutes - Final**

# **Watershore and Beach Advisory Committee**

Thursday, September 5, 2024

5:30 PM

Staff Conference Room 1st Floor, City Hall.

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### A. Call To Order

#### B. Roll Call

Present: 8 - Armon D. Alex, David Zill, Larisa A. Ford, Scott Lawson, Kathryn Hyatt, Harrison A.

McNeil, Ruben Macias, and Glenn Duhon

Excused: 1 - Janie Gifford

### C. Public Comment

There was one person from the public in attendance but he did not wish to speak.

## D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

Scott made a motion to accept the July minutes as presented, Larisa seconded, the motion passed. Larisa made a motion to approve the absences, Glenn seconded, the motion passed.

### E. Committee Reports

1. 24-0822 BMAC Report - Cliff Schalbach

Cliff was not in attendance therefore there was not a BMAC report.

## 2. <u>24-0823</u> ISAC Report

Darren reported that ISAC mostly spoke about the mobility plan. Harrison said that he will get the minutes from the meeting for the next WBAC meeting.

### F. Staff Reports

Darren reported that the lifeguard stands have been taken off the beach and the staff has been reduced to the winter needs. Darren is looking at moving sand in the next couple of months. The shoreline survey is going to Council next week. Darren did note that the beach has built back nicely after Alberto. Deidre will be doing a shoreline survey first and then a profile survey. Harrison asked about the new lifeguard building and it is still in design. Darren did say that they hope to put a small restroom at the Packery Boat parking lot. Harrison asked about the permit sales and was told that all the numbers are not in but the sales will probably be lower than last year. There was a question about raising the beach parking stickers and Darren explained that the process is not a quick one; the GLO must agree, among others and the permits are printed in the previous year. That means that if the price was to increase for 2026, that process would have to have started already.

#### G. Unfinished Business

#### H. New Business for Discussion and Possible Action

## 3. 24-1160 Presentation by the Galveston Parks Board

Harrison introduced Sheryl Rozier, the director of Coastal Projects for the city of Galveston, he also noted that Galveston, in the last decade has ramped up their beach nourishment projects.

Sheryl presented "Galveston's Impacts on the Texas Coast" with slides. this presentation is available, in hardcopy within the WBAC files. She started with an overview of Galveston, a barrier island with 53,695 residents. Next she spoke about the Park Board, a specialized unit of local government created for the purpose of directing tourism efforts for Galveston. The Park Board is responsible for destination marketing, coastal management, beach patrol and beach park facility managers. Sheryl told us about the organizations involved in the process, the most important being the Texas General Land office. Other organizations involved are the United States Army Corp of Engineers, and several Galveston organizations. Sheryl talked about the agencies involved in the decision making which includes FEMA. She talked about the funding sources; the major ones (85%) being GLO, FEMA & USACE. The next slide showed just how long it take to get projects started. The next slide showed the beach nourishment by years, and by the funding agencies. She ended the presentation by talking about currents projects. Harrison pointed out that some of these projects are getting completed with "pennies on the dollar" from Galveston's pocket. There was discussion about funding sand management plans. Harrison suggest that WBAC can should make a recommendation and get other committees to support them, to get a head start on the process because it takes years. Darren hopes that he can get sand from the dredging of the ship channel. Sheryl suggested that we get some scientific data to back up the need for the plan.

4. 24-1161 Update on The Erosion Response Plan for Bayview Parks

Sergio reported that the GLO has given the city the grant paperwork but the city needs the matching funds. The city doesn't have the funds and is still working it out. The needed funds were addressed in the budget but "it is still being figured out".

**5.** <u>24-1162</u> Beach Maintenance Plan

Darren relayed that he is working on this and WBAC will get it as soon as it is ready.

## I. Future Agenda Items

## J. Adjournment

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.