



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

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 11:32 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Pastor Kevin Jennings, Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

Pastor Kevin Jennings, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Luke Johnson, Senior at Veterans Memorial High School.

Luke Johnson, Senior at Veterans Memorial 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 Zaroni, City Attorney Miles Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

Present: 8 - Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Mike Pusley, Council Member Dan Suckley, Council Member Everett Roy, Council Member Jim Klein, and Council Member Sylvia Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Michael Hunter

E. TEXAS WINDSTORM INSURANCE ASSOCIATION RATE INCREASE

1. [23-1296](#) Resolution opposing Texas Windstorm Insurance Association rate increase.

This Resolution was withdrawn.

F. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS:

2. [23-1208](#) Light Up Corpus Christi Update by Tammy Huffman, Utilities Analyst - Finance and Procurement Department

Utilities Analyst with Finance and Procurement Tammy Huffman presented information on the following topics: project summary; project map and timeline; before and after; project in progress; current status; future status; and achieved milestones.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Ms. Huffman discussed the following topics: this new lighting has an annual cost savings of \$600,000; a concern with light pollution at businesses; these LED lights last approximately 20 years; there is one million dollars in the budget to do a citywide light assessment; AEP has assisted in expediting this program; and additional lighting is needed across the City.

3. [23-1294](#) FY 2024 Proposed Budget Community Input Sessions

City Manager Peter Zanoni provided an update on the Budget Community Input Sessions to be held as follows: District 1 - Monday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Owen Hopkins Public Library; District 2 - Wednesday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Del Mar College Center for Economic Development; District 3 - Thursday, August 10 at 6:00 p.m. at Water Utilities; District 4 - Monday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Ethel Eyerly Senior Center; and District 5 - Wednesday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m. at Del Mar College-Oso Creek Campus.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

John Hendricks, 622 Texas Ave., requested that the City designate a staff member to oversee the City's monuments and cemeteries.

Amanda Guerra, 2610 Windhollow Dr., spoke about the Municipal Court Director's discussion with Judge Bull regarding City Marshals.

Victor Medina, 1802 Brazos Dr., spoke about an issue with the City's Utility Billing Office.

Carla Pares-DeLuna, 510 Wagonwheel Dr., spoke about increasing the hours at the Northwest Senior Center.

Samuel Fryer, 2222 Cardinales Lane, spoke about citywide environmental sustainability initiatives.

Deelynn Torres, 617 Lansdown Dr., spoke about the success at the McGee Beach Soccer Fest hosted by Express Soccer Club.

Rachel Caballero, 522 Hancock Ave., expressed her desire for no tax rate or water rate increase.

John Weber, 609 Naples St., spoke about ethics reports being improperly filled out.

Jerry Plemons, 7313 Pepper Ridge, requested Council support to be appointed to the

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Eli McKay, 1008 Marguerite St., expressed concern that the budget has decreased for homeless services.

Silvia Jimenez de la Garza, 3009 Charles Dr., spoke about the need for more infrastructure in her neighborhood.

Armon Alex, 1610 La Joya St., spoke about the Gulf of Mexico Youth Climate Summit and in support of sustainability initiatives.

Adam Rios, 7301 Tangled Ridge, advocated for skateboarding and in support of the Texas Gulf Surfing Association.

Peggy Duran, 4022 Congressional Dr., spoke in support of a sustainability department.

Shirin Delsooz, 6030 Tapestry Dr., spoke about adding protected bike paths to the budget.

Blanca Parkinson, 10801 Silverton Dr., spoke in opposition to a drought contingency plan.

Catherine Barnes, 78411, stated a concern about how Certificates of Obligation are used and in opposition to a sustainability department.

The following citizen submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes:
John Weber, 609 Naples Street.

H. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

4. [23-1263](#) Arts & Cultural Commission (3 vacancies)
Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (6 vacancies)
Coastal Bend Council of Governments (1 vacancy)
Landmark Commission (1 vacancy)
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (7 vacancies)
Sister City Committee (3 vacancies)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 4.

Arts & Cultural Commission:
Reappointed: Simone Sanders

Appointed: Ernest De La Garza and Melina M. Gosa

Capital Improvements Advisory Committee:
Reappointed: Patricia A. Aitken, Jonathan Gonzalez, Alex H. Harris, Ramiro Munoz III,

Melody Nixon-Bice, and Velda G. Tamez

Coastal Bend Council of Governments:

Appointed: Ryan Skrobarczyk (Regular Member)

Landmark Commission:

Appointed: Cheryl M. McLaughlin (Historian)

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee:

Reappointed: Thomas Cronnon, Adam Rios, and Howard L. Schauer

Appointed: Jerry Plemons, Shawn C. Flanagan, and James M. Lehnert

Sister City Committee:

Reappointed: Arthur C. Wallace

Appointed: Heather Moretzsohn and Charles Harris

I. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

J. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 5 - 16)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Item 16 was pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Suckley moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 16, seconded by Council Member Klein. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

5. [23-1264](#) Approval of the July 19, 2023 Workshop and July 25, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

6. [23-1191](#) Ordinance amending the description of Project #23052 Sherrill Park Military Monument, as shown in the FY 2023 Capital Improvement Budget, by clarifying that the design of a helicopter pad is included.

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

Enactment No: 033115

7. [23-1203](#) Ordinance adopting the City of Corpus Christi (City) Fiscal Year 2024-2028 and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program Year 2023-2027 Five Year Consolidated Plan (ConPlan); adopting the City Fiscal Year 2024 and HUD Program Year 2023 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget in the amount of \$3,507,977, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) budget in the amount of \$235,549, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) budget in the amount of \$1,661,130 for a total of \$5,404,656 annual HUD funding; amending the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP); authorizing the execution of all necessary documents to submit the ConPlan, AAP and CPP; authorizing a staff complement of 13 positions; accepting and appropriating funding for the approved AAP projects and authorizing the execution of funding agreements, amendments and other documents necessary to implement the FY 2024-2028 PY 2023-2027 ConPlan and FY 2024 PY 2023 AAP.

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

Enactment No: 033116

8. [23-1126](#) Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the FY 2022 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$3,257.57 for partial reimbursement of the purchase of 20 additional pieces of body armor; and appropriating \$3,257.57 in the Police Grants Fund.

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

Enactment No: 033117

9. [23-0926](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance and future amendments of the Texas Epidemiology Capacity Expansion Grant for \$204,856.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS); and appropriating \$204,856.00 of grant funds to conduct surveillance and epidemiology activities for the period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2025; and authorizing one grant position.

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

Enactment No: 033118

10. [23-1040](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance and future amendments of the Regional Local Services System/Local Public Health System Grant for \$328,736.00 from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS); and appropriating \$328,736.00 of grant funds, \$330,000.00 of grant program income and \$70,000 of Medicaid income in the Health Grant Fund to provide local public health services to improve or strengthen local public health for the period of September 1, 2023

through August 31, 2025; and authorizing four grant positions.

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

Enactment No: 033119

11. [23-1077](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance and future amendments of Immunization/Locals (IMM/LOCALS) Grant for \$241,637.00 from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS); and appropriating \$241,637.00 in the Health Grant Fund to implement and operate an immunization program for children, adolescents, and adults for the period September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024; and appropriating related program income in the estimated amount of \$20,000.00 in the Health Grants Fund; and authorizing four grant positions.

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

Enactment No: 033120

12. [23-1129](#) Ordinance authorizing a Wastewater Trunk System Construction Reimbursement Agreement (“Agreement”) up to \$1,382,148.68 with Grangefield Development, LLC (“Developer”) to construct a required wastewater trunk line extension for the proposed residential development of Oso Ranch Unit 1 located in Flour Bluff and requiring construction completion within 24 months; transferring \$434,396.35 collectively from the Water Trust Funds and Wastewater Collection Line Trust Fund to the Wastewater Trunk System Trust Fund; appropriating \$808,539.84 from the Wastewater Trunk System Trust Fund; transferring of future revenue of \$573,608.84 collectively from Water and Wastewater lot and acreage fees and pro rate fees to the Wastewater Trunk System Trust Fund; authorizing appropriation of \$573,608.84 from the Wastewater Trunk System Trust Fund to reimburse the Developer per the agreement.

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

Enactment No: 033121

13. [23-1130](#) Zoning Case No. 0623-03 Victor Valdez, (District 3). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 5922 Kostoryz Road from the “RM-2” Multi-Family District to the “CN-1” Neighborhood Commercial District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommended approval of the change of zoning from the “RM-2” Multi-Family District to the “CN-1” Neighborhood Commercial District).

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

Enactment No: 033122

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

14. [23-1306](#) Resolution authorizing a one-year supply agreement with two additional one-year

option periods with Brenntag Southwest Inc. of Lancaster, Texas for 50% liquid caustic soda, for Corpus Christi Water in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 and a potential amount up to \$15,000,000.00, if all options are exercised, with FY 2023 funding of \$699,021 from the Water Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033123

15. [23-0983](#) Motion authorizing execution of a seven-month service agreement with AZTECA Designs & Construction, of Somerset, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$162,078.50 for the Corpus Christi Water restrooms remodel project, with FY 2023 funding from the Water and Wastewater Funds.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-114

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

16. [23-1180](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance and future amendments of Women, Infant and Children's Nutrition Program (WIC) grant for \$1,172,131.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS); appropriating \$1,172,131.00 to provide funding for the WIC program for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024; and authorizing thirteen grant positions.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 16.

A Council Member and Director of Public Health Dr. Fauzia Khan discussed the following topic: the Women, Infant and Children's Program (WIC) grant is relayed to the public by word of mouth, social media, flyers, and community outreach.

Council Member Klein moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

K. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:40 p.m. Executive Session Item 22 was held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEM 17)

17. [23-1190](#) Zoning Case No. 0623-04, Southern Builders Co LLC (District 2). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 639 Del Mar Boulevard from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "RS-TH" Townhouse District; Providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication.(Planning Commission and Staff recommended approval of the change of zoning from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "RS-TH" Townhouse District)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 17.

Assistant Director of Development Services Nina Nixon-Mendez presented information on the following topic: zoning and land use.

Council Members and Assistant Director Nixon-Mendez discussed the following topics: about three or four units can be developed due to the lot size; and a Council Member's concern about the lack of parking spaces.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Campos moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Pusley. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

M. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 18 - 21)

18. [23-1175](#) Motion authorizing the purchase of 87 Cradlepoints cellular routers from Turn-Key Mobile, Inc., of Jefferson City, Missouri, through the Texas Department of Information Resources for \$200,513.25, with funding from the Wastewater Capital Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 18.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2023-115

19. [23-1033](#) Resolution authorizing a two-year service agreement with D. Reynolds Company, LLC, dba The Reynolds Company, of Fort Worth, in the amount of \$2,394,750.06 for the replacement of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems at 77 wastewater lift stations, with funding from the Wastewater Capital Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 19.

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 Suckley. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033124

20. [23-1291](#) Resolution designating and establishing the Convention Center Complex as a project authorized by Chapters 504 and 505 of the Texas Local Government Code; identifying a method for financing the project; and resolving other matters in connection therewith.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 20.

Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert presented information on the following topics: convention center project scope; estimated project investment; potential revenues; Type A repurposing; convention center complex defined by resolution; next steps; and recommendation.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, Assistant City Manager Hurlbert, and Bond Counsel Clay Binford with McCall, Parkhurst and Horton LLP discussed the following topics: a Council Member's desire to allocate some of the funds to the airport; this is a new tax that replaces and maintains the existing expiring tax; if this sales tax reallocation is not approved by voters in November 2023, it can be reconsidered in 2024; a Council Member's request for a clarification of the language in the proposed proposition; Visit Corpus Christi will work with the City on educating voters about the proposition; a request for a list of information paid out of the seawall fund; the resolution defines what is in the convention center complex; a request for a map of a 100 foot demarcation of the seawall; a suggestion that the ordinance include what would be spent on parks, roads, seawall and convention center; how a regional park is defined; this sales tax can be used for arterial or collector streets, but not residential streets; a desire to expand McGee Beach; whether remaining funds can be set aside for seawall repairs; and Type A funding has been used for streets in the past for economic development.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Roy moved to table this item, seconded by Council Member Campos. This Item was tabled to August 15 with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

21. [23-1265](#) One-reading ordinance calling a Special Election to be held in the City of Corpus Christi, Texas to repurpose two local sales and use taxes for financing the City's Convention Center Complex, Regional Parks, and Commercial / Industrial Streets; making provision for the conduct of the election; and resolving other matters related to such election.

See Item 20.

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

N. BRIEFINGS: (NONE)

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEM 22)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Executive Session Item 22. The Council went into Executive Session at 2:40 p.m. The Council returned from Executive Session at 4:56 p.m.

- 22. [23-1295](#) 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 personnel matters and the City Manager and Texas Government Code § 551.074 (personnel matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, or discipline of a public officer or employee (including, but not limited to, the City Manager).**

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

P. RECESS TO BUDGET WORKSHOP (ITEM 23)

Mayor Guajardo recessed the City Council meeting for the Budget Workshop at 4:57 p.m.

- 23. [23-1324](#) FY 2023-2024 Budget Workshop: Including but not limited to Health Department, Animal Care Services, and Sustainability and Coastal Resiliency Initiatives**

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Budget Workshop. The Public Health District's presentation from August 3 was postponed until August 8.

Director of Public Health Dr. Fauzia Khan presented information on the following topics: mission statement; city operated health district; about public health district; organization; FY 2023 achievements; performance measures; FY 24 health district proposed expenditure budget: \$41.8M; FY 24 proposed budget general fund 1020: \$5.6M; FY 24 proposed budget fund 1046: \$0.7M; FY24 proposed budget fund 1049: \$2.1M; FY 2024 enhancement P&R; FY 2024 enhancement 1; FY 2024 enhancement 2; FY 2024 enhancement 3; FY 2024 enhancement 4; FY 2024 enhancement 5; FY 2024 enhancement 6; FY 2024 enhancement 7; and FY 2024 capital improvement.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, Dr. Khan, and Assistant Director of Public Health Dante Gonzalez discussed the following topics: the City has requested a five percent increase from the county for extra services; and in response to a Council Member's concern regarding mental health offerings, the health department is exploring grants to support mental health services.

Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez presented information on Animal Care Services as follows: mission statement; about animal care services; organization; FY 2023 achievements; performance measures; services; FY 2024 animal care services department proposed budget: \$5.1M; FY 2024 proposed budget general fund: \$5.1M; ACS Advisory Board Priorities; FY 2024 enhancement 1; FY 2024 enhancement 2; FY 2024 capital enhancement; and future capital enhancement.

Council Members, Chief Financial Officer Sanchez, and Program Manager Joel Skidmore discussed the following topics: Animal Care Services collaborates with multiple vetted local and national organizations for animal care and transfer; a Council Member's concern that no cost is associated with performance measures; the justification for a new kennel is based on the number of calls received, along with being 20 percent over capacity, and to provide proper housing and care for animals; and the average length of stay per animal is 27 days; volunteers are always welcome and the application packet is available online; and Animal Care Services will soon conduct an operational review to improve overall department efficiency.

Q. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Guajardo reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:55 p.m.

R. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Norma Duran

From: Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 10:54 AM
To: CitySecretary; Norma Duran
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Public Input: 08-08-2023 - John Weber

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Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting	08-08-2023
Name	John Weber
Address	Street Address: 609 Naples St City: Corpus Christi State / Province: Texas Postal / Zip Code: 78404
Topic	Ethics
Agenda Item Number	none
Describe Feedback:	See attached document.
Uploads:	8.8.23 written.docx
Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	js_weber@hotmail.com

Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, and Staff,

Once again, I would like to point out that my public comments are not meant to pick on anyone. As I have stated publicly, I have nothing against anyone on the Council. I don't have anything against anyone on the Staff or any residents either. I picked Councilmember Pusley's report solely because it was the only one that displayed the amount of information I wanted to go over but not too much information that I would not be able to cover it in the limited amount of time I am allotted. Only three people listed owning any publicly traded stock. One was too simple and didn't even list any sources of income. The other was very detailed and too long to fit my time. The Councilmember's report covered enough information but not too much. I will continue using information that best fits examples I am trying to make. Please don't take it personally. I am just presenting facts.

When I was reading text messages I have received from different sources, I did not read the most embarrassing ones or the most damning ones. I am still hopeful that at some point the Council will start policing itself and/or wrong doers will take the more honorable path and start resigning, following Sean Strawbridge's example.

For over the last year and a half I have been commenting mostly on issues of relating to ethics, transparency, and fairness. I bring to light facts that it seems the Council, Staff, or Residents are unaware of. Some have said, "sunshine is the best disinfectant." I have contacted all Council and most of the Staff management and provided my contact information. I was able to start a dialogue with the legal department and now they are totally unresponsive. I have stated publicly I do not intend to sue the City. With proper dialogue, much of my public comment could have been avoided.

The Council has the responsibility and the authority to make sure decorum is kept in all meeting as well as enforcing the Code of Ethics. If the Code of Ethics isn't enforced, the Residents lose trust. We are at that point now. If it feels like something sneaky is being done, it is most likely a violation of the Code of Ethics or Texas state law. The Trust in the Council is at an all-time low. If it appears that the Code of Ethics or Texas state law has been broken, at a minimum the Council should refer it to the Ethics Commission for their review, just to cover your own backsides.'

An example would be Councilman Pusley voting on the Port appointments. Y'all know about his seeming conflict of interest in Port issues. Now, go back and rewatch the Council meeting when the Port appointments were voted on. Who dominated and had their way into not even looking at qualified and good applicants for the positions? According to the Code of Ethics, this Councilman should have "Immediately refrained from further participation in the matter, including discussions with any person likely to consider the matter." He and Mr. Engel had this all set up beforehand. I have his text messages from December and January leading up to that vote that show his actions to get support for the Commissioner. The same Commissioner, that would work with him on the secret MOU. I haven't made those public yet.

I guess as long as there is no dialogue, no transparency and no enforcement of the Code of Ethics or other Texas State laws that appear to have been broken, I will continue to provide facts to the Council, Staff, and Residents. I would much rather stay at home and read a book. Trust me, I don't like giving public comment.

Regards, John Weber