

**CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Peter Zanoni, City Manager



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Public Works

I am pleased to announce that I am appointing Ernesto De La Garza, P.E., as Director of Public Works, effective Monday, November 7.

Ernesto has 20 years of street and bridge construction and transportation engineering experience, 14 of which were with TxDOT. Most of his experience has been in Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend region. He recently served as the Contract Claim Section Lead for TxDOT in Corpus Christi. Ernesto was responsible for 25 TxDOT districts across ten counties and over 400 employees.

His work with TxDOT included the management of over 100 contracts valued at over \$200 million, the development of 80 centerline miles of Interstate Highway 37, contract resolution for ten high-profile projects, and leading TxDOT's "Mission Zero" safety initiative. In addition to his professional career, Ernesto has taught part-time at Texas A&M University – Kingsville for graduate and undergraduate civil engineering courses since 2011.

Ernesto holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University – Kingsville. He also is a licensed professional engineer through the Texas Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

Strategic Planning & Innovation

I have appointed Scott Greene as Interim Strategic Planning & Innovation Officer, effective Monday, October 24. Scott has been with the City since January 2021 and served as the Organizational Development Manager in the Human Resources Department. In this role, he was responsible for evaluating human resources program outcomes and developing organizational strategies to support City personnel.

Scott developed the City's first-ever Process Improvement Team and was selected to serve as lead for the Harvard & Bloomberg Innovation Track program. He has 25 years of experience in process improvement and workforce development while leading diverse teams of professionals across various governmental agencies.

Scott holds a Bachelor of Science from Southwestern College and a Master of Arts from Brandman University/Chapman University System. He is a 25-year veteran of the United States Air Force.