



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Thursday, August 10, 2023

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

FY 2023-2024 Budget Workshop: Including but not limited to Public Works/Streets, Storm Water, Solid Waste, Property Tax Rate & Exemptions

A. Mayor Paulette Guajardo to call the meeting to order.

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

B. 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

Note: Council Member Hunter attended by Webex.

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

C. BRIEFINGS:

1. [23-1340](#) FY 2023-2024 Budget Workshop: Including but not limited to Public Works/Streets, Storm Water, Solid Waste, Property Tax Rate & Exemptions

The Sustainability and Coastal Resiliency Initiatives presentation from August 8 was postponed until August 10.

Director of Management and Budget Eddie Houlihan presented information on the following topics: sustainability and coastal resiliency-no new department in FY 2024; and new programs for FY 2024.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Director Houlihan discussed the following topics: the Gulf Beach survey is an annual survey required by the state to assess erosion; the total in the city budget for sustainability and coastal resiliency is \$4.8 million; be mindful of raising rates; consider cutting back in each department; the strategic planning and innovation office will provide an assessment of departments regarding sustainability; concern with having an air quality monitoring position; and the

importance of justifying the increase in budget for each department with more data or outcomes.

Director of Public Works Ernesto De La Garza presented information on the following topics: streets mission statement; about public works-streets and traffic; organizational chart; FY 2023 achievements; performance measures; \$380M in three years; street maintenance and reconstruction; FY 2023-2024 proposed budget street maintenance and reconstruction \$122.68 Million; FY2024 proposed budget street maintenance fund: \$46.88M; FY 2024 proposed budget residential street reconstruction fund: \$19.97M; IMP snapshot FY 2021-2023; IMP snapshot FY 2024; PW In-house pilot program FY 2023-South Saxet Drive; PW In-house pilot program FY 2023-Baker Drive; PW In-house pilot program FY 2023-Summit Drive; PW In-house pilot program FY 2023-Claudia Drive; PW In-house pilot program FY 2023-Walker Drive; FY 2024 enhancement pavement assessment; FY 2024 enhancement digger derrick; FY 2024 enhancement traffic signal mast arm assessment; FY 2024 enhancement lighting study; FY 2024 enhancement SPID landscape maintenance; street maintenance fee history; and street maintenance fee (SMF) 3 year plan.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, Director De La Garza, Assistant City Manager Neiman Young, and Assistant Director of Public Works/Traffic Renee Couture discussed the following topics: the department's goal is to get all 254 signalized intersections into the traffic management system; the timing of some traffic lights can be modified; the City's goal is to eventually replace pothole teams with resurfacing teams; the new pavement only approach has decreased from 60 years to 12 years, and applies to residential streets only; a desire to remove the street user fee and include it somewhere in the budget; and a request for a breakdown of streets scheduled, completed and nothing accomplished.

Director of Public Works Ernesto De La Garza presented information on the following topics: storm water mission statement; about public works-storm water; organizational chart; FY 2023 achievements; performance measures; FY 2024 proposed budget storm water fund: \$29.1M; FY 2023--2027 five-year enhancement forecast; FY 2022-2027 service enhancement forecast; FY 2023-2027 five-year forecast; FY 2024 enhancement in-house street sweeping; FY 2024 enhancement minor channel enhancement; FY 2024 enhancement pump stations improvement; and FY 2024 enhancement debt service for infrastructure.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, Director De La Garza, and Assistant Director of Public Works Gabriel Hinojosa discussed the following topics: one trash interceptor device has been installed on the Bayfront; a request for how many projects have been completed versus not completed to determine what can be accomplished; and a Homeowners Association is responsible for the maintenance of the drainage system for the retention ponds in a neighborhood.

Director of Solid Waste Services David Lehfeltdt presented information on the following

topics: mission statement; about solid waste services; services provided to residents; organization; FY 2023 achievements; FY 2024 solid waste services proposed budget: \$35.7M; FY 24 proposed budget general fund 1020: \$35.7M; proposed solid waste fee increase; average monthly residential rate by City; services funded by utility bill fees; cost of service year over year; operating expenses (FY 2020 vs. FY 2023); operating expenses examples-drivers; FY 2024 enhancement 1; FY 2024 enhancement 2; and FY 2024 enhancement 3.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Director Lehfeldt discussed the following topics: reducing the contamination rate will save the City money to process trash through the recycling facility; a description of what can and can't be recycled is placed on recycling bins; the department is modifying recycling cans with latching lids; the new transfer station will include a glass crusher; whether other options are available to promote a recycling program; how to increase the amount of recyclables in order to decrease the cost of the program; a significant increase in efficiencies is getting drivers home at a reasonable hour; and a Council Member's concern about the increase in overtime.

Interim Director of Finance and Procurement Alma Casas presented information on the following topics: property taxable value and rate; city property tax rates; immediate relief; proposed city property tax exemption adjustments; and sample tax bill for City of Corpus Christi.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Interim Director Casas discussed the following topics: the total taxable value is \$26 Billion; there is a \$10 million difference from the no-new revenue rate and voter approval rate; a request for a breakdown of property values by residential and commercial for FY 2023 and FY 2024; and a request for the FY 2023 tax rate.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 12:35 p.m.