



City of Corpus Christi

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Corpus Christi, TX 78401
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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

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 Rick Barrera with Summit Church Texas.

Rick Barrera with Summit Church Texas gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Sophia Alonso Cantu, senior at Roy Miller High School.

Sophia Alonso Cantu, senior at Roy Miller 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: 9 - Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Gilbert Hernandez, Council Member Sylvia Campos, Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Eric Cantu, Council Member Mark Scott, Council Member Kaylynn Paxson, and Council Member Everett Roy

E. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEM 1)

1. [26-0111](#) Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) TOP recognition award to Corpus Christi Water.

City Manager Peter Zaroni provided a recap about the cold weather emergency preparedness.

City Manager Zaroni recognized the Corpus Christi Water team for receiving the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality TOP award.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke: Bradley

Bartilson, Corpus Christi, TX, Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Gregory Mills, Corpus Christi, TX, Jerry Sinclair, Corpus Christi, TX, Terry Witzsche, Corpus Christi, TX, Grex Rivera, Corpus Christi, TX, Marilena Garza, Corpus Christi, TX, Jim Klein, Corpus Christi, TX, Adam Rios, Corpus Christi, TX, Christina English, Corpus Christi, TX, Jim McKibben, Corpus Christi, TX, Encarnacion Serna, Portland, TX, Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, Sean Merritt, Corpus Christi, TX, and Aaron Price, Ingleside, TX.

The following individuals submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Janet Newcomb, Corpus Christi, TX, Merida Forest, Corpus Christi, TX, Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, and John Weber, Fair Oaks, CA.

G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (ITEM 2)

2. [26-0105](#) Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District Reinvestment Zone No. 7 (London) Board

Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District:

Reappointed: Jeffrey H. Edmonds

Appointed: Kyle Hooper and John Michael

Reinvestment Zone No. 7 (London) Board:

Appointed: Mayor Guajardo and Council Members Barrera, Cantu, Hernandez, Paxson, Roy, and Vaughn (City); Jimmy Dodson, Joe A. Gonzalez, John Marez, Mike Pusley, and Connie Scott (County)

Chairman: Council Member Gil Hernandez

H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEM 3 - 24)

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Marilena Garza, Corpus Christi, TX, Major Nathanael Doria, Corpus Christi, TX, Chris Cuellar, Nueces County, TX, Claudia Delfin, Corpus Christi, TX, Lauren Cargill, Corpus Christi, TX, and Kathy Pekar, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Items 4, 12, 13, 15, and 17 were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Paxson moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 4, 12, 13, 15, and 17, seconded by Council Member Campos. The motion carried

by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

3. [26-0079](#) Approval of the January 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

4. [25-2021](#) Ordinance authorizing an agreement for the Provision and Sale of Recycled Water from the Greenwood Wastewater Treatment Plant to Valero Refining - Texas, L.P.

Interim Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann responded to Council questions.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033837

5. [25-1807](#) Ordinance authorizing a Water Arterial Transmission & Grid Main Construction and Reimbursement Agreement up to \$252,720.00 with MPM Development, LP to construct a water arterial transmission & grid main related to King's Landing Unit 12 subdivision located north of the Lady Alexa Dr. and Lady Claudia St. intersection; and authorizing future transfer and appropriation of Water and Wastewater Trust Fund revenue up to \$252,720.00 to reimburse the developer in accordance with the agreement. (District 3).

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

Enactment No: 033838

6. [25-1809](#) Ordinance authorizing a Water Arterial Transmission & Grid Main Construction and Reimbursement Agreement up to \$62,040.00 with MPM Development, LP to construct a water arterial transmission & grid main related to King's Landing Unit 13 subdivision located north of the Lady Alexa Dr. and Lady Claudia St. intersection; and authorizing future transfer and appropriation of Water and Wastewater Trust Fund revenue up to \$62,040.00 to reimburse the developer in accordance with the agreement. (District 3).

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

Enactment No: 033839

7. [25-2008](#) Ordinance authorizing a Water Arterial Transmission & Grid Main Construction and Reimbursement Agreement up to \$380,460.00 with MPM Development, LP to construct a 12-inch water arterial transmission grid main line for a proposed Phase-II residential development located off Yorktown Boulevard, southeast of Starry Rd. also known as Oso Creek Corner Unit 3; and authorizing future transfer and appropriation of Water and Wastewater Trust Fund revenue up to \$380,460.00 to reimburse the developer in accordance with the agreement. (District 5).

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

Enactment No: 033840

8. [25-1812](#) Ordinance authorizing a Wastewater Collection Line Extension Construction and Reimbursement agreement up to \$227,100.00 with MPM Development to construct an off-site sanitary sewer improvement for a proposed Phase-II residential development located off Yorktown Boulevard, southeast of Starry Rd. also known as Oso Creek Corner Unit 3 and authorizing future transfer and appropriation of Water and Wastewater Trust Fund revenue up to the \$227,100.00 to reimburse the developer in accordance with the agreement. (District 5).

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

Enactment No: 033841

9. [25-2009](#) Ordinance authorizing an amended Affordable Housing Project Loan Agreement between the Corpus Christi B Corporation and Corpus Christi Huntwick Avenue LP, commonly known as Palo Verde Senior Apartments, in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the development of 75 affordable senior rental housing units located at 5501 Huntwick Avenue; appropriating \$1,000,000 from the Type B Affordable Housing Fund; and amending the FY 2026 Operating Budget.

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

Enactment No: 033842

10. [25-1983](#) Ordinance approving an amendment to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2 ("TIRZ #2") Operating Budget by authorizing the transfer of \$2,100,166.00, from CIP reserve to the TIRZ #2 Operating Fund for the Briscoe King Pavilion Project; increasing funds in the amount of \$2,100,166.00, for needed improvements and renovation to the Briscoe King Pavilion Project; appropriating \$2,100,166.00, from the unreserved fund balance of the Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Fund; and amending the FY 2026 operating budget adopted by Ordinance No. 033730 by increasing expenditures by \$2,100,166.00, for payment to Nueces

County for the Briscoe King Pavilion Project.

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

Enactment No: 033843

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

11. [25-1904](#) Motion authorizing execution of a one-year supply agreement, with one one-year option, with Brenntag Southwest, Inc., of Lancaster, Texas, in the amount of \$1,887,360.00 with a potential up to \$3,774,720.00 if the option is exercised, to purchase liquid chlorine delivered by rail car for the treatment of processed water at the O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant for Corpus Christi Water, with FY 2026 funding of \$1,415,520.00 from the Water Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2026-003

12. [25-1777](#) Motion authorizing execution of a 10-year service agreement with an option to purchase and a license agreement for Backup Generator Power and Energy Management Services at the O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant with Exergy Energy, LLC (Contractor No. 1), and EE ON Stevens, LLC (Contractor No. 2), both of Berkeley, California, in an amount not to exceed \$27,700,000.00, of which no funding in FY 2026 is required, with monthly payments of \$230,833.00 to Contractor No. 2 once the generators are operational, subject to sufficient future appropriations; providing an option to extend power management services with Contractor No. 1 for an additional 10-year term, with payment of \$100.00 per month; authorizing participation in Ancillary Electric Grid Services managed by Contractor No. 1 with participation payments to the City in the amount of 85% of the net revenue during the initial 10-year term and 100% during the optional term.

Interim Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann responded to Council questions.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2026-004

13. [26-0112](#) Resolution authorizing a three-year Treated Water Supply contract with the Nueces County Water Control and Improvement District No. 3 (District) to supply District up to three million gallons per day (mgd) and provide interconnection reimbursement up to \$1,736,000.00 and authorizing a Water Rights Lease

agreement for five mgd of District's water rights to City.

Interim Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann, City Attorney Miles Risley, and Nueces County Water Control Improvement District Manager Marcos Alaniz responded to Council questions.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Scott. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033844

14. [25-1152](#) Resolution authorizing a three-year service agreement with TDW (US), Inc., of Tulsa, Oklahoma, in an amount not to exceed \$328,015.10 for overhaul maintenance of TDW equipment for the Gas Operations Department, with FY 2026 funding of \$91,115.30 from the Gas Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033845

Consent - Capital Projects

15. [25-1966](#) Motion awarding a construction contract to Associated Construction Partners, Ltd, of Boerne, TX for the Citywide Lift Station Repair project in an amount not to exceed \$16,811,532.00 for the rehabilitation or replacement of eleven lift stations located citywide, with FY 2026 funding available from the Wastewater Capital Fund.

Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds and Director of Water System Infrastructure Wesley Nebgen responded to Council questions.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2026-005

16. [26-0076](#) Motion awarding a construction contract to Mako Contracting of Corpus Christi, Texas, for improvements to the stormwater drainage system at the Hilliard Convention Center garage and loading dock, located on the west side of the convention center, in an amount not to exceed \$1,363,685.05, located in Council

District 1, with FY 2026 funding available from Convention Center CIP Funds.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2026-006

17. [25-1965](#) Resolution awarding a construction contract to B.E. Beecroft Company, Inc. of Corpus Christi for the Coopers Boaters Facility and Parking Lot Resurfacing - L Head project in an amount up to \$6,601,560.20 for construction of a new boater's facility, demolition of the existing one, and resurfacing the L-Head parking lot located in Council District 1, with FY 2026 funding available from the Type A Sales Tax fund.

City Manager Peter Zanoni, Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds, and Marina Manager Jonathan Atwood responded to Council questions.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Roy. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott and Council Member Roy

Nay: 4 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Cantu and Council Member Paxson

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033846

General Consent Items

18. [25-1972](#) Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application for \$107,728.00 to the Texas Department of Transportation with a cash match of \$30,105.23 under the FY 2027 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for overtime and fringe benefits for DWI and speed enforcement for the Corpus Christi Police Department.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033847

19. [25-1981](#) Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department under its Recreational Trails Grant Program in the amount of \$300,000.00, with a required cash match of 20% of the total project costs, not to exceed \$75,000.00, for trail connectivity improvements to the Bill Witt Park.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033848

20. [25-1995](#) Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department under its Boating Access Grant Program in the amount of \$250,000.00 with a required City match of 25% of total project costs, not to exceed \$83,333.00, for Packery Channel Boat Ramp renovations and a new,

permanent restroom facility.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033849

21. [26-0085](#) Motion authorizing subrecipient grant awards for \$52,308.00 each to The Salvation Army; Dismas Charities, Inc Recovery Resource Center; Mother Teresa Shelter; and 911 Park Place dba Mission 911 from the City of Corpus Christi's State funded Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) general set-aside allocation to provide services to individuals who are homeless, or at risk of being homeless for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and authorizing subrecipient grants for \$18,457.00 each to 911 Park Place dba Mission 911; Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse - Coastal Bend; and Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living from the City of Corpus Christi's State funded HHSP youth set-aside allocation to provide services to youth who are homeless for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2026-007

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

22. [26-0113](#) Ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a 5-year Reclaimed Water Supply Agreement and associated License for Use of Premises with Flint Hills Resources Corpus Christi, LLC, for the sale and delivery of up to 2 million gallons per day of reclaimed water from the Allison Wastewater Treatment Plant, and providing for related fees, responsibilities, and terms, with option to renew for additional 5-year term.

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

23. [25-2022](#) One-Reading ordinance authorizing acceptance of three grants from the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Division, under the FY 2025 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, in the amount of \$406,345.24 to purchase training and equipment for the Information Technology Department; and appropriating \$406,345.24 in the IT Grants Fund with a cash match of \$81,269.05 from FY 26 Operating Budget.

This Ordinance was passed on emergency on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033850

24. [26-0138](#) One Reading ordinance amending a portion of TIRZ #2 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) to fully fund the North Padre Island Seawall CIP Project, including the transfer of \$2,100,000.00 from the Sand Dollar CIP Project, \$300,000.00 from the Crowsnest CIP Project, \$2,700,000.00 from the Packery Channel Capital Repairs CIP Project, \$300,000.00 from the Packery Channel TDEM CIP

Project, \$900,000.00 from the Whitecap Effluent Waterline CIP Project, and \$4,800,000.00 from the CIP reserves for a total amount of \$11,100,000.00 reallocated to the North Padre Island Seawall CIP Project; and amending the FY 2026 Capital Budget.

This Ordinance was passed on emergency on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033851

J. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:48 p.m. Executive Session Items 33-36 were held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 25 - 26)

- 25. [25-2012](#)** Zoning Case No. ZN8987, Clint and Catherine Tucker (District 4). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 1730 and 1738 Ramfield Road from the "FR/APZ-1" Farm Rural District within the Accident Potential Zone-1 (APZ-1) to the "RS-15/APZ-1" Single-Family 15 District within the Accident Potential Zone-1 (APZ-1); providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

- 26. [25-2026](#)** Ordinance annexing a 109.109-acre tract of land located along the south side of FM 2444 (Staples St.), east of CR 43 (Chuck Cazales Blvd.), and west of CR 41 (Gilead Rd.) upon petition by the landowner ZBK, LLC, for the development of a single-family subdivision; approving the related service plan; adding the annexed area to City Council District 5; and rezoning 53.211 acres of the annexed area from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "RS-22" Single-Family 22 District and establishing the "FR" Farm Rural District on the remaining acreage; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication.

Interim Assistant City Manager Dan McGinn presented information on the following

topics: location; lot layout and phasing plan; and development details.

Interim ACM McGinn and Assistant Director of Development Services Andrew Dimas responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Hernandez 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 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Absent: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 0

L. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 27 - 30)

27. [26-0061](#) Consideration and discussion of whether Ordinance No. 033350 (File No. 24-0256), relating to the Type B economic development agreement with Elevate QOF, LLC, was adopted in compliance with the City Charter, City Code, and Council procedural requirements, including but not limited to:

1. Whether the ordinance received two valid readings on separate dates as required, given passage on first reading on February 20, 2024, withdrawal from the February 27, 2024, agenda, and adoption on April 23, 2024;
2. Whether substantive changes to the ordinance caption, stated purpose, and funding justification between the first and second readings constituted amendments requiring a formal Council vote prior to final adoption; and
3. Whether the absence of a voted amendment affects the validity of the April 23, 2024, adoption.

Receive a written legal and procedural analysis from Scott, Ray, Pemberton, & Goll, PLLC Attorneys at Law, followed by Council discussion and direction, including whether reconsideration, ratification, amendment, or other corrective action is required to ensure procedural compliance, **as requested by Council Members Carolyn Vaughn, Sylvia Campos, and Gil Hernandez.**

This Item was withdrawn.

28. [26-0057](#) Discuss and consider possible action to eliminate Drought Exemption Fee, **as requested by Council Members Sylvia Campos, Carolyn Vaughn, and Eric Cantu.**

City Manager Peter Zanoni and Interim Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann responded to Council questions.

No action was taken.

29. [26-0139](#) Motion to Discuss and act on approving and adopting the Padre/Mustang Island Mobility Plan as an element of Corpus Christi's Comprehensive Plan - Plan CC, **as requested by Council Members Kaylynn Paxson, Eric Cantu, and Gil Hernandez.**

City Manager Peter Zanoni, Interim Assistant City Manager Dan McGinn, and Transportation Planning Director of Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Robert MacDonald responded to Council questions.

No action was taken.

30. [26-0141](#) Motion to Discuss and act on passing a council resolution in support of the MPO project CSJ 0617-02-073 corridor upgrade for pedestrian and access management improvements without adding capacity, **as requested by Council Members Kaylynn Paxson, Eric Cantu, and Gil Hernandez.**

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Absent: 3 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn and Council Member Cantu

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2026-008

M. BRIEFINGS: (ITEMS 31 - 32)

31. **26-0137** Presentation by Corpus Christi Police Department on findings of Homewood Suites Investigation.

Council Member Hernandez moved to postpone this presentation until the report is received by Scott, Ray, Pemberton, & Goll, PLLC Attorneys At Law in mid-February,

seconded by Council Member Campos. This Item was postponed with the following vote:

- Aye:** 5 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Council Member Cantu and Council Member Paxson
- Nay:** 3 - Council Member Barrera, Mayor Guajardo and Council Member Scott
- Abstained:** 1 - Council Member Roy

32. [26-0106](#) Animal Care Services Operational Briefing.

Interim Director of Animal Care Services Kathleen Chapa and Assistant Director of Animal Care Services Cynthia Martinez presented information on the following topics: overview; background; recommendation categories; City Gate assessment implementation plan; overall progress; Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)-background; facility enhancements; kennel building 3 envelope and HVAC; roof replacements and wash bay upgrades; administrative building mechanical, electrical, plumbing (MEP) improvements; incinerator replacement; security gate repair; FY 2026 1st Quarter Shelter Statistics-intakes; outcomes; live release date; average length of stay; calls for service; and citations issued.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 33 - 36)

- 33. [25-1977](#) 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 rules and regulations of state of Texas, EPA, TCEQ, TWDB, Texas Railroad Commission, San Patricio County Groundwater Conservation District, and legal rights, property rights, and/or contracts related to purchase and/or sale of groundwater, including water rights in property accessing the Evangeline Aquifer in San Patricio County adjacent and/or near US Highway 181, US Highway 77, US Highway 77 Business, Highway 89, and/or the Aransas River, and other sources, and **Texas Government Code § 551.072** to discuss and deliberate the purchase or value of the aforementioned rights to real property because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, including, but not limited to, potential consideration of authorization to enter agreement(s) for professionals for services related to these property rights, interlocal agreements and other agreements with government entities near the aforementioned property(ies) and/or the purchase of the property or property(ies) at and/or adjacent to locations (if any) described herein.**

This E-Session Item was passed after executive session.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to authorize the execution of agreement(s) with the owners of the approximately 5,047-acre Li Ranch to provide the City options to purchase groundwater rights on

generally similar terms as the Evangeline Groundwater Rights Purchase and Sale Agreement in exchange for mutual commitments regarding permitting and City obligations in a total amount of up to \$315,400 per year for said option(s).

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Absent: 3 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn and Council Member Cantu

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2026-009

34. [26-0117](#) **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 rules and regulations of the State of Texas and federal government, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Water Development Board, the Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District, other regulatory entities, and legal rights, property rights, and contracts related to potential purchase and value of property rights to land at/near the Nueces River and/or Cayamon Creek, and **Texas Government Code § 551.072** to discuss and deliberate the purchase and/or value of the aforementioned rights to real property because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, including, but not limited to, potential consideration of authorization to enter agreement(s) for the purchase of property rights at or adjacent to locations (if any) described herein and related agreements for professional and other services related to the aforesaid purchase.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

35. [26-0108](#) **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 Type B Corporation Business Incentive Agreement(s) and related documents with Next Sports Company, LLC for Development of a Recreational Sports Complex, allegations against owners and contractors thereof, performance of work for said entities, City ordinances and state statutes related to allegations concerning the aforementioned entities, and enforcement thereof against other entities, including, but not limited to, alleged violations of Texas Penal Code 28.03 (criminal mischief including diversion of or installation of device on public water supply), unauthorized watering, and use of untested and unregistered backflow device.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

36. [26-0116](#) **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 *Ajit David v. City of Corpus Christi et al*, including potential consideration of agreements for retention of and/or other actions related to legal counsel, settlement offers and/or fees for attorneys, engineers, other expert witnesses assisting in this case, deposition fees, and court costs, and other motions and actions related to the aforementioned case, including potential ratification, repeal, rescission and/or other action regarding City Ordinance 033350 aka Legistar File # 24-0256 originally approved on April 23, 2024.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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Date of Meeting Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Name Janet Newcomb

Address Meadowlane Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX, 78412

Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

What district do you reside in?

Topic Drought exemption fee

Agenda Item Number 28

Comment

My name is Janet Newcomb, and I'm furious. As a Corpus Christi resident, I've slashed usage to under 3,000 gallons/month—short showers, instant leak fixes, no outdoor watering. I demolished my pool to save every drop in this brutal drought. Real sacrifice. Emergency cuts loom by late 2026. Residents have conserved hard, but big industry guzzles ~60% of our water—more than all homes combined—while dodging surcharges via a voluntary "Drought Exemption Fee." This fee funds millions for drought-proof projects that benefit us all. Scrapping it guts revenue and hikes rates on low-users who've already bled dry. Unfair. Voluntary exemptions + weak enforcement let industry skate while residents suffer. Don't kill the fee—fix it now. Mandate it for heavy users or tie exemptions to strict, verifiable conservation targets. Force proportional cuts—no loopholes. We're conserving to the bone; industry gets a free pass. Demand equity: real, shared sacrifice for our water's survival—before it's gone.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. tropwatch36@yahoo.com

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Date of Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

Name

Merida Forrest

Address

7114 Grape Arbor Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX, 78414

Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 5

Topic

VOTE YES to Eliminate Drought Exemption Fee

Agenda Item Number

28

Comment

Please vote to eliminate the drought surcharge exemption fee.

All rate payers must protect our water supply, we shouldn't have created exemptions that weaken conservation from large volume users that allows them to buy their way out.

When drought conditions worsen, the burden of conservation shifts onto families, neighborhoods & small businesses while major water users remain insulated. We must see change on those who use the most H2O - industry, their flat fee undermines this goal.

Public trust erodes when residents see one set of rules for households & another for industry, its an unfair system.

Long-term water security depends on reducing demand, not just funding supply projects. Revenue from the exemption fee does not replace conservation.

The most affordable & reliable water source we have is reduced demand. We can't build our way out of drought if we weaken policies that encourage responsible use.

In a drought, water policy should reward conservation -not the ability to pay.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. aleli420@yahoo.com

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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Topic	Appoint Jason Hale, John Weber & Brad Bartilson to Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District
Agenda Item Number	2

Comment

Please appoint 3 new NON CITY employee members to the CCASRCD board. Jason Hale, John Weber & Brad Bartilson all have great knowledge of the importance of this board. These 3 individuals have been great active community members & would advance this board for the greater good of us Corpus Christi residents & are sure to get this board back on track. As for Weber, non resident for the time being, can attend all meetings by Webex since from what I understand is that there are no residency reqmts for appointment to the board. I'm confident that Weber, Hale & Bartilson will surely add valuable feedback in working for storage solutions in times of drought. I strongly ask that you do not reappoint any of the City employees. I trust that you have seen that previously this board was controlled by City employees & not much was done to develop & protect municipal aquifer storage areas by the City of CC.

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Monday, January 26, 2026

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Name

Jason Hale

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4421 Hamlin Dr
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Topic

CCASRCD Appointments, Drought Surcharge Exemption Fee Program, Far Field Advisory Committee

Agenda Item Number

General Public Comment

Comment

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jasonhaletx@gmail.com

Public Comment for City Council 01/27/2025

1. CCASRCD Appointment

The mission of the CCASRCD to protect and manage groundwater resources is extremely important to me. I think one of the lessons we learned from the current drought is how critical groundwater and emergency supplies are to our water portfolio. It would be an honor to be able to serve on the board and to help the board achieve its mission.

[Groundwater Leasing Ordinance, 1987 to 2001](#)

Did you know that in 1987 the City adopted an ordinance requiring the City manager to acquire and to maintain a water well leasing program to produce 60 million gallons per day? In 2001, the ordinance was abandoned due to costs, partially attributable to the large amount of acreage needed to satisfy upstream GCD district regulations, and also because Mary Rhodes Phase 1 had just gone online, providing large volumes of water that exceeded current demands. As time went on, those volumes of water were met by new demands, leaving the area prone to drought again.

Emergency Supplies / Drought Resiliency

One takeaway from this is that new non-emergency supplies, like Mary Rhodes Phase I, eventually get spoken for and are not a reliable long term solution to drought. I believe that you need flexible supplies and/or flexible demands in order to get through a drought and I think the CCASRCD will be extremely important in ensuring long-term drought resiliency.

Sustainable Management of Groundwater Resources

Our streamflows depend on sustainable groundwater management in upstream GCDs. They've diminished over time and will continue to do so unless it is addressed. Therefore, it is important that the CCASRCD sustainably manages its resources in order to encourage the same from upstream GCDs, whose management affects our surface water resources.

I looked through the board applicants, I think there are a lot of good candidates, most of them are much more qualified than me. However, as a board member, I will do everything I can to ensure our groundwater resources are protected and sustainably managed. Thank you for your consideration.

2. Drought Surcharge Exemption Fee

On the flip side of flexible supplies are flexible demands. Drought surcharges provide a financial incentive to reduce water use when supplies are low. Additionally, they can provide a source of revenue that offsets the loss in water sales due to conservation. However, it's hard to tell if the Drought Exemption Fee program is working in the best interest of the public.

[Water Consumption Graphs By Customer Class, 2022 to 2025](#)

Recently, water use data for 2025 was published on the City's website which provides insight to the effectiveness of Stage 3 drought restrictions. Conveniently, the whole year of 2025 was in Stage 3 drought restrictions which makes comparisons to non-drought years easy. Despite a target reduction of

30% for Stage 3, only a reduction of 5% was achieved when comparing 2023's water use to 2025's water use (Table 1). Most of the reductions came from Commercial and Residential users, using 12% to 16% less water in 2025 compared to 2023.

Table 1: Water use data from 2023 and 2025.

	Water Use (MGD)		Difference (MGD)	Difference (%)
	2023	2025		
Large Volume ¹	32.67	32.19	-0.48	-1.5%
Wholesale Raw ²	28.99	30.62	1.63	5.6%
Wholesale Treated ³	15.93	14.49	-1.44	-9.0%
Commercial	16.39	14.33	-2.05	-12.5%
Residential	15.97	13.29	-2.68	-16.8%
Total	109.96	104.93	-5.02	-4.6% ⁴

1. Sales to Corpus Christi LVU's
2. Around half goes to LVU's outside of Corpus Christi
3. Around 12.5 MGD goes to GCGV
4. Target reduction for Stage 3 is 30%

Flexibility of Demands & Tradeoffs of Different Drought Policies

One takeaway from this is that Large Volume Users have some of the least flexible demands out of all of the user groups. I understand that LVU water use reductions may be undesirable and I can get on board with that as long as our drought policies are crafted to be in the public's best interest. However, I don't think the benefit of exemption fees over surcharges has been reasonably demonstrated.

Case Studies: Reservoir Time & Surcharge Collections

For example, if LVU's had reduced their demands by 15% in 2025, how many days would have been added to our water emergency timeline? Probably at least a month or two, right?. Alternatively, what would the revenue from surcharges look like if they were in effect in 2025 and large users didn't conserve? By my calculations, it would be over \$100 million, which would take over 15 years to get from exemption fees.

Who receives the benefits from the Drought Exemption fees?

If the City is collecting \$7 million a year, and that goes to new projects, it essentially lowers the debt service of new projects which ultimately lowers the water rate to customers. That's good and all, but if LVU's make up 60% of the water users, then in essence, they are receiving 60% of the benefit. So what may seem like a \$7 million dollar yearly benefit to non-LVU users, actually ends up being closer to a \$3 million dollar yearly benefit to non-LVU users. I guess the question here is, at what point do the

exemption fees become a better deal for residents over surcharges? If the City can't answer this, then they don't know which scenario is best.

No Guarantee of Participation

Additionally, if a large amount of new supplies are built and drought / surcharges are less of a concern, then there is no guarantee that LVU's will continue to participate in the program since it may be more cost effective to opt-out. Without a guarantee of future participation, the benefits of the exemption program become less reliable, which is concerning since the exemption fee program requires a long timeline in order to become a net benefit. Given the dire water situation we are in, and the lack of flexibility in demands from the region's largest users, I think it's worth asking whether or not the exemption fee program is in the public's best interest.

3. Far Field Advisory Committee Update

Last week was the far field advisory committee's first meeting. It went great, the input from everyone was awesome, and I wanted to thank you and the City Manager for creating the committee. It was a profound experience for me because I could finally feel us getting closer to understanding the true viability of the Inner Harbor project. I think it's an important endeavour because we need to make sure that our water dollars are going to projects that are operationally reliable and environmentally safe, which is something that has yet to be verifiably demonstrated for the Inner Harbor.

Lack of Clarity on How Results Will Inform Decision Making

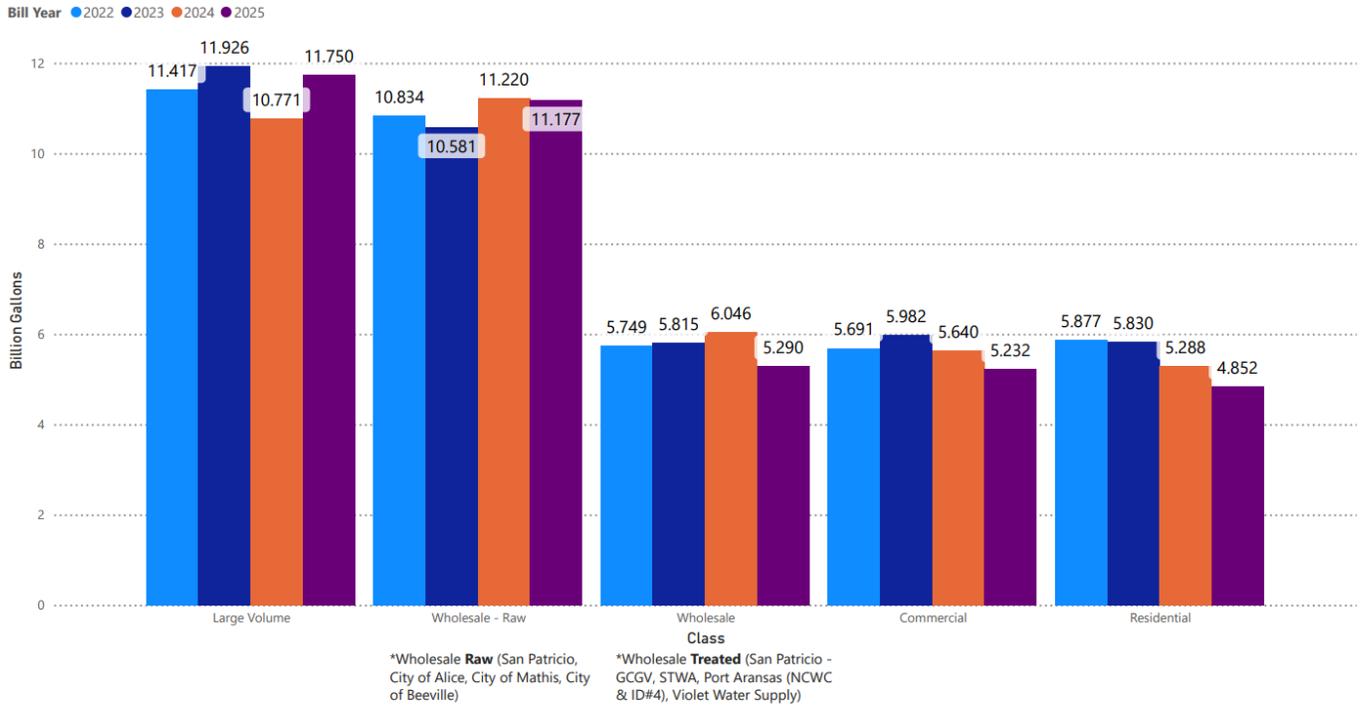
One important point that came up during the meeting was related to the results and how they will impact decisions made on moving forward with the Inner Harbor project. Given that members are dedicating their time, effort, and expertise into this endeavour, I think the City should let them know how the results will inform decision making, that way members can budget their time and energy accordingly. I value their input, I think it's critical to the committee's success, however I don't want them to feel misled or like the City isn't valuing their contributions. All of which can be resolved by the City stating whether or not the results will inform its decision to move forward with the Inner Harbor project and if the City will wait to move forward on the project until the results are in.

Funding the completion of GHD's modeling

Another important point that was brought up was the possibility of funding the completion of GHD's modeling from last year. I think it could be very valuable and timesaving, however I am concerned that if we are unable to verify its accuracy, it wouldn't make a positive contribution to the modeling efforts. Given GHD's reluctance to share the finer details of their model, much less any of the results except for a couple of slides, I'm highly concerned that this may be the case. So if you do consider it, please make sure, with absolute certainty, that we will be able to have the setup, inputs, and results validated before you decide to fund the completion of the study. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Jason Hale

Billed water (Billion Gallons) by year and class



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No

Topic

Item 2 Board Appointments to CCASRCD

Agenda Item Number

Item 2 Board Appointments to CCASRCD

Comment

Dear Mayor and Council members,
Please read the 5 attachments. It is time for this Board to accomplish the mission it was created for. It has a lot of money in the bank that can be put to good use to provide for the City in times of drought. This can only happen with a complete change of members on the Board. Appointing 3 non-City staff will ensure the Board's future effectiveness.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

John

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1 boundaries of the district are coextensive with the city limits of
2 the City of Corpus Christi and include:

3 (1) property owned by or under contract to the City of
4 Corpus Christi in Nueces and Kleberg Counties; and

5 (2) in San Patricio County, property owned by or under
6 contract to the City of Corpus Christi and bounded on the west by
7 Interstate Highway 37 and U.S. Highway 77, on the north by the
8 metropolitan planning organization boundary, on the east by County
9 Road 2849, and on the south by the city limits of the City of Corpus
10 Christi.

11 Sec. 8811.005. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAW. Except as
12 otherwise provided by this chapter, Chapter 36, Water Code, applies
13 to the district.

14 Sec. 8811.006. CREATION OF GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION
15 DISTRICTS IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY. (a) This chapter does not
16 preclude the creation of a groundwater conservation district in San
17 Patricio County.

18 (b) A groundwater conservation district created in San
19 Patricio County may not limit or restrict the district from
20 recovering water stored by the district in a municipal aquifer
21 storage area in the district, even if the municipal aquifer storage
22 area is also located in the groundwater conservation district.

23 (c) To the extent that the boundaries of the district and a
24 groundwater conservation district in San Patricio County overlap,
25 the power and authority of the two districts are joint and
26 coextensive.

27 (d) The district and land in the district are exempt from

1 taxes and fees imposed by a groundwater conservation district
2 created in San Patricio County.

3 [Sections 8811.007-8811.020 reserved for expansion]

4 SUBCHAPTER B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5 Sec. 8811.021. DIRECTORS; TERMS. (a) The district is
6 governed by a board of five directors.

7 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), directors serve
8 staggered four-year terms.

9 (c) The initial directors shall draw lots to determine which
10 three directors shall serve four-year terms that expire at the end
11 of the calendar year four years after the effective date of the Act
12 creating this chapter, and which two directors shall serve two-year
13 terms that expire at the end of the calendar year two years after
14 the effective date of the Act creating this chapter.

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18 the board may appoint a director to serve the remainder of the term.

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21 Council.

22 [Sections 8811.025-8811.050 reserved for expansion]

23 SUBCHAPTER C. POWERS AND DUTIES

24 Sec. 8811.051. AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY PROJECTS. The
25 district may implement and develop aquifer storage and recovery
26 projects.

27 Sec. 8811.052. MUNICIPAL AQUIFER STORAGE AREAS IN SAN

1 PATRICIO COUNTY. The district may not allow more water to be
2 recovered from a municipal aquifer storage area in San Patricio
3 County than the amount of water stored by the district at the
4 municipal aquifer storage area.

5 Sec. 8811.053. TAXES AND BONDS PROHIBITED. The district
6 may not impose a tax or issue bonds.

7 Sec. 8811.054. EMINENT DOMAIN. The district may not
8 exercise the power of eminent domain.

9 SECTION 2. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
10 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this
11 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
12 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
13 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
14 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
15 Government Code.

16 (b) The governor has submitted the notice and Act to the
17 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

18 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
19 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor,
20 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives
21 within the required time.

22 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
23 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
24 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
25 and accomplished.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Tom Craddick
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1831 passed the Senate on April 28, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 28, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1831 passed the House, with amendment, on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

17 JUNE '05
Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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Secretary of State

SPECIAL DISTRICT LOCAL LAWS CODE
TITLE 6. WATER AND WASTEWATER
SUBTITLE H. DISTRICTS GOVERNING GROUNDWATER
CHAPTER 8811. CORPUS CHRISTI AQUIFER STORAGE AND RECOVERY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 8811.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the board of directors of the district.

(2) "Director" means a member of the board.

(3) "District" means the Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District.

Added by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1324 (H.B. 3513), Sec. 1, eff. June 18, 2005.

Sec. 8811.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT. The district is a conservation and reclamation district in Kleberg, Nueces, and San Patricio Counties created under and essential to accomplish the purposes of Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution. The district is created to develop and protect municipal aquifer storage areas created by the City of Corpus Christi.

Added by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1324 (H.B. 3513), Sec. 1, eff. June 18, 2005.

Sec. 8811.003. CONFIRMATION ELECTION NOT REQUIRED. An election to confirm the creation of the district is not required.

Added by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 1324 (H.B. 3513), Sec. 1, eff. June 18, 2005.

Sec. 8811.004. INITIAL DISTRICT TERRITORY. The initial boundaries of the district are coextensive with the city limits of the City of Corpus Christi and include:

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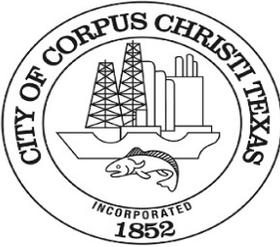
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CORPUS CHRISTI WATER

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE

Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage & Recovery Conservation District (CCASRCD)



Wednesday, September 10, 2025

City Hall, 6th Fl Conf Rm

The Board of Directors of the Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District met in regular session at City of Corpus Christi City Hall, 1201 Leopard St, Corpus Christi, Texas, with the following in attendance:

Members:

Dan McGinn, President

Jeff Edmonds, Secretary

Ryan Skrobarczyk, At-Large

Nick Winkelmann, At-Large

Esteban (Steve) Ramos, Manager

In Attendance: (non-members)

Lisa Aguilar, City Attorney's Office

Maria Corona, Administrator, Water Resources

Belinda Balderas, Water Resources

Josh Kawinski, CCW

Robert Buchanan, CC Towne Homes

(1) **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Dan McGinn at 11:06 a.m. The roll was called. A quorum was present to conduct the meeting.

(2) **Public Comment:** No Public Comment

(3) **Review and Approval of minutes of July 17, 2025, Regular Meeting:**

ACTION: A motion was made by Jeff Edmonds to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2025, meeting. Nick Winkelmann seconded the motion. *The Vote: All in Favor and the Minutes Approved*

(4) **Re-Appoint New Board Member:**

DISCUSSION: To replace Drew Molly, who vacated the position. There is a need to reappoint the position vacated by Drew Molly, COO of CCW, who left the City of Corpus Christi. Drew's term will expire in 2027.

ACTION: This item was tabled and will be voted on during the next regular meeting.

(5) **HDR Contract:**

DISCUSSION: To update the Water Management Plan and the Rules and Regulations. Administrator Maria Corona provided an update.

(6) **CC Towne Homes Request to Increase Usage on Current Permit:**

DISCUSSION: The District Administrator, Maria Corona, introduced Mr. Buchanan from CC Towne Homes. Informed the Board that CC Towne Homes has a previous permit from 2021 for irrigation purposes, to put well water into the pond for irrigation purposes. Has requested a change in use for that permit from irrigation to just use for the pond, since they are no longer using it to irrigate.

ACTION: A motion to grant a one-year temporary permit was made by Jeff Edmonds, and a second was made by Ryan Skrobarczyk. The *Vote:* All in Favor of approving a temporary permit for one year for 1 million gallons for one year, with reporting requirements to CC Towne Homes.

(7) New HB4214 Requirement

DISCUSSION: Lisa Aguilar, the legal representative, provided the Attorney General's Requirements for establishing an address and email address to be utilized for purposes of PIA. The 2726 Holly Rd address and the CCASRD@cctexas.com email addresses were recommended and discussed. It was noted that we are a stand-alone entity and, therefore, will have our own information separate from the City.

ACTION: A motion was made by Jeff Edmonds, and a second was made by Nick Winkelmann. *The Vote:* All in Favor to approve the 2726 Holly Road address and the CCASRCD@cctexas.com email address and provide this information to the Attorney General's Office by October 1, 2025.

(8) Training Requirement of Section 552.012 of the Texas Government Code:

DISCUSSION: Legal Representative Lisa Aguilar provided information on the new Open Meetings Act Training and Public Information Acts Training requirements for each Board Member to complete via video training. The link will be sent to all Board Members via email.

(9) Desalination and Evangeline Projects:

DISCUSSION: Updates provided by Staff

(10) Well Projects:

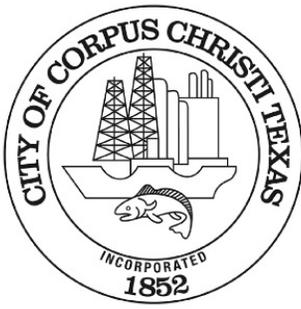
DISCUSSION: Updates provided by Staff

(11) Staff Announcements:

DISCUSSION: No new staff announcements.

(12) Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, President Dan McGinn adjourned the meeting at 12:01 pm.



CORPUS CHRISTI WATER
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage & Recovery Conservation District
(CCASRCD)

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

Choke Canyon Conf Rm

The Board of Directors of the Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District met in regular session at Corpus Christi Water, 2726 Holly Rd, Corpus Christi, Texas, with the following in attendance:

Members:

Dan McGinn
Jeff Edmonds (Virtual)
Amber Oetting (Virtual)
Esteban (Steve) Ramos

In Attendance: (non-members)

Maria Corona, Water Resources
Belinda Balderas, Water Resources
Daisy Fuentes, Water Resources
Aimee Alcorn-Reed, Assistant City Attorney

(1) **Call Meeting to Order** The meeting was called to order by President, Dan McGinn at 9:30 am. The roll was called. A quorum was present to conduct the meeting.

(2) **Public Comment:** No Public Comment

(3) **Review and Approval of minutes of the September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting**

ACTION: No motion was made to approve the minutes as it was brought up by Aimee Alcorn that the minutes were not distributed for members to review prior. The Vote: No Vote

(4) **Update Public Official Bond Applications: ALL BONDS UPDATED**

DISCUSSION: Steve Ramos, Water Resource Manager of CCW gave an update on the Board members' Public Official Bond Applications. He stated that all applications had been filled out and bonds were issued to all members. Additionally, he stated that CCW staff will be reaching out to 2 members whose bonds will expire at the end of the year.

(5) **Discussion of upcoming Groundwater Well Permits for West Guth Park and Barney Davis**

DISCUSSION: West Guth Park: Steve discussed that CCW staff approached the District due to the pond water levels dropping because of the drought conditions. Councilman Roy reached out to CCW staff to look for a solution. CCW staff were advised to apply for a groundwater well permit to mitigate drought losses to pond. Currently CCW staff is looking for a driller. An application has not been submitted. CCW will bring the item to the group once an application is submitted for Board approval.

Amber: What is the purpose of the pond. Response: To protect wildlife habitat.

Maria: Size of the Pond. Response: 2 Feet deep and

Jeff: Familiar with the site. To make up evaporated losses.

Barney Davis: Steve discussed that an application as been submitted for this well and is currently in technical review. This well will be used as a back up water for the plant. During the freeze, they lost pressure and began looking for a back up water supply.

Jeff: What is the depth? Response: 100 Feet

Will it be on their property? Response: Little to no impact to GW because of location

Amount of usage? Response: About 200-acre feet is the requested quantity.

Dan: Will it be for back up? Response: Yes.

Take the City Water first. Response: Suggested to add to permit.

Jeff: Water will probably be salty. Response: Yes, it will.

Steve: After the freeze, CCW as approached by other facilities such as Driscoll Hospital, seeking well permits, but no applications were submitted.

(6) Staff Announcements:

Steve Ramos made introduction of 2 new staff members to Water Resources Discussed GMA 15 stating that we may longer be a member of this district. It is currently being reviewed by TWDB. Discussion on GMA 16, stating that an alternate water source in Evangeline area if the City goes with project. Participation of the District will be required.

Dan: Evangeline is so close to this area. Owned by Welder Family? Response: Yes

Steve: Evangeline's proposal advertises 25 MGD production from said aquifer. They have a production permit. We are working with HDR to evaluate this project. If we do, both districts will need to work together.

Jeff: This Board is an appointed group of City Employees. A few members are no longer employed by the City. Do we need to appoint new members? Response: Per Aimee, this is not a City board. We cannot remove members. They can resign or when their term ends. Per Maria, 2 terms expire at the end of this year.

Steve: This group will begin to meet more often. Either Bi-Monthly or Monthly.

(7) Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, Jeff Edmonds moved to adjourn and Amber Oetting seconded it, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 am.

The State created the CCASRCD. It was created in 2005 by the 79th State Legislature. It was signed into law by Governor Rick Perry.

Quoting the law:

"The district is created to develop and protect municipal aquifer storage areas created by the City of Corpus Christi."

This board first met on Nov. 21, 2006 (let me know if you want to see the meeting minutes), almost 20 years ago. It is my opinion, that it hasn't done what it was created to do.

As of Nov. 21, 2025 their account balance was \$746,181. They have the money to do what they were created to do.

Special District Laws

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/?tab=1&code=SD&chapter=SD.8811&artSec=>

HB 3513

<https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/79R/billtext/html/HB03513F.HTM>

SB 1831 Signed by the House, Senate, and Governor.

https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapth157659/m2/1/high_res_d/SB1831.pdf

"Rule 2.2 Board Structure and Officers

The District Board of Directors is composed of 5 members initially elected to staggered 2- and 4-year terms. All directors are appointed by the Corpus Christi City Council. The Board shall elect officers annually and the officers must be confirmed by the City Council. If a vacancy occurs on the Board, then the Board may appoint a Director to serve the remainder of the term.

The District's Board of Directors is comprised of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, General Manager, and Member(s). The Board of Directors holds regular meetings at City Hall located at 1201 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, Texas on a quarterly basis, unless otherwise posted. All meetings of the District's Board of Directors are public meetings noticed and held in accordance with all public meeting requirements. The District Board of Directors meetings are posted in each county along with other items of interest by the District."

Per Aimee Alcorn-Reed, Assistant City Attorney, as noted in the May 31, 2023 meeting minutes, "this is not a City board."

Per Lisa Aguilar, the legal representative, as noted in the Sept. 10, 2025 meeting

minutes, "It was noted that we are a stand-alone entity and , therefore, will have our own information separate from the City."

Please read the 4 additional attachments.

The item packet refers to the following.

According to Resolution 033786 signed on Oct. 21st, 2025, "The Council will appoint two non-City staff members to the board of directors of the Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District upon expiration of the terms of the next two directors."

This means what it says, the Council will appoint two non-City staff members. So, the Council must appoint at least two non-City staff members. The Resolution doesn't restrict the number of non-City staff members. After the Council appoints two non-City staff members, the Council can appoint a third non-city staff member. The board has been controlled by City staff members for almost 20 years and it hasn't accomplished the mission it was created to do. Because of the Board's failure to accomplish its mission and how poorly it has been managed since 2018 (according to the own Board's minutes), it is imperative that three non-City staff members are appointed at this time.