



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

Special City Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

A. Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Vaughn to call the meeting to order.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

B. City Secretary Rebecca 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.

NOTE: Council Members Barrera and Roy recused themselves from all further proceedings in the matter of the Removal Action of the Mayor on May 26 and May 27, respectively.

Charter Officers: City Manager Peter Zanoni, Assistant City Attorney Lisa Aguilar and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

Present: 6 - Council Member Gilbert Hernandez, Council Member Sylvia Campos, Council Member Eric Cantu, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Mark Scott, and Council Member Kaylynn Paxson

Absent: 2 - Council Member Roland Barrera, and Council Member Everett Roy

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn opened public comment. The following individuals spoke: Captain Dave Heasley, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Luna Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Sandy Fernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Jared Suarez, Corpus Christi, TX, Alberto Zertuche, Corpus Christi, TX, Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Alejandro Benavides, Corpus Christi, TX, Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, and Melinda De Los Santos, Corpus Christi, TX.

D. PRETRIAL HEARING FOR THE REMOVAL ACTION OF THE MAYOR: (ITEM 1)

1. [26-0823](#) Pretrial Hearing for the Removal Action of the Mayor, with discussion and possible action regarding preliminary and procedural matters for removal proceedings, including motion for recusal and disqualification, other motions before the City Council, witness lists, issuance of subpoenas, and all other related matters for the Removal Action, and scheduling of additional pretrial hearings and the Hearing for the Removal Action of the Mayor.

Council Member Paxson moved that for efficiency of the Pretrial Hearings, to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to rule on motions and schedule dates, subject to objections of the City Council, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. The motion was approved with the following vote: Council Members Campos, Cantu, Hernandez, Paxson, and Vaughn voting "yes," and Council Member Scott voting "no."

Legal Counsel for Mayor Guajardo John Flood and Legal Counsel for the Petitioners Doug Allison responded to Council questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn entertained Mayor Guajardo's Verified Motion for Recusal and Disqualification. There were no additional recusals. Prior recusals were received from Council Members Barrera and Roy.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn stated: "I hereby find that Rule 18 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule 605 of the Texas Rules of Evidence do not apply. Motion denied." The motion for recusal and disqualification was denied with the following vote: Council Members Campos, Cantu, Hernandez, Paxson, and Vaughn voting "yes," and Council Member Scott voting "no."

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn stated: "On Mayor Guajardo's Motion to Strike Pleading, I am going to limit arguments to 2 minutes per side. Legal Counsel Flood and Legal Counsel Allison presented their arguments. Based on the arguments presented, I move to deny the mayor's motion to strike the pleadings." Council Member Vaughn moved to deny the motion, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. The motion to strike pleading was denied with the following vote: Council Members Campos, Cantu, Hernandez, Paxson, and Vaughn voting "yes," and Council Member Scott voting "no."

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn entertained the Petitioners' First Amended Motion to Modify City's Rules of Procedure for City Council Hearing for Removal Action under the City Charter."

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn stated: "I hereby approve the requested changes to the Rules of Procedure except for proposed changes to Sections 1, 4.D., 6.D., and 7." Council Member Vaughn moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. The motion to modify was approved with the following vote: Council Members Campos, Cantu, Hernandez, Paxson, and Vaughn voting "yes," and Council Member Scott voting "no."

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn stated: "Both parties have filed witness lists and requested subpoenas. I move to authorize the attorneys for the petitioners and the mayor to issue subpoenas as requested in their motions. The requesting party will be responsible for service of subpoenas." Council Member Vaughn moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. The motion was approved with the following vote: Council Members Campos, Cantu, Hernandez, Paxson, Scott, and Vaughn voting "yes."

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn asked: "For the scheduling of the Removal Action Hearing, have Petitioners' Counsel and Mayor's Counsel agreed to some potential dates?" Petitioner's counsel and Mayor's counsel replied in the negative.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn stated: "To address any additional pretrial matters, I hereby schedule June 8, 2026, and June 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m., for pretrials. Meetings may be canceled if not needed. I also schedule the removal hearing for July 22, 2026 and July 23, 2026 at 9:00 am." Council Member Paxson moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. The motion was approved with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Gilbert Hernandez, Council Member Sylvia Campos, Council Member Eric Cantu, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Mark Scott, and Council Member Kaylynn Paxson

Abstained: 2 - Council Member Roland Barrera, and Council Member Everett Roy

Enactment No: M2026-050

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEM 2)

2. [26-0831](#) **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 Pretrial Hearing for the Removal Action of the Mayor.**

This E-Session Item was not held.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.