



# City of Corpus Christi

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Corpus Christi, TX 78401  
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## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Tuesday, January 13, 2026

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

**B. Invocation to be given by Joshua Fraedrick.**

Joshua Fraedrick gave the invocation.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by William Pyle, senior at Richard King High School.**

William Pyle, senior at Richard King 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 Zanoni, 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. [26-0011](#) Policy Items for 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2026.**

City Manager Peter Zanoni presented information on the Policy Items for 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2026 as follows: Bond 2026; FY 2027 budget; process crime control and prevention district renewal; food service permit fee (SB 1008); residential streets funding; beach permit ILA agreement; amendments on impact fees/trust funds; TIRZ No. 7 creation; TIRZ creation policy; sales tax implementation plan; project finance zone for Hilliard Center; housing needs assessment; water supply projects (Inner Harbor); Far Field; level 1 water emergency; and policy items for 2nd quarter FY 2026.

City Manager Zanoni responded to Council questions.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT****G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (ITEM 2)**

2. [25-2020](#) Island Strategic Action Committee  
Landmark Commission

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Island Strategic Action Committee:  
Appointed: Terry J. Brown and Natalia Muse

Landmark Commission:  
This board appointment was tabled to seek further applications.

**H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:****I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 3 - 14)****Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Items 5, 6, and 11 were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Campos moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 5, 6, and 11, seconded by Council Member Vaughn. 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. [25-1969](#) Approval of the December 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

*Consent - Second Reading Ordinances*

4. [25-1779](#) Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of two grant awards for a total amount of \$12,906.00 from the Department of State Health Services through the Emergency Medical Services County Regional Advisory Council Grant Program

for funding for emergency medical service supplies and equipment, education, and training for the Corpus Christi Fire Department; and appropriating \$12,906.00 into the Fire Grants Fund.

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

Enactment No: 033828

5. [25-1815](#)

Ordinance authorizing the B Corporation's Texas State Aquarium ("TSA") Parking Lot Project, totaling up to \$2,000,000.00, from the B Corporation for TSA visitor parking lot infrastructure improvements; accepting and appropriating funding for the project totaling \$2,000,000.00, from the B Corporation unreserved fund and amending the FY 2025-26 budget.

City Manager Peter Zanoni, Interim Assistant City Manager Dan McGinn, City Attorney Miles Risley, and President and Chief Executive Officer of the Texas State Aquarium Jesse Gilbert responded to Council questions.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Scott. This Ordinance was passed on second 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

**Nay:** 1 - Council Member Vaughn

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 033829

6. [25-1820](#) Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, designating a contiguous geographic area within the extraterritorial jurisdictional limits of the city as a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, to be known as Reinvestment Zone Number Seven, City of Corpus Christi; Describing the boundaries of the zone; Creating a board of directors for the zone; Creating subzones within the zone; Establishing a tax increment fund for the zone; Containing findings related to the creation of the zone; Providing a date for the termination of the zone; Providing that the zone take effect immediately upon passage of the ordinance; Providing a severability clause; and Providing an effective date.

Interim Assistant City Manager Dan McGinn responded to Council questions.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

**Nay:** 1 - Council Member Campos

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 033830

7. [25-1799](#) Ordinance accepting a grant of \$7,000.00 from the Can'D Aid Foundation to support recycling and community engagement at large local events; and appropriating the amount in the FY 2026 Solid Waste Grants Fund.

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

Enactment No: 033831

8. [25-1836](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8885, Andrea and Daovone Xayasene (District 3). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 5113 Larcade Drive from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "RS-6/SP" Single-Family 6 District with a Special Permit; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

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

Enactment No: 033832

9. [25-1837](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8910, Paul and Melba Savoy (District 1). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 3202 East Causeway Boulevard from the "CR-1" Resort Commercial District to the "RM-AT" Multifamily Apartment Tourist District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

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

Enactment No: 033833

*Consent - Contracts and Procurement*

10. [25-1829](#) Resolution authorizing execution of a three-year supply agreement with two one-year option periods, with Hach Company, of Loveland, Colorado, in the amount of \$2,700,000.00 to purchase necessary instruments, components, and reagent consumables to meet operational needs of Corpus Christi Water, with FY 2026 funding of \$445,000.00 from the Water Fund and \$210,000.00 from the Wastewater Fund, for a combined total of \$655,000.00.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033834

*Consent - First Reading Ordinances*

*General Consent Items*

11. [25-1934](#) One-reading emergency ordinance approving the twelfth amendment to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) #3 Project & Financing Plan to allow reimbursement, not to exceed \$2,000,000.00, to government agencies that participate in the TIRZ #3 for demolition of publicly-owned buildings as approved by the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Corpus Christi, Texas, on January 13, 2026.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

City Manager Peter Zaroni and Executive Director of Corpus Christi Downtown Management District Arlene Medrano responded to Council questions.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

**Nay:** 1 - Council Member Campos

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 033835

12. [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 first reading on the consent agenda.

13. [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 first reading on the consent agenda.

14. [26-0075](#) Resolution of commitment to the Coastal Bend Water Alliance declaring unified commitment to the development of regional water supplies.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033836

**J. RECESS FOR LUNCH**

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 1:30 p.m. Executive Session Items 29-33 were held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 3:29 p.m.

**K. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 15 - 18)**

15. [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).

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve Items 15-18, seconded by Council Member Cantu. These Ordinances were 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

16. [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).

See Item 15.

**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

17. [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).

See Item 15.

**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

18. [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).

See Item 15.

**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

**L. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 19 - 26)**

19. [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 provided an overview of the agreement.

City Manager Peter Zanoni and COO Winkelmann responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Luna Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Michael Miller, Corpus Christi, TX, and Jim Klein, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Scott. 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

20. [26-0056](#) Discuss and consider possible action to require General Public Comment to begin at 12:00 pm exactly and allow all registered speakers three (3) minutes to speak during Public Comment, regardless of residency effective January 27, 2026, **as requested by Council Members Eric Cantu, Carolyn Vaughn, and Sylvia Campos.**

Council Members shared their desires and suggestions regarding the public comment period.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Susie Luna Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Scott Roslin, Nueces County, TX, Chris Cuellar, Nueces County, TX, Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, Matthew Rankin, Corpus Christi, TX, Marilena Garza, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, Joshua Fraedrick, Corpus Christi, TX, and Melanie Sanchez, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Cantu moved to amend the motion to require General Public Comment to begin at 12:00 p.m. and allow all in person registered speakers three minutes to speak during public comment regardless of residency effective January 27, 2026, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Motion was passed as amended 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: M2026-001

21. [26-0057](#) Discuss and consider possible action to eliminate Drought Exemption Fee, **as requested by Council Members Sylvia Campos, Carolyn Vaughn, and Eric Cantu.**

This Item was postponed until January 27, 2026.

22. [26-0059](#) Discussion and possible action regarding the Type B Corporation Business Incentive Agreement with Next Sports Company, LLC, including related operational issues, actions involving utilities access, and the filing of criminal charges, and to provide direction to City Staff, **as requested by Council Members Eric Cantu, Sylvia Campos, and Carolyn Vaughn.**

City Manager Peter Zanoni, Interim Assistant City Manager Dan McGinn, and City Attorney Miles Risley responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, and Eran Hami, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

No action was taken.

23. [26-0054](#) Discuss and consider possible action to receive a comprehensive report from Corpus Christi Animal Care Services on daily operations, staffing levels, intake and outcome data, and current challenges. Also an update on the timeline and process for filling the Animal Care Services Director position, with clarification on leadership continuity during the transition, **as requested by Council Members Eric Cantu, Carolyn Vaughn, and Kaylynn Paxson.**

City Manager Peter Zanoni, Assistant City Manager Sony Peronel, Director of Animal Care Services Kathleen Chapa, and Assistant Director of Animal Care Services Cynthia Martinez responded to Council questions.

No action was taken.

24. [26-0058](#) Discuss and consider possible action to adopt a zero-tolerance policy stating that the euthanization of healthy or treatable animals at Corpus Christi Animal Care Services for space, capacity, or operation reasons is strictly forbidden, will not be authorized, and will not be justified under any circumstances, with mandatory reporting and oversight to ensure compliance, **as requested by Council Members Eric Cantu, Carolyn Vaughn, and Kaylynn Paxson.**

City Manager Peter Zanoni, Assistant City Manager Sony Peronel, Director of Animal Care Services Kathleen Chapa, and Assistant Director of Animal Care Services Cynthia Martinez responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Rene Hammock, Corpus Christi, TX, Elizabeth Lily, Corpus Christi, TX, Melissa Nucete, Corpus Christi, TX, Carrie Morales, Corpus Christi, TX, Roland Rodriguez, Corpus Christi, TX, Veronica Lankford, Corpus Christi, TX, and Kelly Segura, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Cantu moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Vaughn. The Motion failed with the following vote:

**Aye:** 3 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez and Council Member Cantu

**Nay:** 4 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo and Council Member Scott

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Paxson

**Abstained:** 1 - Council Member Roy

Enactment No:

25. [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 postponed until January 27, 2026.

26. [26-0060](#) Discuss and consider possible action pertaining to the disclosing of information from an Executive Session and consequences if any, **as requested by Council Members Carolyn Vaughn, Gil Hernandez, and Sylvia Campos.**

City Attorney Miles Risley and City Manager Peter Zaroni responded to Council questions.

No action was taken.

**M. BRIEFINGS: (ITEMS 27 - 28)**

27. [26-0009](#) Corpus Christi Water Update on Water Supply with a focus on the Evangeline Project.

Interim Chief Operating Officer Nick Winkelmann and Director of Water Supply Management Brett Van Hazel presented information on the following topics: discussion topics; National Weather Service Update-seasonal temp/precip outlook; 7-day streamflow anomaly; climatological precipitation; water supply dashboard; Lake Texana; Evangeline Groundwater Project-project overview; upcoming actions; Nueces Groundwater Program; Well Field Monitoring Program; Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Project; Far Field Advisory Process; Far Field Advisory Committee; Far Field Model Limits; Far Field Modeling Timeline; Reclaimed Water Infrastructure; Water Conservation Plan; Water Conservation Plan Advisory Committee; and Water Supply Project website.

Interim COO Winkelmann and Director Van Hazel responded to Council questions.

28. [26-0010](#) Update on the City's Consent Decree with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the United States Department of Justice.

This Item was postponed until January 27, 2026.

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 29 - 33)**

29. [25-2027](#) **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, Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District, water wells, Special District Local Laws Code § 8811.001, et. Seq., Texas Water Code § 36.001, et. Seq., 31 TAC Chapter 356 and other regulations related to groundwater management, and Texas Gov't Code § 551.074 (personnel matters) to deliberate the potential appointment of a member to the Board of Directors of the Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District**

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

30. [25-1976](#) **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 discussed in executive session.

31. [26-0008](#) **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.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

32. [26-0012](#) **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 Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code, statutes and regulations related to hotel occupancy taxes and audits and other collection activities related to hotel occupancy taxes.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

33. [26-0020](#) **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 a claim against the City by *Raul Alonso, Jr.* for personal injuries related to a motor vehicle accident, potential litigation concerning said claim, updates on litigation in other cases, and potential consideration of settlement(s) related to the aforesaid claim and/or lawsuit.

This E-Session Item was passed after executive session.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to settle all claims for which the City may be liable to Raul Alonso or related beneficiaries, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Scott and passed with the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott and Council Member Roy  
**Nay:** 1 - Council Member Hernandez  
**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Paxson  
**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: M2026-002

## **O. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke: Marilena Garza, Corpus Christi, TX, Jeff Lehrman, Corpus Christi, TX, Whitney Chapman, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Luna Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, Melanie Sanchez, Corpus Christi, TX, Trian Serbu, Corpus Christi, TX, Elizabeth Pena, Corpus Christi, TX, Melissa Nucete, Corpus Christi, TX, Saskia Murray, Corpus Christi, TX, Matthew Rankin, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, Monna Lytle, Corpus Christi, TX, and Carina Libretto, Corpus Christi, TX.

The following individual submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Janet Newcomb, Corpus Christi, TX.

## **P. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Monday, January 12, 2026

## Public Comment & Input Form

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## Public Comment & Input Form

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**Date of Meeting**

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

**Name**

Janet Newcomb

**Address**

1314/Meadowlane Dr  
Corpus Christi, TX, 78412

**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 4

**Topic**

Fix the Drought exemption fee

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### Comment

My name is Janet Newcomb, and I'm fed up. I use under 3,000 gallons a month—short showers, recycle water, ripped out my pool to save every drop in this drought. Yet my rates have increased. That's real sacrifice.

We're in Stage 3, reservoirs at 10%, emergency cuts looming—because residents like me have cut back hard. Big industry guzzles ~60% of our water—more than all households—and gets a voluntary exemption giveaway on surcharges the city never enforces.

This fee is cheap insurance for them: millions for drought-proof projects we need, but scrapping it guts revenue and slaps higher rates on low-usage families who've sacrificed plenty. Stop protecting big industry at our expense.

Don't eliminate it—fix it: Make heavy users pay mandatorily, tie exemptions to real conservation, force them to cut like us. No more shifting pain to families.

Residents bleed conservation; industry rides free. End it. Demand shared sacrifice—now—for our water survival.

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