



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Friday, August 25, 2023

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

FY 2023-2024 Budget Workshop: Including but not limited to Water and Wastewater Follow-Up, Capital Improvements Plan, and Budget Wrap-Up

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

B. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.

Assistant City Secretary Stephanie Box 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 Assistant City Secretary Stephanie Box

Note: Council Member Barrera arrived at 9:06 a.m.

Present: 9 - Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Mike Pusley, Council Member Dan Suckley, Council Member Everett Roy, Council Member Jim Klein, and Council Member Sylvia Campos

C. BRIEFINGS:

1. [23-1411](#) FY 2023-2024 Budget Workshop: Including but not limited to Water and Wastewater Follow-Up, Capital Improvements Plan, and Budget Wrap-Up

Chief Operations Officer for Corpus Christi Water Michael Murphy and Assistant Director of Support Services for Utilities Reba George presented information on the following topics: overview; question 1; question 2; question 3; question 4; question 5; question 6; question 7; question 8; question 9; question 10; 2-year financial statement-water; 2-year financial statement-wastewater; question 11; and question 12.

Council Members, City Manager Zanoni, Chief Operations Officer for Corpus Christi Water Murphy, Assistant Director of Support Services for Utilities George, Director of Water Utilities Drew Molly, and Managing Director of Specialized Public Finance Inc. Victor Quiroga discussed the following topics: a concern that the City is selling water for less than what it costs to produce; a suggestion that the City consider reviewing water rates on an annual basis instead of every two years; and concern with debt service and what the impact is to the credit rating.

Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds presented information on the following topics: CIP program; 10-year CIP; short and long-range CIP projects; FY24 CIP program funding uses; FY24 CIP funding sources; FY24 CIP program; G.O. Bond status; new certificates of obligation; and prior certificates of obligation.

Managing Director of Specialized Public Finance Inc. Victor Quiroga presented information on the following topics: debt information; common debt financing tools; certificates of obligation; recent legislative changes to certificates of obligation; and top 8 cities comparison.

Council Members and Mr. Quiroga discussed the following topics: Certificates of Obligation are allowed to be used for non-emergency projects as authorized by the Texas Legislature.

Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds presented information on the following topics: FY24 water CIP; FY24 wastewater CIP; FY24 streets CIP; FY24 Parks and Rec/TIRZ 2/Marina CIP; FY24 storm water CIP; FY24 public health and safety CIP; FY24 public facilities CIP; FY24 gas CIP; FY24 airport CIP; and Bond 2024.

A Council Member's request that projects be prioritized in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Director of Management and Budget Eddie Houlihan presented information on the following topics: budget public input sessions; Council District 1-Aug. 7; Council District 2-Aug. 9; Council District 3-Aug. 10; Council District 4-Aug. 14; Council District 5-Aug. 16; public input session summary; city manager recommended additions-based on community input sessions; FY 2023 vs. 2024 proposed budget comparison; FY 2024 proposed budget details; council workshops; responding to workshop questions; sample utility bill for residential customer; and staff amendments.

Council Members, City Manager Zanoni, Director Houlihan, and Director of Human Resources Eyvon McHaney discussed the following topics: concerns with removing the City Marshals, heating/cooling service enhancements, air quality monitoring, and tree canopy study from the budget.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 12:40 p.m.