

City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

11:30 Adbrpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority, 602 N.
Staples St., 2nd Floor Board Room (Rm. 210)

Addendums may be added on Friday.

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Reverend Russell Hildebrandt, Trinity Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Reverend Russell Hildebrandt, Trinity Our Savior Lutheran Church, gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Trevor Long, Junior at Miller High School.

Trevor Long, Junior at 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 Zanoni, City Attorney Miles Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

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

E. SECURITY BRIEFING

Assistant City Secretary Stephanie Box provided a security briefing.

- F. <u>CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEM 1)</u>
- 24-0186 Highlights of Major Capital Improvement Projects Completing in 2024

City Manager Peter Zanoni presented information on the CY 2024 major CIP projects as follows: Sherwood Dog Park; Packery Channel dredging and beach nourishment; council chambers modernization; Gabe Lozano Golf Course; CCIA outdoor concourse

patio; American Bank Center City terrace and suite enhancements; Miradors Seawall lighting (FMAC); Cole Park splash pad; Cole Park rehabilitation and improvement; Water Garden restoration; North Beach park; Rodd Field (Yorktown to Adler); new Police Training Facility; Fire Station No. 3; and Labonte Park expansion.

A Council Member and City Manager Zanoni discussed the following topic: the City partnered with the Ed Rachal Foundation to swap out the new fire station with the old fire station site.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Shawn Flanagan, 4218 Herndon St., spoke about appointing the best candidate to the Library Board, in opposition to Item 11, and recommends the City does a community campaign on desalination and present options to the community.

Deborah Williamson, 25 Rock Creek Dr. and Samuel Fryer, 2222 Cardinales Lanes, spoke in opposition to Item 11.

Tracy Cassidy, 337 Claremore St., asked for Council's support to consider her for the Library Board.

John Weber, 609 Naples St., spoke in opposition to desalination and opposed to Item 32.

Eli McKay, 1008 Marguerite St., spoke in opposition to desalination and in support of Item 9.

Kathryn Oler, 1400 Ocean Dr., spoke in opposition to desalination and in support of appointing Jennifer Anderson to the Library Board.

Vickie Natale, 142 Naples St. and Debbie Layton, 235 Amistad St., spoke in support of appointing Jennifer Anderson to the Library Board.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to desalination: Rachel Caballero, 522 Hancock Ave., Merida Forrest, 7114 Grape Arbor Dr., Blanca Parkinson, 10801 Silverton Dr., Arturo Lima, 317 Peoples St., Mark Muenster, 2921 Airline Rd., Jennifer Espino, 7122 Premont St., Armon Alex, 1610 La Joya St., Beatriz Alvarado, 910 Ohio Ave., Gabriel Flores, 6121 Lost Creek Dr., Sheron Wechsler, 6741 Sharks Court, Margot Moczygemba, 6105 Jessica Dr., Henry Williams, 2422 Summers St., Don Osborn, 1605 Mestina St., Maggie Peacock, 1773 Ennis Joslin Rd., Neil McQueen, 4213 Estate Dr., Jake Hernandez, 488 Palmetto St., Mary Carter, 3401 S. Alameda St., Heather Shields, 1230 Preston St., Jeremy Coleman, 7510 Cedar Brush, Victoria Holland, 235 Ohio Ave., Chloe Torres, 3302 Casa Bonita Dr., Priscilla Cambric, 2814 Rogers St., Deia Perez, 1230 Preston St., Sylvia Oliver, 2814 Rogers St., Eduardo Canales, 7021 Bevington Dr.,

Brittni Young, 6018 Williston Dr., Jeffrey Ybarra, 5701 Saratoga Blvd., Alberto Zertuche, 3601 Cub St., Silvia Jimenez de la Garza, 3009 Charles Dr., Edgar Aguirre, Meadows Place, TX, and Matthew Kennedy, Austin, TX.

The following citizens spoke in favor of desalination: Sarah Tindall, 445 Peerman Place, Robert Landeg, 8006 Villefranche Dr., Robert Kelley, 205 Chandler Lane, John Hale, 14854 Highland Mist Dr., Terry Mills, 6702 Everhart Rd., Mike Raffay, 5245 South Oso Parkway, David Engel, 230 Amistad St., Ryan Dixon, 5633 Timbergate Dr., Scott Corliss, 1234 Cornerstone Dr., Davy Edwards, 8106 Grand Canyon St., Bobby Gonzalez, 5901 Harvest Hill Rd., Alycia Kasperitis, 5325 Yorktown Blvd., Barrett Fines, 6006 Lago Vista, Justin Smith, 6201 Nilgai Court, Brian Keeble, 4350 Ocean Dr., Jim Urban, Port Aransas, TX, Mike Hatch, 408 Pinehurst, Portland, TX, Mike Culbertson, 800 N. Shoreline Blvd., Michael Paris, Portland, TX, Sandy Rodriguez, Portland, TX, Sydney Hansen, Rockport, TX, Francisco Falcon, 1808 Bay Landing Dr., Averi DeVault, Aransas Pass, TX, and Logan Burton, Rockport, TX.

The following citizens submitted written public comments which are attached to the minutes: John Weber, 609 Naples St., Joe Trejo, Alice, TX, Janet Newcomb, Meadowlane Dr., Mariah Boone, 710 Ponder St., Prachi Kala, Pennine Way, Suraida Nanez-James, 7326 Gold Ridge Rd., Stephanie Lewis, 109 Bradshaw Dr., Jason Hale, 4421 Hamlin Dr., Julie Rogers, 710 Furman Ave., Joe Newcomb, Meadowlane Dr., Love Sanchez, PO Box 60286, and Dorothy Peña, 2114 Meadowpass Dr.

H. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (ITEM 2)

24-0076 Animal Care Advisory Committee (1 vacancy)
 Library Board (1 vacancy)
 Marina Advisory Committee (5 vacancies)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 2.

Animal Care Advisory Committee: Appointed: Robert W. Perkins

Library Board:

Appointed: Jennifer Anderson

Marina Advisory Committee:

Reappointed: Curt L. Broomfield, John Murray, Charles Pendlyshok, and John S. Wood Appointed: Steve T. Indrelunas

I. <u>EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:</u>

J. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 3-28)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Items 4-8, 9 and 11 were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Roy moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 4-8, 9 and 11, seconded by Council Member Hunter. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

3. 24-0184 Approval of the January 18, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes and January 23, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

24-0095 Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas authorizing the 4. private placement issuance of its Utility System Senior Lien Revenue Improvement Bonds with the Texas Water Development Board in one or more series (as designated by purpose and series) for water, wastewater, and stormwater utility improvements in an amount not to exceed \$211,050,000, within set parameters; making provisions for the payment and security thereof by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the net revenues of the City's Utility System on a parity with certain currently outstanding Utility System Revenue Obligations; stipulating the terms and conditions for the issuance of additional revenue bonds on a parity therewith; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of one or more paying agent/registrar agreements and one or more escrow agreements; complying with the requirements imposed by the letter of representations previously executed with the Depository Trust Company; complying with the regulations promulgated by the Texas Water Development Board; delegating authority to the City Manager, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Director of Finance and Procurement to execute certain documents relating to the sale of each series of bonds; authorizing the execution and approval of a financing agreement between the City and the Texas Water Development Board related to the bonds; enacting other provisions incident and related to the subject and purpose of this ordinance; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Items 4-8.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Drew Molly, Associate of Freese and Nichols Jason Cocklin, Principal/Vice President of Freese and Nichols Charles Wolf, Assistant Director of Support Services of Utilities Reba George, and City Attorney Miles Risley discussed the following topics:

concerns about total cost of the project and discussion on how those costs were determined; construction costs are a moving target as they change frequently; the \$44 million annual maintenance and operation costs do not include debt service; concerns about chemicals in the bay and explanations of how they are removed during pre-treatment and treatment and other preventive measures; questions on accountability and potential additional of damage bond if environmental impact varies substantially from the models; strategies to reduce noise from the desalination plant; large volume water users help the entire rate system; the maximum output of the plant with current technologies is 32 million gallons per day (MGD), which could increase as technology advances; possibility of building a pipeline to pump the brine discharge into the Gulf instead of the Bay; concerns about the impact to residential ratepayers and desires to have large volume user rates more equitable to residential rates; and the discharge permit is for a five year term.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

The following citizens spoke in support of the Inner Harbor desalination site: Susie Luna Saldana, 4710 Hakel Dr., Bob Paulison, 15226 Barataria Dr., and Brian Williams, Taft, TX.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve Items 4-8, seconded by Council Member Suckley. These Ordinances were passed on second reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member

Pusley, Council Member Suckley and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Enactment No: 033269

Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas authorizing the private placement issuance of its Utility System Senior Lien Revenue Improvement Bonds with the Texas Water Development Board in one or more series (as designated by purpose and series) for water, wastewater, and stormwater utility improvements in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, within set parameters; making provisions for the payment and security thereof by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the net revenues of the City's Utility System on a parity with certain currently outstanding Utility System Revenue Obligations; stipulating the terms and conditions for the issuance of additional revenue bonds on a parity therewith; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of one or more series of bonds; appropriating the proceeds from the sale of the bonds; authorizing the execution of one or more paying agent/registrar agreements and

one or more escrow agreements; complying with the requirements imposed by the letter of representations previously executed with the Depository Trust Company; complying with the regulations promulgated by the Texas Water Development Board; delegating authority to the City Manager, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Director of Finance and Procurement to execute certain documents relating to the sale of each series of bonds; authorizing the execution and approval of a financing agreement between the City and the Texas Water Development Board related to the bonds; enacting other provisions incident and related to the subject and purpose of this ordinance; and providing an effective date.

See Item 4.

Aye: Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

1 - Council Member Hernandez Abstained:

Enactment No: 033270

24-0098 6. Ordinance authorizing the execution of all documents necessary to apply for and accept the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Grants for the construction of the Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant; and appropriating funds.

See Item 4.

Nay:

Aye: Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley and Council Member Roy

2 - Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: Council Member Hernandez

Enactment No: 033271

7. 24-0072 Ordinance authorizing the execution of all documents with American Electric Power, Texas, associated with construction of the interconnection of the Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant to the Electric Council of Texas electric transmission grid in the amount of \$3,062,880, and for the conveyance of property rights and/or modifications of existing contracts for the purchase of real property to transfer interest(s) in property as required by American Electric Power, Texas or its authorized related entities for the construction of said project, located in Council District 1 with FY 2024 funding available from the City's State Water Implementation Revenue Fund Texas Loan-2020.

See Item 4.

Aye: Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley and Council Member Roy

Nay: Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos Abstained: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Enactment No: 033272

8. 24-0073 Ordinance authorizing amendment number three to the Master Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols in an amount up to \$3,779,994 for to the Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant Project for Procurement Support Services for a total amount not to exceed \$9,033,994; appropriating \$3,779,994 from the Raw Water and Drought Surcharge funds reserve balances; and amending the FY 2024 Capital and Operating Budgets.

See Item 4.

Aye: 6 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member

Pusley, Council Member Suckley and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Enactment No: 033273

9. 24-0092 Ordinance adopting Land Use Assumptions and Capital Improvements Plans relating to the possible future adoption of water, wastewater, stormwater, and roadway impact fees for the City of Corpus Christi and its extraterritorial jurisdiction; and amending the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Corpus Christi by adopting related Water Master Plan, Wastewater Master Plan, Stormwater Master Plan, and Roadway Master Plan.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 9.

Council Member Hernandez pulled this Item to vote no.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Nay: 2 - Council Member Hunter and Council Member Pusley

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033274

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$367,441.52 from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for the Victims of Crime Act with an in-kind match of \$18,080.00 for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Victim Assistance Program; and appropriating \$367,441.52 in the Police Grants

Fund; and authorizing five full-time civilian employees.

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

Enactment No: 033275

11. 23-2049 Ordinance authorizing acceptance and future amendments of Partnering for Vaccine Equity (PAVE) Grant for \$75,000.00 from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO); and appropriating \$75,000.00 in the Health Grant Fund to provide Communications Campaign to Strengthen COVID-19 and Influenza vaccination uptake for the period of August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 11.

Council Members, Assistant City Manager Steve Viera, and Dr. Fauzia Khan discussed the following topic: this grant will be used to conduct a study to learn why people do or don't get influenza and COVID-19 vaccines and then develop a communication campaign based on survey responses; and Council members spoke in opposition to the COVID-19 vaccines.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Nay: 2 - Council Member Hernandez and Council Member Pusley

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033276

12. 24-0010 Ordinance authorizing a Water Arterial Transmission & Grid Main Construction and Reimbursement Agreement up to \$131,833.90 with MPM Development, LP to construct a water arterial transmission grid main related to Kings Landing Unit 5 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 \$131,833.90 to reimburse the developer in accordance with the agreement. (District 3).

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

Enactment No: 033277

Ordinance authorizing a construction contract to Tex-Mix Paving of Corpus Christi, Texas, for Base Bid 1 in an amount of \$6,000,000.00, Bay Ltd., of Corpus Christi, Texas, for Base Bid 2 in an amount of \$6,000,000.00, Anderson Columbia Co, Inc., of Corpus Christi, Texas, for Base Bid 3 in an amount of \$6,000,000.00, and Bay Ltd., of Corpus Christi, Texas, for Base Bid 5 in an amount of \$6,000,000.00 in an amount not to exceed \$24,000,000.00 with the option to renew for one additional year to be administratively authorized for a total amount not to exceed \$48,000,000.00 for Residential Street Rebuild

Program FY 2024 and FY 2025 as planned in the Rapid Pavement Program, located city-wide with funding available through Street Fund, Storm Water, Wastewater, Water and Gas Capital Funds; appropriating \$10,816,000.00 from the unreserved fund balance; and amending the FY 2024 Operating and Capital Budgets.

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

Enactment No: 033278

Ordinance abandoning, vacating, and closing 8.0118 acres of improved and unimproved public right-of-way identified as Starry Road and Starry Circle, between Yorktown Blvd and Oso Creek, conditioned on the Petitioner, MPM Development, LP, construction of Osito Way, Mapache Pass, and a portion of Oso Parkway and meeting other conditions.

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

Enactment No: 033279

Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the existing lease agreement with Tejas Bowmen Archery Club for the use of the property located adjacent to the Allison Wastewater Treatment Plant for an additional three-year term and two additional one-year option periods.

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

Enactment No: 033280

16. 23-2036 Ordinance amending the City Code relating to the Technically Based Local Limits for discharge of wastewater into the City's wastewater treatment plants in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulations and providing for penalties in accordance with City Code.

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

Enactment No: 033281

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

17. 23-1998 Resolution authorizing a one-year service agreement with two one-year option periods with Brightview Landscape Services, of Corpus Christi, Texas, for mowing services for the Corpus Christi Water Department, in an amount up to \$193,741.10 and a potential total amount up to \$581,223.30 if both one-year option periods are exercised, for mowing services for Corpus Christi Water (CCW), with FY 2024 funding of \$145,305.83 from the Wastewater and Water Funds.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033282

18. 23-1877 Motion authorizing execution of a three-year service agreement with ZPRO Solutions, Inc. of Naples, Florida, for \$906,403.88 for the renewal of Maximo software licenses, hosting and maintenance, and a one-year professional services contract with IBM Corporation of Armonk, New York, for \$542,400.00, for the upgrade to Maximo 8, with FY 2024 funding of \$711,242.76 from the Information Technology Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-009

19. 23-2060 Motion authorizing execution of a three-year service agreement with Great South Texas Corp, dba Computer Solutions of San Antonio, in an amount not to exceed \$317,196.00, for Cisco WebEx Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) and Audio, with FY 2024 funding of \$105,732.00 from the Information Technology Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-010

20. 23-2051 Motion authorizing the purchase of one replacement and two additional Harley-Davidson police motorcycles from Corpus Christi Harley Davidson, for the Corpus Christi Police Department in an amount of \$96,427.96, with FY 2024 funding from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-011

21. 23-2063 Resolution authorizing a one-year service agreement, with two one-year options, with Certified Collision Works, LLC, of Corpus Christi, in an amount not to exceed \$101,937.00, and a potential amount of \$305,811.00 if options are exercised, for vehicle paint and body repairs for Asset Management, with FY 2024 funding of \$67,958.00 from the Fleet Maintenance Service Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033283

22. 24-0079 Resolution authorizing the expenditure of additional funds in the amount of \$122,877.00, for the acquisition of five previously approved vehicles for various departments, with FY 2024 funding from Fleet Equipment Replacement Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033284

General Consent Items

23. 24-0103 Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application for \$80,000.00 to the State of Texas under the FY 2025 Criminal Justice Grant Program for the

purchase of 10 additional Panasonic in-car video systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033285

24. 24-0041 Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application for \$205,865.52 to the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the FY 2024 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant for 28 replacement bullet-resistant shields for the Corpus Christi Police Department.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033286

25. 24-0042 Resolution authorizing submission of grant application for \$318,816.56 to the State of Texas under the Victims of Crime Act for salaries and benefits for five civilian positions for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Victim Assistance Program, with cash match of \$61,624.14 and in-kind services of \$18,080.00.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033287

26. 24-0043 Resolution authorizing submission of grant application for \$59,609.00 to the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division under the Violence Against Women Act Fund for the salary and benefits of one civilian position in the Corpus Christi Police Department's Family Violence Unit, with a City cash match of \$24,719.82 and \$6,960.00 for in-kind services.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033288

27. 24-0052 Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the State of Texas under the FY 2025 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program in the amount of \$154,483.42 for the purchase of 100 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment for the Corpus Christi Police Department, with a City cash match of \$51,494.47 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033289

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

28. 24-0040 Ordinance authorizing a 15-year lease agreement, with one five-year option to renew, with Sterling Air Service, LLC, for a fixed base operator to occupy hangars, office, lobby, and maintenance space at the Corpus Christi International Airport; and providing for publication and an effective date (28-day delay required between readings).

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

K. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:42 p.m. Executive Session Items 38-40 were held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 29-30)

29. Zoning Case No. 1223-01, Thanksgiving Homes (District 2). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 3029 Sabinas Street from the "RS-6/SP" Single-Family 6 District with a Special Permit to the "RS-TH" Townhouse District; Providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 29.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Suckley

30. 24-0109 Ordinance abandoning, vacating, and closing 0.4132 acres of improved and unimproved public right-of-way identified as Mary Street, also known as Bluett Avenue, between 19th Street and 20th Street in support of the Lamar Elementary School site project to develop affordable housing for seniors.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 30.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

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

Aye:

 Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 0

M. RECESS TO CITY CORPORATION MEETING: (ITEM 31)

Mayor Guajardo recessed the City Council meeting to the City Corporation meeting at 5:33 p.m.

31. 24-0140 Annual Board Meeting of the Corpus Christi Community Improvement Corporation (CCCIC) to appoint board members, elect officers, approve minutes, and consider a resolution to convey property to the City of Corpus Christi.

This Corporation Meeting was held.

N. RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Guajardo reconvened the City Council meeting at 5:39 p.m.

O. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEM 32-35)

32. 24-0122 Ordinance authorizing Real Property Exchange Agreement with the Port of Corpus Christi Authority and the conveyance and exchange of 1208 Peabody Avenue & 1622 Van Loan Avenue for 2011 Palm Drive & 2101 Van Loan Avenue and provide additional payment thereof in the amount of \$3,000, located in Council District 1 with funding available from SWIFT Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 32.

A Council Member and Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds discussed the following topic: the City will compensate the Port of Corpus Christi \$3,000 due to the difference in the appraised value of the properties.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

33. 24-0003

Motion authorizing Amendment No. 2 to a professional services contract with Risa Weinberger & Associates, Inc., of Dallas, TX, to provide design, bidding, and construction testing phase services for new Solid Waste Compost Facility on the Cefe Valenzuela Landfill, in an amount not to exceed \$690,709.00, for a total contract value not to exceed \$878,778.00, located outside City limits, with FY 2024 funding available from the Solid Waste Capital Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 33.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Director of Solid Waste David Lehfeldt discussed the following topics: this contract authorizes phase 2 of the compost facility where brush will be composted; it will allow 25 percent more space on the landfill; local nurseries will be asked about selling the compost; Parks department will use it in landscaping; possibility of it being available to purchase by farmers; and the compost facility can process paper products that cannot be recycled.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye:

8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy and Council Member Klein

Absent: 1 - Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2024-012

34. 23-2067

A resolution relating to City of Corpus Christi's intention to reimburse itself from future issuances of certificates of obligation in an amount not to exceed \$28,100,000 for the projects already approved by the City Council in the fiscal year 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 34.

Interim Director of Finance and Procurement Alma Casas presented information on the following topics: Certificates of Obligation; and projects to be reimbursed.

A Council Member and Interim Director Casas discussed the following topic: a desire to amend the next budget policy regarding the amount issued for Certificates of Obligation.

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

Aye:

 Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy and

Council Member Klein

Absent: 1 - Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033290

35. <u>23-2068</u>

Resolution relating to City of Corpus Christi's intention to reimburse itself from future issuances of Utility System Revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$360,000,000 for Utility System expenditures budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Plan but incurred before the issuance of the bonds.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 35.

Interim Director of Finance and Procurement Alma Casas presented information on the following topics: utility system revenue bonds; and utility funds to be reimbursed.

There were no comments from the Council.

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

Aye:

 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy and Council Member Klein

Absent: 1 - Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033291

P. BRIEFINGS: (ITEMS 36-37)

36. 24-0049 Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (CCREDC) Fourth Quarter Update

This Item was withdrawn.

37. 23-2059 Briefing from the Parks & Recreation Department regarding the 10-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan

This Item was withdrawn.

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 38-40)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Executive Session Items 38-40. The Council went into Executive Session at 2:42 p.m. The Council returned from Executive Session at 3:55

p.m.

38. 23-1987 Executive Session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code § 551.071 and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to collective bargaining matters in the Agreement with the Corpus Christi Professional Firefighters Association, Chapters 143 and 174 of the Texas Local Government Code, other collective bargaining agreements as necessary, including potential approval in open session of matters related thereto as necessary.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

39. 24-0077 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 proposals the provision of groundwater from the Evangeline Aquifer and/or surface water, desalination, legal restrictions on & permits required for the provision of water (including groundwater), regulations of groundwater conservation district(s), TCEQ & EPA regulations related to water, state restrictions on rates and charges for utilities, other statutory restrictions on the issuance of debt and municipal contracting and potential contracting of consultants to assist in matters related to water/groundwater proposals

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

40. 24-0189 Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 and
Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with
attorneys concerning industries, infrastructure, utilities, and property in the City's
extraterritorial jurisdiction, services thereto, industrial district agreements, and
Chapters 42, 43 and 212 of the Texas Local Government Code and Texas
Government Code § 551.087 to discuss and deliberate regarding potential
financial or other incentive(s) to business prospects(s) that the governmental
body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City and
with which the City will be conducting economic development negotiations

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

R. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 6:02 p.m.

From: <u>CitySecretary</u>
To: <u>Sarah Brunkenhoefer</u>

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]Public Input: 11-14-2023 - John Weber

Date: Monday, January 29, 2024 8:25:44 AM

From: Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2024 2:14 PM

To: CitySecretary < CitySecretary@cctexas.com>; Norma Duran < NormaD2@cctexas.com>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Input: 11-14-2023 - John Weber

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Public Comment & Input Form		
Date of Meeting	11-14-2023	
Name	John Weber	
Address	Street Address: 609 Naples St City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78404	
Topic	Hillcrest Desalination and more	
Agenda Item Number	4,,5,6,7,8,32,39,40	
Describe Feedback:	Not enough space. Please see attached document for written comments.	
Uploads:	City 1.30.24 written.docx	
Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	js_weber@hotmail.com	

Public Comment 1-30-2024

1		Public Comment & Input Form
	Date of Meeting	1/30/2024
	Name	Joe Trejo
	Address	Street Address: 1307 Madison St
		City: Alice
		State / Province: Tx
		Postal / Zip Code: 78332
	Topic	Desalination
	Agenda Item Number	6,7,8
	Describe Feedback:	Fresh drinking water is life for our community to grow on and to attract needed influx of people into the area. Fresh water is required for not only this generation, but future generations for a good quality of life". Drought proof water supplies gives the Coastal Bend the foundation to grow and helps make sure there are good paying jobs and providing the public drinking water for the future. Please approve required meeting items to provide a sustainable water supply for Corpus Christi and all the surrounding areas.

	Public Comment & Input Form
Date of Meeting	1/30/2024
Name	Janet Newcomb
Address	Street Address: Meadowlane Dr.
	City: Corpus Christi
	State / Province: TX
	Postal / Zip Code: 78412
Topic	Please vote NO to a taxpayer funded desalination plant
Agenda Item Number	8-Apr
Describe Feedback:	I am against Corpus Christi taking out taxpayer loans to fund a desalination plant. I propose that the city council explore innovative approaches to funding water supply projects. Instead of burdening taxpayers with the sole responsibility of financing a desalination plant, we should consider engaging industrial stakeholders to contribute to the development and maintenance of water infrastructure. By incentivizing industries to invest in our community, we can alleviate the financial burden on taxpayers and ensure a fair distribution of costs. A desalination plant is too expensive for Corpus Christ tax payers to build and operate, and will have a negative environmental impact on our community. Therefore, it is essential to explore alternatives to desalination plants.
	1. Rainwater harvesting

	2. Greywater recycling
	3. Wastewater treatment and reuse
	4. Improved water management practices
	5. Conservation and demand management
	In conclusion, please vote "no"
Provide an email to receive a copy of your	tropwatch36@yahoo.com
submission.	

	Public Comment & Input Form
Date of Meeting	1/30/2024
Name	Mariah Boone
Address	Street Address: 710 Ponder Street
	City: Corpus Christi
	State / Province: TX
	Postal / Zip Code: 78404
Topic	Stand with Hillcrest - No Desal!
Agenda Item Number	Na
Describe Feedback:	I am writing to express my opposition to the city's plan to build a desalination plant close to the homes of residents of the Hillcrest neighborhood. The residents of Hillcrest have already been subjected to far too much dangerous pollution, as well as risks from industrial accidents, from local refineries. It is unacceptable to continue harming the health of the neighborhood, and beyond unacceptable to cause them additional harm. I used to teach the children of Hillcrest at Driscoll Middle School. Their rates of asthma and other chronic illnesses were exceptionally high due to industrial pollution. The Driscoll Health Plan (with the hospital) had a map showing the correlation between the incidence of asthma and proximity to the industrial districts. Please do not build this plant. The residents of Hillcrest deserve better. Thank you.
Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	lonestarma@rocketmail.com

4		Public Comment & Input Form
	Date of Meeting	1/30/2024
	Name	Prachi Kala
	Address	Street Address: Pennine Way
		Street Address Line 2: 801 Navigation Blvd, Ste 300
		City: Corpus Christi
		State / Province: Texas

	Postal / Zip Code: 78408
Topic	Desalination
Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item 6 & 7
Describe Feedback:	With the increased rate of population in the Coastal Bend region and growing climate concerns, it is imperative to explore and implement more sustainable water supplies like desalination to provide security for present and future generations. Desalination in Coastal Bend will be local and reliable.
Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	pkala@ardurra.com

	Public Comment & Input Form
Date of Meeting	1/30/2024
Name	Suraida Nanez-James
Address	Street Address: 7326 Gold Ridge Rd
	City: Corpus Christi
	State / Province: TX
	Postal / Zip Code: 78413
Topic	Desalination Plant
Agenda Item Number	No agenda item number found
Describe Feedback:	I am writing in opposition of the city's plan to build a desalination plant close to the homes of residents, including our most vulnerable populations like the elderly and children) of the Hillcrest neighborhood. As a community member, a mother, and a trained marine ecologist, I have read the information on permitting and the science behind what will happen to our environment. This EXPERIMENTAL plant will harm the bay and the community. There is evidence to this provided my community experts. I am disappointed and concerned that as leaders in this community, most of the council has not been transparent and continues to push forward on something that is not for the majority. I am NOT against jobs or growth but I am against the destruction of our environment and the negligence to human health in communities that are historically targeted. Our community deserves better. The decisions we make today WILL affect our children and grandchildren and NO amount of money is worth that.
Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	snanezjames@gmail.com

6		Public Comment & Input Form
	Date of Meeting	1/30/2024
	Name	Stephanie Lewis
	Address	Street Address: 1109 Bradshaw Dr

City: Corpus Christi State / Province: Texas Postal / Zip Code: 78412

Topic Public Comment - NO DESAL, FIX MY ROADS

Agenda Item Number n/A

Describe Feedback:

The coastal bend residents do NOT WANT a desalination plant (Lets vote on it! Because right now this is NOT democracy). This plant will pollute our bay past the point of no return, destroying tourism and the health of communities that live here. We are not confident in the science provided by you or the TCEQ that it is safe for our bay. This is a moment to reflect how we can conserve: our materials, our land, our water, our city funds. Capitalism is a cancerous disease that eats and eats and is never satisfied, until there is nothing left. YOU MUST BE THE ONES TO SAY STOP THIS CYCLE, SAY NO TO COPRORATE AND INDUSTRIAL LOBBYISTS. Don't let Corpus be another sacrifice zone in the United States. Let it set the example for how a city can be. Also PLEASE repave these roads (cough cough Lum neighborhood). Its astounding how you as a council are willing to spend \$500 million on a plant that nobody wants, and yet there are so many issues here regarding crumbling infrastructure. Do better.

7	Public Comment & Input Form
Date of Meeting	1/30/2024
Name	Jason Hale
	Street Address: 4421 HAMLIN DR
Address	City: CORPUS CHRISTI
Address	State / Province: TX
	Postal / Zip Code: 78411-3059
Topic	Desalination, additional studies, hypoxia
Agenda Item Number	24-0098

Describe Feedback:

Hi Council Members, I am writing today to ask you to please put a hold on development of the desalination project due to environmental concerns. In 2019, the Port of Corpus Christi had an additional modeling project performed to confirm that the brine discharge would not result in damage to the Corpus Christi Bay ecosystem. To my knowledge, there has not been a study of this scope for the City's desalination plan. The reason this is important is because the location of the Port of Corpus Christi's desalination facility has strong currents that promote adequate mixing of the brine discharge. The mixing energy in the Corpus Christi Bay & at the Inner Harbor location is weak compared to the Harbor Island location. According to Dr. Ben Hodges at UT, this inadequate mixing energy can lead to a 10 inch layer of hypersaline water that causes hypoxia. Hypoxia is a concern for estuarine management; it causes stress on aquatic organisms & reduces benthic community numbers & diversity.

8		Public Comment & Input Form
	Date of Meeting	1/30/2024
	Name	Julie Travis Rogers
		Street Address: 710 Furman Ave
	Address	City: Corpus Christi
	Address	State / Province: TX
		Postal / Zip Code: 78404
	Topic	Desal & Democracy
	Agenda Item Number	General
		For the record, I am opposed to a desalination plant in Hillcrest or anywhere in the Bay Area. If we must have a desal plant, build it on Gulf side, although what we really need is a change in our way of living and consumption of goods. Industry is not as much of the problem as we are. I am for peace, love and understanding. We have to learn to live sustainability and amicably with each other and the planet. As elected leaders, you have a responsibility to help us do that. Please lead the way to a better future with genuine democracy being a guiding light. When we have impactful decisions to make, let us vote on them or have more opportunity for community input and let the majority rule.

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	Public Comment & Input Form	
Date of Meeting	1/30/2024	
Name	Jason Hale	
	Street Address: 4421 HAMLIN DR	
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	Postal / Zip Code: 78411-3059	
Topic	Desalination, additional studies, hypoxia	
Agenda Item Number	24-0072	

Hi Council Members, I am writing today to ask you to please put a hold on development of the desalination project due to environmental concerns. In 2019, the Port of Corpus Christi had an additional modeling project performed to confirm that the brine discharge would not result in damage to the Corpus Christi Bay ecosystem. To my knowledge, there has not been a study of this scope for the City's desalination plan. The reason this is important is because the location of the Port of Corpus Christi's desalination facility has strong currents that promote adequate mixing of the brine discharge. The mixing energy in the Corpus Christi Bay & at the Inner Harbor location is weak compared to the Harbor Island location. According to Dr. Ben Hodges at UT, this inadequate mixing energy can lead to a 10 inch layer of hypersaline water that causes hypoxia. Hypoxia is a concern for estuarine management; it causes stress on

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Describe Feedback:

positivelypositiv@yahoo.com

	Public Comment & Input Form
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Name	Jason Hale
	Street Address: 4421 HAMLIN DR
Address	City: CORPUS CHRISTI
Address	State / Province: TX
	Postal / Zip Code: 78411-3059
Topic	Desalination, additional studies, hypoxia
Agenda Item Number	24-0077
Describe Feedback:	Hi Council Members, I am writing today to ask you to please put a hold on development of the desalination project due to environmental concerns. In 2019, the Port of Corpus Christi had an additional modeling project performed to confirm that the brine discharge would not result in damage to the Corpus Christi Bay ecosystem. To my knowledge, there has not been a study of this scope for the City's desalination plan. The reason this is important is because the location of the Port of Corpus Christi's desalination facility has strong currents that promote adequate mixing of the brine discharge. The mixing energy in the Corpus Christi Bay & at the Inner Harbor location is weak compared to the Harbor Island location. According to Dr. Ben Hodges at UT, this inadequate mixing energy can lead to a 10 inch layer of hypersaline water that causes hypoxia. Hypoxia is a concern for estuarine management; it causes stress on aquatic organisms & reduces benthic community numbers & diversity.
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Date of Meeting	1/30/2024
Name	Jason Hale
Address	Street Address: 4421 HAMLIN DR City: CORPUS CHRISTI
Address	State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78411-3059
Topic	Desalination, additional studies, hypoxia
Agenda Item Number	24-0073
Describe Feedback:	Hi Council Members, I am writing today to ask you to please put a hold on development of the desalination project due to environmental concerns. In 2019, the Port of Corpus Christi had an additional modeling project performed to confirm that the brine discharge would not result in damage to the Corpus Christi Bay ecosystem. To my knowledge, there has not been a study of this scope for the City's desalination plan. The reason this is important is because the location of the Port of Corpus Christi's desalination facility has strong currents that promote adequate mixing of the brine discharge. The mixing energy in the Corpus Christi Bay & at the Inner Harbor location is weak compared to the Harbor Island location. According to Dr. Ben Hodges at UT, this inadequate mixing energy can lead to a 10 inch layer of hypersaline water that causes hypoxia. Hypoxia is a concern for estuarine management; it causes stress on aquatic organisms & reduces benthic community numbers & diversity.
Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	positivelypositiv@yahoo.com

12		Public Comment & Input Form
	Date of Meeting	1/30/2024
	Name	Joe Newcomb
	Address	Street Address: Meadowlane Dr.
		City: Corpus Christi
	Address	State / Province: TX
		Postal / Zip Code: 78412
	Topic	vote NO on desalination
	Agenda Item Number	8-Apr
	Describe Feedback:	My public comment today is to vote "NO" on the proposed desalination plant in Corpus Christi. The financial implications of this one of a kind desalination plant in the ship channel are significant and will put the citizens at great risk of financial ruins. This decision should be in the hands of the rate payers not city council. It is only fair that the industries that stand to benefit from increased water supply take the risk of this infrastructure. Please vote "No" on the city's plans to financially obligate Corpus Christi to pay for the proposed desalination plant

13		Public Comment & Input Form
N	Date of Meeting	1/30/2024
	Name	Love Sanchez
	Address	Street Address: Po box 60286
		City: Corpus Christi
		State / Province: Texas
		Postal / Zip Code: 78414
	Topic	Desalination Items
	Agenda Item Number	1111
	Describe Feedback:	The items regarding desalination should be individually voted on. What is happening is criminal and wrong. This council is suppose to be for the people. The people have spoken and you do not listen. This council is not for the people. It's an embarrassment that this council will be the reason our future generations will be in debt and our bay will be dead. NO DESAL ANYWHERE is the Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend. we will not stop and we will protect this land and the water.

14		Public Comment & Input Form
Dat	te of Meeting	1/30/2024
Nar	me	Dorothy Peña
Add	dress	Street Address: 2114 Meadowpass Drive
		City: Corpus Christi
		State / Province: Texas
		Postal / Zip Code: 78414
Тор	pic	Opposition to the Desalination project in the inner harbor (Hillcrest)
Age	enda Item Number	Desalination
Des	scribe Feedback:	I am opposed to the inner harbor desalination project and any desalination project anywhere in the Gulf. Our organization the Indigenous Peoples of the Coastal Bend is standing with our friends and allies from the Hillcrest Community in their struggle to preserve their homes, history, and culture, as this city tries to erase them like they did and continue to do to Indigenous peoples of this area. We also are fighting for the Gulf of Mexico and all our Relatives that live in and rely on and depend on us to be in right relationship with this land and water to which we are the stewards. Past councils and current have not taken that responsibility serious enough and have mismanaged this precious ecosystems and resources and are now relying on more complex systems of supporting industries instead of their responsibility to our community and future generations. It is also unethical and rather questionable to vote on a matter which hasn't even gone before TCEQ and the community for comment.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your dorothy.pena33@gmail.com submission.

Public Comment 1-30-2024 - 2nd listing

Public Comment & Input Form		
Date of Meeting	1/30/2024	
Name	Julie Travis Rogers	
	Street Address: 710 Furman Ave	
Address	City: Corpus Christi	
	State / Province: TX	
	Postal / Zip Code: 78404	
Topic	Advisory Library Board Appointment	
Agenda Item Number	Board appointments	
Describe Feedback:	For the record, I reached out to all elected officials asking you to appoint the preferred candidate to the CCPL Advisory Board which is a Friends of the Corpus Christi Public Libraries Board Member. Jennifer Anderson is the preferred candidate. As a member of the Friends, I recommend her along with the Friends Board. It is important to have proper communication between the CCPL Board & the Friends, which is the popprofit group that helps to fund programs and resources for our libraries.	
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