



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

Addendums may be added on Friday.

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Pastor Greg Hood with REACH Ministries.

Pastor Greg Hood with REACH Ministries gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Gael Ramiro Hoyos, 10th grader from Foy H. Moody High School.

Gael Ramiro Hoyos, 10th grader from Foy H. Moody High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Texas Flag.

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

City Secretary Rebecca Huerta called the roll and verified that a quorum of the City Council and the required Charter Officers were present to conduct the meeting.

Charter Officers: City Manager Peter Zaroni, City Attorney Miles Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

Present: 9 - Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Gil 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: (ITEMS 1 - 2)

1. [25-0524](#) City Recognition of Alyssa Barrera Mason, Executive Director of the Downtown Management District

City Manager Peter Zaroni recognized Executive Director of the Downtown Management District Alyssa Barrera Mason for her dedication to the City and presented her with a farewell gift.

2. [25-0433](#) Buc Days (May 1 - May 11) Overview, Presented by Johnny Philipello, President/CEO of Buc Days Commission

President and CEO of Buc Days Commission Johnny Philipello presented information on

the following topics: 2024 ticketed attendance; audience profile; visitor journey; 2024 total giving; 2025 Night Parade-April 26; Children's Parade-May 10; PBR and rodeo; concert series; Shops at Treasure Island; Buc Days Steam Expo; First Tech UIL challenge-May 10; BBQ on the Bay-May 10; and parking lot locations.

City Manager Peter Zanoni recognized Mr. Philipello for his 10 year anniversary with Buc Days Commission.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Stephen Klepper, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about the importance of an internal audit plan.

Joshua Fraedrick, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about public comment rules and decorum.

Isabel Araiza, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about funding for the Crime Control and Prevention program.

Marilena Garza, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about funding for the Crime Control and Prevention program, as well as implementing the ride share program.

G. BRIEFINGS: (ITEMS 3 - 4)

3. [25-0491](#) Corpus Christi Water Supply & Usage Dashboard Briefing

Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Drew Molly and Senior Engineer of Carollo Engineers Mike Pinckney presented information on the following topics: briefing overview; drought monitor; stream flows in the Nueces River Basin; Frio River near Tilden (1980-2024); Nueces River at Three Rivers (1980-2024); published water information; and water supply dashboard.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaononi, and COO Molly discussed the following topics: requests for lake level percentages of available water supply versus water usage; to provide effortless data on the City's website; a request for weekly briefings on the water status; to ensure untreated water data is provided; and City staff is working on the water conservation plan.

4. [25-0505](#) Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (CCREDC) Quarterly Update

President and CEO of the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (CCREDC) Mike Culbertson presented information on the following topics: mission statement; CC MSA housing report; sales tax collections allocations; employment by sector for selected month/Corpus Christi; MSA unemployment rates; region's success; Business Retention and Expansion report; Type A/B overview; 2024/25 business

attraction trade shows; and area projects net taxable value.

Council Members and Mr. Culbertson discussed the following topics: the importance of having a competitive region to encourage individuals to work in the City; a concern about the downtown economy; and a request for the cost of living comparisons.

H. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (ITEM 5)

5. [25-0531](#) Civil Service Commission
Civil Service Board

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 5.

Civil Service Commission:

Appointed: Silvia A. Martinez Pachecho (Regular Member); Joel Mumphord (Alternate Member) and Israel Talamantez (Alternate Member)

Civil Service Board:

Appointed: Silvia A. Martinez Pachecho (Regular Member); Joel Mumphord (Alternate Member) and Israel Talamantez (Alternate Member)

I. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

J. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 6 - 22)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. No Items were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Paxson moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Roy. 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

6. [25-0536](#) Approval of the April 8, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

7. [25-0453](#) Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant totaling \$195,567.11 from the Texas Office of the Governor-Homeland Security Grant Division for the State Homeland Security Program for two replacement X-ray equipment systems for

the Corpus Christi Police Department's Bomb Squad in the amount of \$195,567.11; and appropriating \$195,567.11 in the FY 2025 Fire Grants Fund.

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

Enactment No: 033624

8. [25-0260](#) Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of two grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Public Assistance Program, under the DR-4798 Hurricane Beryl Grant Program in the amount of \$20,527.58 for emergency protective measures and management costs in preparation for the Hurricane Beryl event which occurred in Summer 2024, and appropriating the funds into the Emergency Management Grants Fund.

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

Enactment No: 033625

9. [25-0296](#) Annexation and Zoning Case ZN8575 HUT Enterprises, LLC (District 3). Ordinance annexing a 12.778-acre tract of land comprised of a 2.194-acre tract of land per owner petition, located at the southwest corner of FM 43 and SH 286, and the abutting 10.58-acre section of FM 43; approving the related service plan; adding the annexed area to City Council District 3; rezoning the 2.194 acres from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "CG-2" General Commercial District; and providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of Zoning Case ZN8575)

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

Enactment No: 033626

10. [25-0376](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8332, Golden Pointe, LLC. (District 4). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 13902 South Padre Island Drive from the "CR-2/IO" Resort Commercial District with the Island Overlay to the "CR-2/IO/PUD" Resort Commercial District with the Island Overlay and a Planned Unit Development Overlay; 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: 033627

11. [25-0378](#) Ordinance authorizing a Water Arterial Transmission & Grid Main Construction and Reimbursement Agreement up to \$114,240.00 with MPM Development, LP to construct a water arterial transmission grid main related to King's Landing Unit 10 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 \$114,240.00 to reimburse the developer in accordance with the agreement. (District 3).

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

Enactment No: 033628

12. [25-0379](#) Ordinance authorizing a Wastewater Trunk Line Construction and Reimbursement Agreement up to \$102,830.40 with MPM Development, LP to construct a wastewater trunk line related to King's Landing Unit 10 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 \$102,830.40 to reimburse the developer in accordance with the agreement. (District 3).

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

Enactment No: 033629

13. [25-0380](#) Ordinance abandoning and vacating a 100' long centerline portion of an unused wastewater utility easement totaling approximately 14,000 square feet at or near 622 N Water Street.

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

Enactment No: 033630

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

14. [25-0382](#) Motion authorizing the purchase of 88 replacement and 52 new pieces of firefighter protective clothing (coats and pants) for the Corpus Christi Fire Department from Casco Industries, Inc., of Houston, Texas, through the BuyBoard cooperative, for \$224,309.40, with FY 2025 funding in the amount of \$224,309.40 from the General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-039

15. [25-0387](#) Motion authorizing execution of a five-year service agreement, with five one-year options to renew support, with Infax, Inc., of Alpharetta, Georgia, for an amount of \$399,207.00, with a potential of \$674,884.89 if options are exercised, for the integration and installation of a Flight Information Display System at Corpus Christi International Airport, with FY 2025 funding of \$213,624.00 from the Airport Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-040

General Consent Items

16. [25-0392](#) Motion authorizing execution of a real estate sales contract with Calallen Retail Properties LP in the amount of \$525,000.00 plus estimated closing costs (Security Title) in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the acquisition of 1.291 acres of

land, located at 3802 FM 1889, Corpus Christi for the Calallen Elevated Storage Tank project, with FY 2025 funding available from the Water Capital Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-041

17. [25-0437](#) Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMUCC) in an amount of up to \$125,551.00 for performing air quality monitoring services through December 31, 2025, with funding from a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Air Quality Grant.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033631

18. [25-0420](#) Resolution authorizing submission of two grant applications to the Texas Department of Emergency Management under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Hurricane Beryl for total funding in the amount of \$464,171.00, with a total cash match of \$116,042.00, to repair damage to the roofs at the Corpus Christi Police Department and Emergency Operations Center Building in coordination with the Finance & Procurement Department, Police Department, and Asset Management Department.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033632

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

19. [25-0395](#) Ordinance accepting \$53,897.31 from the State of Texas - Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education for training courses and training-related travel for approximately 50 full-time sworn police officers for the Corpus Christi Police Department; and appropriating \$53,897.31 in the FY 2025 Police Grants Fund.

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

20. [25-0416](#) Ordinance accepting \$2,954.46 from the State of Texas - Criminal Justice Division for reimbursement for the costs of the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training for four sworn officers from the Corpus Christi Police Department's Training Division; and appropriating \$2,954.46 in the FY 2025 Police Grants Fund.

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

21. [25-0456](#) Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$1,881.57 from the State of Texas - Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education for firearms training and ammunition for five arson investigators for the Corpus Christi Fire Department; and appropriating funds in the amount of \$1,881.57 to the FY 2025 Fire Grants Fund.

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

22. [25-0500](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for the FY24 Routine Airport Maintenance Program (RAMP) Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 to fund airport maintenance at the Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA); appropriating funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 to the Airport Grants Fund.

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

K. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 1:51 p.m. Executive Session Items 27-29 were held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 23 - 24)

23. [25-0421](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8561, ADR Investments, LLC. (District 4). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 820 Naval Air Station (NAS) Drive from the "CG-1" General Commercial District to the "CG-1/SP" General Commercial District with a Special Permit; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 23.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Paxson moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Roy. 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

24. [25-0422](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8584, Daovone Xayasene (District 1). Ordinance rezoning properties at or near 2828 Ruth, 2830 Ruth, and 2816 Ruth Street from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District and the "CG-2" General Commercial District to the "RM-3" Multifamily District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 24.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Roy moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Paxson. 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

M. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 25 - 26)

25. [25-0341](#) Ordinance approving the addition of 20 full-time positions and equipment to the Engineering Services Department budget; amending the FY 2025 Operating Budget as required for the last five months of the year with funding coming from the FY 2025 Capital Improvement Budget as required. The FY 2025 impact is \$1,705,243.00 including vehicle purchases with an FY 2026 recurring amount of \$1,969,676.00.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 25.

Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds presented information on the following topics: about engineering services; FY 25 CIP summary; planned capital program; FY 25 CIP trend/projection; tasking, staffing and budget trend; mid-year adjustment drivers; mid-year adjustment summary; and mid-year adjustment details.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Director Edmonds discussed the following topics: how to sustain 20 full time positions after work is complete; a concern with adding new positions mid-year; the funding for these positions is available in the CIP budget; and less progress will be made on these projects without these additional positions and equipment.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

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: Mayor Guajardo and Council Members Barrera, Roy, Scott, and Vaughn

voting "aye"; Council Members Cantu, Hernandez and Paxson, voting "no"; and Council Member Campos "abstained."

Council Member Scott moved to reconsider the motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Vaughn and passed unanimously.

Council Member Vaughn moved to amend the ordinance for the FY 2025 impact in the amount of \$1,705,243 including vehicle purchases with a FY 2026 recurring amount of \$1,969,676, seconded by Council Member Scott and passed unanimously.

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

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

Nay: 3 - Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Cantu and Council Member Paxson

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Campos

26. [25-0178](#) Ordinance approving and authorizing an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Corpus Christi and the Texas Department of Transportation for the Holly Road Train Trestle to Tourism Trail Project in an amount of \$11,797,839 from the Texas Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program under the 2023 Call for Projects, with the design and construction managed by the City and appropriating \$1,300,000 of interest income from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund and amending the FY 2025 Capital Budget and FY 2025 Operating Budget.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 26.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Members, Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert, and Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds discussed the following topic: this is a great news item for Flour Bluff and the future of the Oso Preserve.

Council Member Paxson moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Campos. 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

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 27 - 29)

27. [25-0506](#) **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 regulations, legal rights, and contracts related to groundwater from the Eshelman-Vogt Ranch/Catahoula Water Company, Evangeline Laguna Water LP, and other sources, including the potential execution of agreements related to the water from the Catahoula Aquifer and/or Evangeline Aquifer, desalination, legal restrictions on and permits required for the provision of water, regulations and contracts, groundwater conservation districts (including, but not limited to the Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District and/or San Patricio Groundwater Conservation District), special districts that own potentially related water infrastructure, property rights to water in the Catahoula Aquifer and/or Evangeline Aquifer, TCEQ and EPA regulations related to water, state and federal regulations related to construction of water-related infrastructure, state restrictions on rates and charges for utilities, statutory restrictions on the issuance of debt and governmental contracting, and **Texas Government Code § 551.072** to discuss and deliberate the value of the aforementioned property rights 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) related to the Catahoula Aquifer, Evangeline Aquifer, and/or other water matters

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

28. [25-0510](#) **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 regulations, legal rights, and contracts related to groundwater and property rights at/near the Nueces River in Nueces County, and **Texas Government Code § 551.072** to discuss and deliberate the value of the aforementioned property rights 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 contracts for the purchase of property rights in in/near the aforesaid area

The following motion was considered:

Motion authorizing a Real Estates Sales Contract with Jake Faires for the purchase of property located at 5799 County Road 73, Robstown, Texas 78380 in the amount of \$65,000 and closing costs up to \$4,000.

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

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

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2025-042

29. [25-0511](#) **Executive session briefing 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 Petitions to the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC), including, but not limited to SOAH Docket No. 473-24-19854, PUC Docket No. 56427, *Petition by Outside City Ratepayers Appealing the Water Rates of the City of Corpus Christi*, and other potential appeals, including potential consideration of settlement offer(s) and actions related thereto

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

O. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 5:06 p.m.