



# City of Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Tuesday, July 16, 2024

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

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**Addendums may be added on Friday.**

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

**B. Invocation to be given by Reverend Claude Axel with Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church.**

Reverend Claude Axel with Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Jaelyn Karaca, 2nd grader at Yorktown Christian Academy.**

Jaelyn Karaca, second grader at Yorktown Christian Academy, 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. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEM 1)**

**1. [24-1045](#) Retirement Recognition of Valente Olivarez, TxDOT Corpus Christi District Engineer**

City Manager Peter Zanoni recognized the retirement of TxDOT Corpus Christi District Engineer, Valente Olivarez. Mr. Olivarez has more than 25 years of experience with TxDOT.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

The following citizens spoke against banning Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) books from public libraries: Pooja Bindingnavale, 309 Cape Cod Dr., Ana Salazar, 2437 Goldstar, Robert Kymes, 706 Texas Ave., Mariah Boone, 710 Ponder St., Bill Jeron Hoelscher, 525 Texas Ave., Tracey Anderson-Tellado, 6902 Vineyard Dr., Autum Yeager, 1035 Wilshire Place, Gail Busch, 468 Homecrest St., Alexandra Gray, 6515 Ocean Dr., Conor Rice, 714 Robert Dr., Meredith Grantham, 3605 Swiss Dr., Maggie Peacock, 1773 Ennis Joslin Rd., Tom Tagliabue, 6025 Ocean Dr., Laramie Fain, 322 Texas Ave., Melissa Nucete, 6530 Peacock Dr., Cameron Rhodes, 4605 Weiskopf Lane, Susie Saldana, 4710 Hakel Dr., Thea Cain, 1629 Birch Place, Deanna King, Crystal Garcia, 5909 Shadow Wood Dr., and Robin Carstensen, 449 Claremore St.

Shawn Flanagan, 4218 Herndon St., spoke in support of removing impact fees from the agenda and about public library procedures.

Bob Catalano, 201 Surfside Blvd., expressed concern about drainage at Surfside Park.

Ron Graban, 202 Surfside Blvd., commended the City Manager and staff for their work during Alberto and spoke about the dirt ordinance.

Jesse Jenkins, 1027 Wilshire Place, spoke about the water conservation/drought contingency plan.

Justin Love, 4330 Crested Butte Dr., spoke in opposition to DEI and LGBT books.

Becky Moeller, 7217 Sparkle Sea Dr., spoke about conducting city business in open forum.

Melissa Nucete, 6530 Peacock Dr., spoke about stray dog issues and lack of enforcement.

Victoria Holland, 235 Ohio Ave., informed the community about the upcoming Type A sales tax meeting.

Paulo Salazar, 3402 Ocean Dr., expressed concern that Mission 911 did not receive the Emergency Solutions Grant.

Adam Rios, 7301 Tangled Ridge Court, spoke about supporting local businesses.

Eli McKay, 1008 Marguerite St., expressed concern that the impact fees were removed from the agenda.

Mark Muenster, 1013 Barracuda Place, spoke in opposition to desalination, concern that impact fees were removed from the agenda, and against banning DEI books from public

libraries.

Jack Gordy, 5518 Lipes Blvd., expressed concern about past council meetings currently streaming on Spectrum.

The following individuals submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Jeanette Krizak, 4033 Moorhead Dr., Marigold Boone, 710 Ponder St., Angelita Romero, 4817 Archer Dr., Emma Drumright, 6350 Meadowvista Dr., Asia Olson, 1802 Ennis Joslin Rd., Andrew Stanick, 108 E. Damron St., Alexa Hight, 7609 Pirates Dr., Liliana Morales Galvan, 2042 Sherman St., Vanessa Salinas, 3217 Eisenhower St., and David Cobb, 8213 Badlands Dr.

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

2. [24-1104](#) Planning Commission (3 vacancies)  
Airport Zoning Commission (3 vacancies)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 2.

Planning Commission:

Reappointed: Michael Budd, Billy A. Lerma, and Michael M. Miller

Airport Zoning Commission:

Reappointed: Michael Budd, Billy A. Lerma, and Michael M. Miller

**H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:**

**I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 3 - 22)**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Items 19 and 21 were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 19 and 21, seconded by Council Member Roy. 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. [24-1128](#) Approval of the May 13, 2024 Budget Goal Setting Workshop Minutes, and June 18 and June 25, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

*Consent - Second Reading Ordinances*

4. [24-0877](#) Ordinance accepting \$139,501 for an Air Quality Planning Grant from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to provide air quality planning activities through December 31, 2025.

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

Enactment No: 033399

5. [24-0887](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance and future amendments of a Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Grant for \$114,925.00 with a cash match of \$22,985.00 from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS); appropriating \$137,910.00 to provide funding activities in support of tuberculosis prevention and control services for the period September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, authorizing two existing FTE's funded by this grant.

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

Enactment No: 033400

6. [24-0902](#) Ordinance appropriating \$43,570.00 from an increase in the HIV Surveillance Grant Program administered by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the period September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025, to provide HIV surveillance and control services, authorizing one existing FTE position funded by this grant.

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

Enactment No: 033401

7. [24-1008](#) Ordinance ending Presiding Judge Jacqueline Del Llano Chapa's current term and reappointing Jacqueline Del Llano Chapa as Presiding Judge for a two-year term of office beginning August 1, 2024, and ending August 1, 2026, effectively staggering the Presiding Judge term from Full-time and Part-time Municipal Court Judges' terms.

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

Enactment No: 033402

8. [24-0937](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8192, MF Newton Investments LLC (District 4). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 2245 Flour Bluff Drive from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "CN-1/SP" Neighborhood Commercial 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: 033403

9. [24-0932](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8185, Toreros Investment II LLC (District 4). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 635 Yorktown Boulevard from the “FR” Farm Rural District to the “CC/SP” Commercial Compatible District with a Special Permit; Providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval. Applicant originally requested a zoning change to the “R-MH” Manufactured Home District. Applicant consents to staff’s recommendation).

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

Enactment No: 033404

*Consent - Contracts and Procurement*

10. [24-0849](#) Motion approving the purchase of one new MX908 Handheld Mass Spectrometer for chemical detection of controlled substances from FarrWest Environmental Supply, of Schertz, Texas, through the HGAC Cooperative for the Corpus Christi Police Department for \$72,997.17, with FY 2024 funding in the amount of \$72,997.17 from the FY 2024 Police General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-101

11. [24-0903](#) Motion authorizing the execution of a one-year supply agreement, with two one-year options, with ACT Pipe & Supply, Inc., of Houston with an office in Corpus Christi, in an amount not to exceed \$345,022.00, with a potential up to \$1,035,066.00 if options are exercised, to purchase fire hydrants for Corpus Christi Water, with FY 2024 funding of \$86,255.50 from the Water Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-102

12. [24-0885](#) Motion authorizing the execution of a one-year supply agreement with Ferguson Enterprises, LLC, of Corpus Christi, for the purchase of manhole covers for Corpus Christi Water, in an amount not to exceed \$142,604.45, with FY 2024 funding of \$47,534.80 from the Wastewater Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-103

13. [24-0965](#) Motion authorizing a three-year supply agreement, with two one-year options, with Martin Marietta Southwest, LLC, of San Antonio, in an amount not to exceed \$1,520,700.00 and a potential up to \$2,534,500.00 if options are exercised, to purchase crushed limestone for the Public Works Department, with FY 2024 funding of \$126,725.00 from the Streets Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

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Enactment No: M2024-104

14. [24-0871](#) Resolution authorizing the acquisition of 20 replacement and nine additional vehicles/heavy equipment by various City Departments, of which 21 units will be outright purchases and eight units will be lease-purchases, through the BuyBoard, Sourcewell, HGAC, and TIPS Cooperatives for a total amount of \$6,700,089.63, with FY 2024 funding amount for these 29 units totaling \$4,381,549.00, with \$669,152.87 coming from the General Fund, \$2,445,218.84 coming from the Fleet Equipment Replacement Fund, \$1,054,365.89 coming from the Storm Water Fund, \$112,689.40 coming from the Facility and Property Management Fund, and \$100,122.00 coming from the Wastewater Fund, with the remaining balance of \$2,318,540.63 for the lease purchase items being funded through the annual budget process.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033405

15. [24-0976](#) Motion authorizing a one-time purchase of 12 roll-off containers from Wastequip Manufacturing Company, LLC of Beeville, Texas through the Buyboard Purchasing Cooperative for \$112,294.00 for Solid Waste Services, with FY 2024 funding from the General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-105

16. [24-0785](#) Motion authorizing the execution of a one-year service agreement with Big Truck Rentals of Tampa, Florida, through OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchasing, in an amount not to exceed \$240,200.00, for the rental of two roll-off trucks for Solid Waste Services, with FY 2024 funding of \$62,750 from the General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-106

17. [24-0985](#) Motion to purchase additional Infor Workforce Management (WFM) software licenses from Infor, LLC, for a total amount of \$640,056.99, with the license fee to be paid annually to align the new WFM licenses with existing licenses expiring in 2027, with FY 2024 funding of \$68,856.99 from the IT Enterprise Applications Fund and remaining payments to be budgeted in future fiscal years.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-107

18. [24-0982](#) Motion authorizing two amendments to the contract with Infor, LLC, of New York, NY, in a combined amount not to exceed \$303,783.63, to provide a dedicated server environment for the advance testing of software patches and to provide support services for the enhancement of Infor's Public Sector module, respectively, through the contract term's ending date of October 30, 2026, with

FY 2024 funding of \$144,177.80 from the IT Enterprise Applications Fund, and remaining payments to be budgeted in future fiscal years.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-108

*Consent - Capital Projects*

19. [24-0999](#) Resolution authorizing a construction contract to Max Underground Construction of Corpus Christi, Texas in the amount of \$2,417,262.99 for the reconstruction of Elizabeth Street, from Santa Fe to Staples, with new asphalt pavement, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, installation of ADA compliant curb ramps, signage, pavement markings, upgraded street illumination, and Utilities improvements, located in Council District 1 with FY 2024 funding available from the Type B Street, Storm Water, Water, Wastewater and Gas Capital Funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Campos referred to Item 19.

Mayor Guajardo asked to pull this item to abstain.

There were no comments from the Council.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

**Abstained:** 2 - Mayor Guajardo and Council Member Suckley

Enactment No: 033406

*General Consent Items*

20. [24-0220](#) Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Corpus Christi and San Patricio County to increase the annual cost from \$18,500.00 to \$28,000.00 for inspection, calibration, technical support, and annual certifications for the Corpus Christi Police Department's intoxilyzer program, with FY 2024 funding in the amount of \$28,000.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund State.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033407

21. [24-0992](#) Resolution reaffirming the City of Corpus Christi's Investment Policy and Investment Strategies for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 21.

Council Members and Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert discussed the following topics: a desire for a council member to serve on the Investment Policy and Investment Strategies Committee; and a suggestion to move diversification to the top of the list.

Council Member Pusley moved to table the resolution, seconded by Council Member Hunter. This Resolution was tabled 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

**Nay:** 1 - Council Member Campos

**Abstained:** 0

*Consent - First Reading Ordinances*

22. [24-0644](#) Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to add sidewalks and bicycle lanes to the Yorktown Mud Bridge Project with the City's contribution of \$2,000,000.00 cash and \$1,158,184.00 in in-kind project structural improvement work, appropriating \$2,000,000.00 from the Storm Water Fund to the Storm Administration Fund and amending the FY 2023-2024 Operating Budget, located in Council District 5.

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

J. **RECESS FOR LUNCH**

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 1:33 p.m. Executive Session Items 36-38 were held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

K. **PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 23 - 30)**

23. [24-0539](#) Ordinance authorizing a Wastewater Trunk Line Construction and Reimbursement Agreement up to \$1,978,937.16 with MPM Development to construct a wastewater trunk line for the proposed residential development located off the northwest side of Haven Dr. and Warrior Rd. intersection, also known as Haven Subdivision, requiring construction completion within 24 months; and authorizing future transfer and appropriation of Water and Wastewater Trust Fund revenue up to \$1,978,937.16 to reimbursement the developer in accordance with the agreement. (District 1).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 23.

Director of Development Services Al Raymond presented information on the following



topics: Wastewater Trunk Line Construction Reimbursement Agreement; and location map.

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 Barrera. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with 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

24. [23-2023](#) Ordinance amending the City's Water Master Plan with the addition of a twelve-inch water line located along Saratoga Boulevard southeast of Old Brownsville Road and northwest of County Road 35 to serve proposed and future development along Saratoga Boulevard.

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

25. [24-0070](#) Ordinance authorizing a Water Arterial Transmission & Grid Main Construction and Reimbursement Agreement up to \$899,000 with Saratoga 400 Partners, LLC to construct a water arterial transmission grid main related to Saratoga Ridge subdivision off Saratoga Blvd, between Old Brownsville Rd and Greenwood Rd; and authorizing future transfer and appropriation of Water and Wastewater Trust Fund revenue up to \$899,000.00 to reimburse the developer in accordance with the agreement. (District 3).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Items 25 and 26.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinances, seconded by Council Member Hunter. These Ordinances were passed on first reading and approved with 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

26. [24-0071](#) Ordinance authorizing a Wastewater Trunk System Construction and Reimbursement agreement up to \$4,131,000.00 with Saratoga 400 Partners, LLC to construct a wastewater trunk line related to the Saratoga Ridge subdivision located off Saratoga Blvd, between Old Brownsville Rd and Greenwood Rd; and authorizing future transfer and appropriation of Water and Wastewater Trust Fund revenue up to \$4,131,000.00 to reimburse the developer in accordance with the agreement. (District 3).

See Item 25.

**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

27. [24-1027](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8208, 2130 Rand Morgan Road LLC (District 1). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 2130 Rand Morgan Road from the "RS-6" Single-Family District to the "R-MH" Manufactured Home District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 27.

Director of Development Services Al Raymond stated the purpose of this rezoning is to allow the expansion of the existing non-compliant manufactured home park.

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 Barrera. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with 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

28. [24-1028](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8261, Margo Lyn Moore (District 4). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 7317 South Padre Island Drive (State Highway 358) from the “RS-6” Single-Family District to the “CG-2” General Commercial District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 28.

Director of Development Services Al Raymond stated this rezoning is to allow for commercial developments in the area.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Suckley 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 - 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

29. [24-1029](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8270, Ferco Homes LLC (District 2). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 1501 South 19th Street from the “RS-6” Single-Family District to the “RM-1” Multi-Family District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 29.

Director of Development Services Al Raymond stated the purpose of this rezoning is to allow for multifamily uses.

There were no comments from the Council.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

Rolando Garza, Annville, TX, spoke in support of this rezoning and thanked City staff for their support.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

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

30. [24-0996](#) Ordinance adopting the City Fiscal Year 2025 and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program Year 2024 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget in the amount of \$3,135,388, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) budget in the amount of \$234,083, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) budget in the amount of \$1,369,386 for a total of \$4,738,857 annual HUD funding; amending the Citizen Participation Plan (CPP); authorizing the execution of all necessary documents to submit the AAP and CPP; authorizing a staff complement of 18 positions; accepting and appropriating funding for the approved AAP projects and authorizing the execution of funding agreements, amendments, environmental review records, and other documents necessary to implement the FY 2025 PY 2024 AAP.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 30.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Members and Director of Planning and Community Development Dan McGinn discussed the following topics: why some organizations were excluded from the Emergency Solutions Grant funding; and the status and qualifications to receive grants for first time home buyers.

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

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

**Nay:** 1 - Council Member Hernandez

**Abstained:** 1 - Council Member Barrera

**L. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEM 31)**

- 31. [24-1158](#)** Motion directing the City Manager and Corpus Christi Water to begin discussions with the Catahoula Water Company on a possible joint venture to acquire water rights from the Eshelman-Vogt Groundwater Project, as requested by **Council Members Pusley, Hunter, and Hernandez**.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 31.

Dr. Michael Mintz presented information on the following topics: the Eshelman-Vogt Ranch project, what is it and why it's important; located in the heart of water starved South Texas; water quality designations; some background; TWDB estimates of volume in place (million AF); key elements of project; Catahoula Water Company; what is the approximate cost; EV Ranch preliminary cost model; and Direct Air Capture.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, Dr. Mintz, and Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Drew Molly discussed the following topics: staff will begin discussions with the Catahoula Water Company in September or October; this is a time sensitive project; this project would be a public/private partnership model with financing done by a private sector; the importance of having a distribution system; and the difference on the cost of water.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve the following motion: Motion directing the City Manager and CCW to begin discussions with the Catahoula Water Company on a possible joint venture to acquire water rights from the Eshelman-Vogt Groundwater Project. Financial negotiations between the City and Catahoula Water Company would begin only after such time as the Catahoula Water Company provides appropriate engineering and related studies that substantiate the validity of their proposed brackish desal facility and their ability to secure the necessary pipeline infrastructure that would supply the refined water to the appropriate City designated tie-in location, seconded by Council Member Campos. This Motion was passed and approved with 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

Enactment No: M2024-109

**M. BRIEFINGS: (ITEMS 32 - 33)**

- 32. [24-1065](#)** Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities Briefing on providing citizens living with mental illnesses with comprehensive psychiatric

evaluation and treatment services, medications, and wellness services.

This Briefing was postponed.

33. [24-1062](#) Quarterly Briefing by the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (CCREDC)

President and CEO of Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (CCREDC) Mike Culbertson presented information on the following topics: mission statement; Corpus Christi M/A housing report; sales tax collections allocations; employment by sector for selected month/Corpus Christi; MSA unemployment rates; Business Retention & Expansion (BRE) report; 2023 BRE report; top requested assistance; top jobs in demand; Corpus Christi B Corporation (Type B); CCREDC 2023-2024 projects; manufacturing; business attraction trade shows; CCREDC project pipeline; area projects net taxable value; and Corpus Christi Regional airshed ozone values and Corpus Christi MSA data - 1989-2022.

Council Members and Mr. Culbertson discussed the following topics: status on the proposed Avina Ammonia Plant; and the status of Information Technology jobs and healthcare providers in the area.

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 34 - 38)**

Mayor Guajardo referred to Executive Session Items 36-38. The Council went into Executive Session at 1:33 p.m. The Council returned from Executive Session at 5:35 p.m.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Executive Session Item 35. The Council went into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. The Council returned from Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

34. [24-1038](#) **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 surface water from the Nueces River and other sources, groundwater from the Evangeline Aquifer, and other sources, desalination, legal restrictions on and permits required for the provision of water, regulations and contracts of water conservation and improvement districts and groundwater conservation districts (including, but not limited to Nueces County Water Conservation and Improvement District #3 and the San Patricio Groundwater Conservation District), 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 potential authorization of contracts for attorneys and consultants to assist in matters related to water.**

This E-Session Item was postponed.

35. [24-1095](#) **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 industries, infrastructure, utilities, and property in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction, services thereto, annexation, Texas Local Gov't Code service plans, industrial district agreements (IDA's), and Chapters 42, 43 and 212 of the Texas Local Government Code § 43.0116, et. seq., rates for utilities, actions for limitation of rates, Texas Water Code § 13.043 and associated statutes and regulations, 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, authorizing preparation of service plans for areas to be considered for annexation, and authorizing professional services agreements and amendments thereto with attorneys, engineers, and other consultants involved in the aforementioned actions.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

36. [24-1096](#) **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 the cases of *Salinas Construction Technologies, Ltd. and Salinas and Sons, Inc. v. City of Corpus Christi*, including potential consideration of settlement offers and/or fees for attorneys, engineers, other expert witnesses assisting in this case, deposition fees, and court costs, and updates on litigation in other cases.

This E-Session Item was passed after executive session.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to authorize execution of an amendment to the City's professional services agreement for attorney services with McKibben, Martinez, Jarvis & Wood, L.L.P. for representation of the City in *Salinas Construction Technologies, Ltd. and Salinas and Sons, Inc. v. City of Corpus Christi* to increase the maximum amount of said contract by \$47,000.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Hunter. This Motion was passed and approved with 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

Enactment No: M2024-110

37. [24-1153](#) **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 personnel matters and the City Auditor and

**Texas Gov't Code § 551.074** (personnel matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee (including, but not limited to, the City Auditor).

This E-Session Item was passed after executive session.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to place the City Auditor on paid administrative leave for 14 days.

Council Member Suckley moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Campos. This Motion was passed and approved with 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

Enactment No: M2024-111

38. [24-1154](#) **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 personnel matters and the City Manager and **Texas Gov't Code § 551.074** (personnel matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee (including, but not limited to, the City Manager).

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

O. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 7:51 p.m.



# Public Comment 7-16-2024

1	<b>Public Comment &amp; Input Form</b>	
Date of Meeting	7/16/2024	
Name	Asia Olson	
Address	Street Address: 1802 Ennis Joslin	
	Street Address Line 2: 3310	
	City: Corpus Christi	
	State / Province: TX	
	Postal / Zip Code: 78412	
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes	
What district do you reside in?	District 4	
Topic	Banned DEI Books	
Agenda Item Number	DEI	
Describe Feedback:	<p>My name is Asia Olson, and my address is 1802 Ennis Joslin, Corpus Christ, TX. I work as an LCDR Counselor at Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation and am scheduled to graduate next month with a master's in professional counseling from TAMUCC. Many of the people I serve live with mental health conditions that have led to feelings of shame due to societal stigma. Banning books that embrace diversity, equity, &amp; inclusion regarding one's race, ethnicity, religion, disability, socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation, and age is unlawful &amp; shameful. The First Amendment prevents government restrictions on speech, including acts of censorship. Any reduction in access to library materials based on an individual's or group's belief that they are harmful, or offensive is an act of censorship &amp; thus a violation of our First Amendment rights. Please reject any efforts to censor or ban books and allow individuals &amp; parents to make the decision about what they can read and believe. Thank you.</p>	
Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	<a href="mailto:stxadvocate@gmail.com">stxadvocate@gmail.com</a>	

2	<b>Public Comment &amp; Input Form</b>	
Date of Meeting	7/16/2024	
Name	Andrew Stanick	

Address	Street Address: 108 E Damron St City: Stockdale State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78160
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	Idea for North Beach
Agenda Item Number	General Comment
Describe Feedback:	Hello City of Corpus Christi. I am not a resident but I do frequently visit Corpus as I am a fan of the beach. I also have dogs and like to bring them as well. I think it would be nice if the City of Corpus Christi could implement an off leash area for dogs on the beach. A dog beach, essentially a dog park but on the beach. In theory it would be relatively cheap to implement, all that is needed is signs designating the area and some doggy bag dispensers, and some street parking. Just with a quick map search I think the northern most point of north beach would be a good spot. It's relatively undeveloped and has a sandy shore. Please explore the idea and thank you for your time. If you would like to research an example, the Coronado dog beach in San Diego is a good example. Thank you
Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	<a href="mailto:astanickca517@gmail.com">astanickca517@gmail.com</a>

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	<b>Public Comment &amp; Input Form</b>
Date of Meeting	7/16/2024
Name	Alexa Hight
Address	Street Address: 7609 Pirates Dr City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78414
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 5
Topic	Library Collection and Development Policy
Agenda Item Number	IDK

Describe Feedback:

Libraries offer citizens democratic access to books. Librarians go to graduate school to earn graduate degrees to learn about collection development and how best to develop collections for their patrons. If parents don't want their children reading certain books, that's between the parents and their children. But parents and other citizens shouldn't get to decide what isn't allowable in a library. That's censorship and goes against the first amendment. Please do not ban books.

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Alexa Hight

Address

Street Address: 7609 Pirates Dr

City: Corpus Christi

State / Province: TX

Postal / Zip Code: 78414

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 5

Topic

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Agenda Item Number

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**Public Comment & Input Form**

Date of Meeting

7/16/2024

Name

Liliana Morales Galvan

Address

Street Address: 2042 Sherman St

City: Corpus Christi

State / Province: TX

Postal / Zip Code: 78416	
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 3
Topic	DEI Being Challenged in Libraries
Agenda Item Number	Addressing the Removal of DEI in Public Libraries
Describe Feedback:	<p>Any reduction in access to library materials based on an individual's or group's belief that they are harmful, or offensive is an act of censorship that directly undermines our First Amendment rights. Libraries- bastions of free speech and information- must uphold the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) by providing access to a wide range of perspectives and narratives. Corpus Christi and all of Texas must resist any attempts to censor or restrict the availability of DEI topics in library collections. It is crucial for libraries to serve as spaces that celebrate intellectual freedom and embrace the richness of human diversity without fear of censorship or suppression. It should be a commitment to honoring the rights of all individuals to access information freely and without bias. Please defend the fundamental principles of intellectual freedom and ensure that libraries remain vital hubs of knowledge, dialogue, and understanding.</p>
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**Public Comment & Input Form**

Date of Meeting	7/16/2024
Name	Vanessa Salinas
Address	<p>Street Address: 3217 Eisenhower st  City: Corpus Christi  State / Province: Tx  Postal / Zip Code: 78416</p>
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	I don't know
Topic	DEI
Agenda Item Number	DEI

Describe Feedback:

Do not take away DEI. The public library is for everyone. It is literally in the name, no matter the race or social standing. To take away resources goes against the public.

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[vanessasalinas296@gmail.com](mailto:vanessasalinas296@gmail.com)

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### Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting

7/16/2024

Name

David Cobb

Address

Street Address: 8213 Badlands Drive

City: Corpus Christi

State / Province: Texas

Postal / Zip Code: 78414

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 4

Topic

Public Library DEI

Agenda Item Number

Public Comments

Describe Feedback:

Please see the attached document containing my comments

Uploads:

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[Cobb636@gmail.com](mailto:Cobb636@gmail.com)

- David Cobb - 8213 Badlands Drive, 78414
- I'm speaking today in support of our public library staff and the current public library collection policy.
- Librarians are professionals taught to expertly select well-rounded collections that represent a wide range of viewpoints, especially on contentious topics.
- Our librarians are dedicated public servants, deserving of our utmost trust and respect.
- I have read the CC Public Library Collection Development Policy and found it to be fair and in no way in need of any changes.
- The Collection Development Policy is predicated on equity, diversity and inclusion. These are not dishonorable words...
- Equity ensures that all members of our community have equitable access to library content and services. Please tell me what is wrong with that?
- Diversity and inclusion are about respecting people of all backgrounds and experiences. Again, please tell me what is wrong with that?
- Libraries are for everyone, that includes minority communities and marginalized communities
- Any reduction to access of DE&I materials is harmful. Leading children and adults to believe that there is something wrong with them. This is censorship and in my opinion a form of discrimination.
- As a parent and grandparent, I believe that it is the responsibility of parents or guardian's to monitor and police the materials their child access' in the library
- Regarding the Public Library Advisory Board, it is obvious the board is currently occupied by a majority of like minded individuals. With that in mind, I respectfully request the following of city council:
  1. Please reject any efforts to eliminate or restrict DE&I policy from our public library
  2. Reject any efforts to remove books or restrict access to any and all books in our public library
  3. Appoint a new Public Library Advisory Board that is balanced with a diversity of individuals that will better represent and serve all members of our community.
- In closing, I'd like to say that our library staff deserves the full support of the city council. Please allow them to do their jobs without further interference.
- Thank you for allowing me this time to speak

**Norma Duran**

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Name	Jeanette Krizak
Address	Street Address: 4033 Moorhead Drive City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78410
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 1
Topic	Public library policy
Agenda Item Number	0
Describe Feedback:	Public libraries were created in this country with the idea that everyone can seek knowledge, entertainment and recreation, and it was never designed to be limited to someone of any particular race, gender or religion. And so because city library board members were removed and replaced with people who clearly would like to remove and/or change how books are selected for our libraries based on their particular biases, I would like to remind the council that the

library should continue to purchase and make available books to EVERYONE of any particular identity or belief. The library collection development policy does not need to change. If someone finds themselves offended by any particular book they simply can choose not to check out the book. They do not have the right to remove a book or make a book particularly difficult to find in the library purely because it offends their belief system. They do not have the right to remove our LIBERTY and intellectual freedom to read what we like.

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Name	Marigold Boone
Address	Street Address: 710 Ponder Street City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78404
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 2
Topic	Library board
Agenda Item Number	NA
Describe Feedback:	I've heard some disturbing news about special interest groups trying to get the library board to advocate restricting certain kinds of books in our libraries. Id like to remind the council that libraries are supposed to serve everyone in the community, and the experts on this are the librarians. Parents have the right to control what content their children do or don't check out from the library, but they do not have the right to decide what is accessible for the

entire community. Please leave library processes to the professionals, the librarians.

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


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Date of Meeting	07-16-2024
Name	Angelita Romero
Address	Street Address: 4817 Archer Drive City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78415
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	I don't know
Topic	Banning Books in the Library
Agenda Item Number	NA
Describe Feedback:	Public libraries serve as more than just a place to read; they are havens where children can explore topics of interest, igniting their curiosity and creativity. Libraries celebrate the unique experiences, cultures, and identities of everyone. When children see themselves reflected in books, they feel a sense of closeness and belonging, helping them find their place in the world.  We can teach countless valuable lessons

through the courageous stories of people of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community. Banning books in public libraries is counterproductive and will only hinder the progress that minority groups have achieved and continue to work towards. I urge the council to recognize the gravity of this issue, re-evaluate the current subcommittee, and promote greater diversity on boards and committees to ensure a broader understanding of the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in public library collections.

Thank you.

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### Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting	07-16-2024
Name	Emma Drumright
Address	Street Address: 6350 Meadowvista Dr. City: Corpus Christi State / Province: Texas Postal / Zip Code: 78414
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 5
Topic	Collection and Development Policy for Libraries
Agenda Item Number	General Public Comment
Describe Feedback:	Please do not allow for the efforts to censor and ban books with LGBTQ+ and diverse voices/topics.  In Corpus Christi's Vision, Mission & Goals, a part of the mission is to "sustain and improve [residents'] quality of life."  Allowing for the censorship of certain voices and topics diminishes our freedom. Whether

someone likes it or not, these topics are human and our city is diverse.

Please ask, what is the overall goal of the efforts to change the current development policy? Where is the line drawn, and why?

Everyone has the right to choose what they read and what their children read. Having books in a collection is not forcing you or your child to read them. You have the freedom to not read a book. But banning books is denying someone else's freedom.

These are public libraries and should serve everyone.

Assure that Corpus Christi will become a benchmark for freedom, with leaders who represent their whole community rather than turning their back on them.

Thank you.

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