



Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Friday, January 13, 2017

1:30 PM

RETREAT LOCATION:
Selena Rotunda Room
American Bank Center
1901 North Shoreline Blvd.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

Public Notice - - THE USE OF CELLULAR PHONES AND SOUND ACTIVATED PAGERS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE MEETING ROOM.

A. Mayor Dan McQueen to call the meeting to order.

Mayor Dan McQueen called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

B. City Secretary Rebecca 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 Margie C. Rose, City Attorney Miles K. Risley, and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta.

Present: 9 - Mayor Dan McQueen, Council Member Rudy Garza, Council Member Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Joe McComb, Council Member Ben Molina, Council Member Lucy Rubio, Council Member Greg Smith, and Council Member Carolyn Vaughn

C. Review Retreat Agenda

The retreat was facilitated by Mr. Scott Elliff. Mr. Elliff provided a review of the retreat agenda including: an update on status of priorities established during the 2016 retreat; clarification of, and consensus regarding, path forward/work plan related to priorities for 2017; identification of possible new priority areas for 2017 and beyond; and discuss and agree on operational procedures (e.g. calendar, boards and commissions, etc.).

D. Status Report on 2016 Council Policy Priorities

City Manager Margie C. Rose provided a progress report on the 2016 Council priorities, which were: 1) Residential Road Repair; 2) Water Policy; and 3) Economic Development Policy. City Manager Rose also presented Operational Areas of Interest.

Council members requested follow up information on the following: the pavement assessment; the status of fencing that was to be installed around the Police Department Headquarters building; Bond 2014 projects; desalination feasibility project; economic development initiatives; streets repairs; City Hall improvements; bidding concrete and asphalt for street repairs; decommissioned parks that remain unsold; street reconstruction test projects; timeline for bond projects not started; an explanation of the Aquifer Storage Recovery District; the status of the affordable housing plan; review of overall water policy; reducing the amount of time a property owner has to make a legal claim to property as it relates to the Affordable Housing Pilot Program; which departments have code enforcement officers; appropriate use of land that will become vacant upon construction of the new Harbor Bridge.

Also discussed by a council member was the measurability of objectives and the vision and major direction of the City.

Council members also requested follow up information on the following: the status of the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project; the measurability of Beautify Corpus Christi; the status of the City's new website; the alignment of the policies of the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation and the Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation.

Mayor McQueen recessed the meeting at 2:58 p.m. for a break. Mayor McQueen reconvened the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

E. Identify and Clarify Priority Areas and Expectations for 2017 Council Policy Priorities

Mr. Elliff referred to Item E. Council members identified the following areas of focus, within the three existing priority areas, for 2017 in order of importance (see Mr. Elliff's attached report, included as part of these minutes):

WATER

- 1) Ensure superior water supply;
- 2) Develop a comprehensive water plan for future supply and use;
- 3) Establish comprehensive emergency plan for use in water emergencies; and
- 4) Ensure excellence in water department staffing.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 1) Take lead to convene key stakeholders and groups to develop a comprehensive economic development plan for the City of Corpus Christi;
- 2) Establish and implement plan to grow anchor businesses and attractions;
- 3) Review and improve Development Services department;
- 4) Review ordinances and policies regarding infill housing development; and
- 5) Enhance public safety.

STREETS AND ROADS

- 1) Implement the approved residential street funding strategy;
- 2) Review and revise overall street and road improvement strategy;
- 3) Review internal operations, including staffing and cost of operations;
- 4) Improve project monitoring practices, processes and accountabilities;
- 5) Increase contractor diversification and opportunity;
- 6) Improve timeliness of bond project completion; and

7) Stoplight synchronization.

Mayor McQueen recessed the meeting at 4:20 p.m. for a break. Mayor McQueen reconvened the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

F. Finalize Focus Areas for 2017 Council Policy Priorities

Mr. Elliff referred to Item F. Council members identified the following items to be considered in 2017 and 2018 (not prioritized):

- Implement a long-term, incremental plan for Fire and Police staffing;
- Modernize and automate processes in various departments (e.g. Utilities, Municipal Court, Code Enforcement, and Police Departments);
- Establish development rules for Southside;
- Develop "college pride" culture with Texas A&M University Corpus Christi;
- Build on successful existing local community events, such as Farmers' Market and Art Walk;
- See substantial progress in revitalization/redevelopment efforts;
- Junior Beck Road - Open it up from Bear Lane to Old Brownsville Road;
- Explore funding for ambulance for Fire Station #18 in 2018;
- Maintain a sustainable debt load;
- Finalize and begin implementing long-term wastewater plan;
- Zero-based budgeting;
- Homelessness - Look at Albuquerque, New Mexico model;
- City beautification - partnerships with County and Sheriff for community service;
- Implement area development plans; and
- Invest in Animal Control.

G. Operational Procedures

City Secretary Rebecca Huerta presented the proposed 2017 council meeting calendar.

The Council concurred to cancel the following meetings: March 14, June 27, November 21, November 28, and December 26; and to schedule a meeting on November 7.

City Secretary Huerta presented information relating to setting a deadline for accepting applications for boards and commissions of seven days before the City Council makes appointments.

MOTION OF DIRECTION

Council Member Smith made a motion of direction directing the City Secretary to bring forward an agenda item amending Council policies to incorporate the referenced deadline for submitting applications for boards and commissions, seconded by Council Member Molina, and unanimously approved (Council Member Vaughn - absent).

H. Closing and Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.