



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council Workshop Session

Thursday, July 13, 2017

3:00 PM

Basement Training Room
1201 Leopard Street

THE USE OF CELLULAR PHONES AND SOUND ACTIVATED PAGERS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE TRAINING ROOM DURING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

A. Mayor Joe McComb to call the meeting to order.

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

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

City Secretary Rebecca L. 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 Risley, and
City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.**

Present 8 - Mayor Joe McComb, Council Member Rudy Garza, Council Member Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Debbie Lindsey-Opel, Council Member Ben Molina, Council Member Lucy Rubio, and Council Member Greg Smith

Absent 1 - Council Member Carolyn Vaughn

Council Members Michael Hunter and Debbie Lindsey-Opel arrived at 3:06 p.m.

C. BRIEFINGS TO CITY COUNCIL:

2. Harbor Bridge Replacement Project Update

Mayor McComb deviated from the agenda and referred to Item 2. City Manager Margie C. Rose provided opening remarks regarding the Harbor Bridge Replacement Project Update.

Executive Director of Public Works Valerie Gray presented information on the following topics: key facts; interesting facts; project milestones; key city actions from 2004 to present; joint planning efforts between the City, the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) and Flatiron/Dragados, LLC; City planning efforts 2014 to present; existing local street impacts immediate 2017, short-term 2018, and long-term 2020; and a projected schedule.

Council members and staff discussed the following topics: improvements to Beach Street; the level of engineering/design work needed for asphalt overlays; ownership of and possible City-uses for materials resulting from the demolition of the existing Harbor Bridge; working with the Regional Transportation Authority to adjust bus routes; the impact of the New Harbor Bridge on surrounding neighborhoods, including lower socio-economic areas; TXDOT's solicitation of community involvement and input into the project; economic opportunities associated with the project; and minimizing negative impacts from the project.

1. Proposed Bond 2018

Mayor McComb deviated from the agenda and referred to Item 1.

Executive Director of Public Works Valerie Gray presented information on the following topics: previous bond 2018 workshops; summary of the city council's June 1, 2017 motion of direction; the number of projects and associated dollar amounts of the proposed propositions on May 4, and July 13, 2017; the utility impact of the proposed propositions; project categories; and a listing of the street improvement projects and associated dollar amounts in Propositions 1 and 2.

Council members and staff discussed extending Junior Beck Drive and communicating to the public that Bond 2018 projects are part of a continuing effort to improve City streets.

Ms. Gray presented information on the following additional topics: public safety and facility improvements proposed in Proposition 3; ranking of projects as a percentage of need, by city council district; implementation plan prior to referendum; recommended execution plan; and the proposed Bond 2018 schedule.

Council members and staff discussed the following topics: staff designing projects versus current contracting out of design work; in-house versus contracted project management; smoothing out the completion of construction projects; sources of funding for architect/engineering services; construction versus project management; the recommendation and timing of implementing in-house design work as recommended in the Frank Brogan Report; overlays versus re-construction of streets; using money wisely versus the number of streets completed; the feasibility of allowing for the assessment of the difference in cost between hot mix versus concrete to business owners along city streets, if concrete is preferred by the business owners; re-using old asphalt collected when re-constructing streets, for street repairs/re-construction; improving bond language and communication with the public regarding bond projects; potential use of equipment that re-uses asphalt taken from existing city streets; that seal work and Street Preventive Maintenance Program work is done by City crews, but re-work is done by contractors; that overlays are not currently done in-house; use of certificates of obligation in addition to bond funding due to the need to fund certain Harbor Bridge-related street projects before Bond 2018 bond proceeds become available; the purpose of the street user fee; increased traffic on certain streets due to the New Harbor Bridge project; the timeframe for securing certificates of obligation; bringing certificates of obligation to city council as an agenda item; the timeline for monies needed; the amount of bonds that can be issued with

no increase in ad valorem taxes; and the City's total debt capacity.

MOTION OF DIRECTION

Council Member Smith made a motion directing the City Manager to look for all funding sources to secure the \$4.1 million to address Harbor Bridge-related streets, outside of certificates of obligation, and that certificates of obligation will be a last resort for the funding of those projects, seconded by Council Member Garza and approved unanimously (Council Member Vaughn - absent).

Council members and staff discussed the following additional topics: use of the City's Debt Service Fund balance relating to issuance of debt; sales tax revenue trends; and Bond 2018's impact on the number of contracted staff necessary to augment City Engineering staff.

MOTION OF DIRECTION

Council Member Smith made a motion directing the City Manager to move forward with Bond 2018, as proposed in today's presentation to city council, to include all three propositions, seconded by Council Member Lindsey-Opel and passed unanimously (Council Members Hunter and Vaughn - absent).

3. "Public Private Partnerships" (P3s) and Wastewater Treatment

Mayor McComb referred to Item 3. This item was postponed.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.