



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING **Addendums may be added on Friday.**

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

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.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 Peter Zaroni, City Attorney Miles K. Risley and City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.

Note: Council Members Everett Roy and Greg Smith participated by video conference. Council Member Paulette Guajardo arrived at 10:10 a.m. and participated by video conference. Council Member Michael Hunter participated by telephone conference.

Present: 7 - Mayor Joe McComb, Council Member Roland Barrera, Mayor Paulette M. Guajardo, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Ben Molina, Council Member Everett Roy, and Council Member Greg Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Gil Hernandez

- C. PUBLIC COMMENT - AUDIENCE AND PRESENTER SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC HEARING INPUT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.** To reduce the chance of COVID-19 transmission, public meetings will be held in a manner intended to separate, to the maximum practical extent, audience and presenters from personal contact with members of Community, City Staff, and City Council. This meeting will be broadcast at [cctexas.com/services/council meeting-agendas-minutes-video](https://cctexas.com/services/council-meeting-agendas-minutes-video). Public testimony and public hearing input for Public Comment and all items on the agenda at public meetings of the City Council should be provided in written format and presented to the City Secretary and/or designee no later than five minutes after the start of each meeting of the City Council. Testimony and/or public input shall be in accordance with the City Secretary's instructions, which shall be posted on the City Secretary's door and on the City website, and allow for electronic submission. The written public testimony shall be provided to members of City Council prior to voting on measures for that meeting. Written testimony shall be limited in accordance with the City Secretary requirements and shall be placed into the record of each meeting. This testimony shall serve as the required public testimony pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.007 and shall constitute a public hearing for purposes of any public hearing requirement under law. The meeting may be held telephonically or via videoconference. The public may participate remotely by following the instructions of the City Secretary at cctexas.com/departments/city-secretary/.

Mayor McComb referred to comments from the public.

No public comments were submitted.

D. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS:

Mayor McComb referred to City Manager's Comments. City Manager Peter Zanoni reported on the following topics: the City of Corpus Christi's Water Resource team continues to monitor the reservoir levels at Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon; the storage capacity at these two bodies of water is 40.1%; and drought conditions can last until April, so the community needs to be conservative with water usage.

E. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

1. One-reading Ordinance canvassing returns and declaring the results of the Runoff Election held on December 15, 2020 in the City of Corpus Christi for the purpose of electing the Mayor and Members for City Council Districts One and Four.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 1. Mayor McComb read the results of the December 15, 2020 run off election into the record.

Council Member Barrera made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Molina. This Ordinance was passed on emergency and

approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032310

2. One-reading Ordinance awarding a construction contract to JM Davidson Ltd., Aransas Park, Texas, for Cole Park Pier Improvements, located in Council District 2, in an amount not to exceed \$7,542,527.00; appropriating \$4,415,430.00 from the Type B Sales Tax Fund, \$1,250,000.00 from the Community Enrichment Fund, and \$1,877,097.00 from the General Fund unreserved fund balance (to be reimbursed to the General Fund after a deductive change order is executed) and amending the operating and capital budgets.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 2.

Director of Engineering Jeff Edmonds presented information on the following topics: Cole Park Pier; Cole Park Pier design features; current situation; and next steps.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni and Director Edmonds discussed the following topics: the importance of this project and complying with the community's request for amenities, including shade structures; adding this pier will add more value to our City; the \$5 million will allow for demolition and construction with few amenities; the contractor, JM Davidson, has worked closely with staff and will begin construction in January; and the importance of identifying funding sooner rather than later.

Council Member Molina made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Ordinance was passed on emergency and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032311

3. Resolution opposing Texas Windstorm Insurance Association rate increase.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 3.

Director of Intergovernmental Relations Tammy Embrey introduced State Representative Todd Hunter to present the resolution opposing Texas

Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA) rate increase.

State Representative Hunter presented the following information: the TWIA is an insurance pool that covers 14 coastal counties and it does not cover any other areas of the state; the State is asking for the City to approve this resolution opposing the rate hike, that will then be sent to the governor; and the rate hike does not go into effect until April.

A Council Member thanked State Representative Hunter for his diligence in keeping the TWIA rate down.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032312

F. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.