



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, June 10, 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 Steve Lopez with Koinonia Church.

Pastor Steve Lopez with Koinonia Church gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Mariah Stith 4th grader at Incarnate Word Academy and Sloan Murphy 4th grader at Annapolis Christian Academy.

Mariah Stith 4th grader at Incarnate Word Academy and Sloan Murphy 4th grader at Annapolis 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 - 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. [25-0805](#) Hurricane Season Preparedness, presented by Jace Johnson, Emergency Management Coordinator

Emergency Management Coordinator Jace Johnson presented information on the following topics: office of emergency management staff; how the city is prepared; 2025 Atlantic Tropical Cyclone Names; 2025 Atlantic Hurricane season outlook; it only takes one; hurricane levels; coordination and collaboration; partner communication; outreach; communications; reverse alert; hurricane preparedness 2025; know your evacuation

route; evacuation hub; and phased hurricane reentry.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Emergency Coordinator Johnson discussed the following topics: sandbag distributions will be held on Saturday, June 14 and Saturday, June 28 at the Cabaniss Athletic Complex; how to secure barriers and construction areas during strong winds; and a Council Member recognized the City Manager for assisting the City of Alice during the recent inclement weather.

2. [25-0851](#) FY 2025 2nd Quarter Budget Report

City Manager Peter Zanoni presented information on the following topics: FY 2025 2nd Quarter Report overview; general fund revenues; 2nd quarter actual revenues \$229.3M; general fund expenses; 2nd quarter actual expenditures \$166.2M; HOT tax revenue; water fund; FY 2025 budget initiatives (all funds); Capital Improvement Program; quarter 2 report summary; and FY 2026 budget roadmap.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

David Lehfeldt, Corpus Christi, TX, suggested cutting the litter critter program and the recycling program from the City's budget to assist with the deficit.

Shawn Flanagan, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke in support of Item 20.

Brad Bartilson, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about re-examining other water options for the City.

Robin Sanders, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about Council decorum and City ethics.

Patsy Vazquez-Contes, Corpus Christi, TX, recognized the Mayor for her dedication to the 4th of July Big Bang Celebration.

Charlie Webb, Corpus Christi, TX and Adam Rios, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke in support of the funding received for the Ritz Theatre.

Samuel Aundra Fryer, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about an alternative water supply.

Sofia Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, expressed gratitude to the City for accepting the University of Texas Home to Texas Internship program.

Tina Butler, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about the Juneteenth Festival on June 20-22, as well as free mammograms at the health and wellness event.

Al Arreola, Corpus Christi, TX, recognized Lemonade Day, and spoke in support of the Inner Harbor desalination plant and moving the public comment period to 5:30 p.m.

Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, expressed a desire to move the public comment period the day before the Council meeting and for the City to move into stage 4 water restrictions.

The following citizens spoke in support of Item 9: Johnny Stobbs, Corpus Christi, TX, Santiago Garcia, Corpus Christi, TX, and Scott Marsh, Corpus Christi, TX.

Jennifer Gracia, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about the Juneteenth Festival presented by the TABPHE organization.

Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, requested GHD's participation regarding the results for the desalination study.

Isabel Araiza, Corpus Christi, TX, asked to move the public comment period the day before the Council meeting, expressed opposition to the Hillcrest rezoning, spoke about the budget shortfall, and the naming rights to the Convention Center.

Melissa Zamora, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke in opposition to desalination.

Eli McKay, Corpus Christi, TX, expressed a desire to move the public comment period the day before the Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. and in opposition to the Hillcrest rezoning.

Pat Craig, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke in support of Item 20 and the public comment process should allow individuals to ask questions to Council.

John Hendricks, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about making Feast of Corpus Christi a new City holiday.

Myra Alaniz, Robstown, TX, spoke in opposition to desalination.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the Hillcrest rezoning: Andrea Puyol, Corpus Christi, TX, Lia Araiza Ortiz, Corpus Christi, TX, Deanna King, Corpus Christi, TX, Gilbert Aguirre II, Corpus Christi, TX, Lamont Taylor, Corpus Christi, TX, Christina English, Corpus Christi, TX, Monna Lytle, Corpus Christi, TX, Daniel Pena, Corpus Christi, TX, and Elida Castillo, Taft, TX.

The following citizens submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Susan Lamb, Corpus Christi, TX, John Weber, Corpus Christi, TX, and Amanda Breland, Corpus Christi, TX.

G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (ITEM 3)

3. [25-0818](#) Civil Service Board
Civil Service Commission
Ethics Commission

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 3.

Civil Service Board:

Reappointed: Deborah A. Sibila

Appointed: Joel S. Mumphord and Israel Talamantez

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Appointed: Christina Garcia and Casey O'Donnell

H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 4 - 12)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Items 9, 11 and 12 were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Paxson moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 9, 11 and 12, seconded by Council Member Campos. 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

4. [25-0800](#) Approval of the May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

5. [25-0637](#) Ordinance to add new Section 12-109 to Chapter 12 of the City Code to prohibit crossing of buoy markers at Choke Canyon Reservoir; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$500 and publication.

This Ordinance passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033656

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

6. [25-0586](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase of 40 additional and 35 replacement Harris XL-85M mobile communication radio systems from Dailey and Wells Communications, of San Antonio, Texas, for the Corpus Christi Police Department in the amount of \$350,745.00, with FY 2025 funding in the amount of \$196,417.20 from the Fleet Equipment Replacement Fund, \$116,915.00 from the General Fund and \$37,412.80 from the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033657

7. [25-0490](#) Motion authorizing the purchase of 11 additional binocular night vision device systems and accessories from Z Bar Supply Company, of Muleshoe, Texas, for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team for \$168,300.00, with FY 2025 funding in the amount of \$168,300.00 from the General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-056

8. [25-0636](#) Motion authorizing the purchase of two additional LifePak cardiac monitors, accessory equipment, software licenses, and preventative maintenance services for \$142,623.70 from Stryker Sales, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, through the Sourcewell Cooperative, for the Corpus Christi Fire Department, with FY 2025 funding from the General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-057

9. [25-0793](#) Resolution authorizing a two-year professional services agreement with Grail, Inc., of Menlo Park, California, for Galleri multi-cancer early detection tests for the Corpus Christi Fire Department in an amount not to exceed \$311,520.00, with FY 2025 funding of \$233,640.00 from the General Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 9.

Council Member Paxson requested to pull this item to express full support.

Council Member Paxson moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Roy. This Resolution 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: 033658

10. [25-0695](#) Resolution authorizing a two-year service agreement, with one two-year option to renew, with Grace Water Services, LLC, of Katy, Texas, in an amount up to \$564,744.00, with a potential amount up to \$1,129,488.00 if the option is exercised, for preventative maintenance and repairs of the breakpoint chlorination system at the Oso Water Reclamation Plant, with FY 2025 funding of \$69,624.00 from the Wastewater Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033659

General Consent Items

11. [25-0554](#) Resolution canceling the 2025 Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) agreements between the City of Corpus Christi and the Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (MHID) and increasing the 2025 HHSP agreements with Mission 911 to \$164,198.00 for the General Set Aside and \$53,111.00 for the Youth Set Aside totaling \$217,309.00.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 11.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Director of Planning and Community Development Dan McGinn discussed the following topics: currently no money is being issued to Mental Health Intellectual Disabilities (MHID); \$217,000 is going to Mission 911; and desires to find solutions for the houseless community.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Marilena Garza, Corpus Christi, TX, voiced support for homelessness funding and concern about lack of leadership.

Tony Reyes, Corpus Christi, TX, thanked the City Council Members for this funding.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Paxson moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Cantu. This Resolution 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: 033660

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

12. [25-0749](#) Ordinance amendment Chapter 12 1/2 of the City Code of Ordinances to modify

audit standards and make other edits.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 12.

Council Member Hernandez moved to amend the ordinance to Sec. 121/2-3.-Audit Committee, seconded by Council Member Campos as follows:

(a) The audit committee will provide guidance and oversight of the city auditor's office in the performance of its responsibilities. The audit committee will consist of four (4) council members selected by the mayor at the beginning of each council term and be approved by a majority of council. The mayor shall appoint one of the council members as the chairperson. The mayor or a majority of council may remove a member of the audit committee at any time. If a member is removed, the mayor will select a new member to be approved by a majority of council. However, if a committee has not been appointed, then the duties of the council audit committee as described in this chapter shall be undertaken by the entire city council.

Council Members and City Attorney Miles Risley discussed the following topic: concerns with how this amendment is worded without a cause for removal or change.

Council Member Paxson moved to amend the ordinance to include "for justifiable cause that does not reflect and support the mission of the audit committee," seconded by Council Member Hernandez and passed with the following vote: Council Members Campos, Cantu, Hernandez, Paxson and Vaughn voting, "yes", and Mayor Guajardo and Council Members Barrera, Roy and Scott voting, "no."

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

Aye: 6 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Nay: 3 - Council Member Barrera, Mayor Guajardo and Council Member Scott

Abstained: 0

J. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 1:49 p.m. Executive Session Items 25 and 27 were held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 13 - 14)

13. [25-0743](#) Ordinance authorizing a Wastewater Trunk Line Construction and Reimbursement Agreement up to \$322,684.80 with MPM Development, LP to construct a wastewater trunk line related to King's Landing Unit 8 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 \$322,684.80 to reimburse the developer in accordance with the agreement. (District 3).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 13.

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 Campos. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

14. [25-0740](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8545, M&R Home Solutions, LLC. (District 4). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 2345 Yorktown Blvd from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "RS-6/SP" Single-Family 6 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 14.

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

L. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 15 - 16)

15. [25-0729](#) Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas authorizing the issuance of its utility system senior lien revenue improvement and/or refunding bonds in one or more series (as designated by purpose and series) for Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater utility improvements in an amount not to exceed \$181,000,000 and refinancings in an amount not to exceed \$162,385,000, within set parameters and according to the City Council adopted Capital Improvement Plan, and the plan of finance set by the City's financial advisors; making provisions for the payment and security thereof by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the net revenues of the City's utility system on a parity with certain currently outstanding utility system revenue obligations; stipulating the terms and conditions for the issuance of additional revenue bonds on a parity therewith; prescribing the form, terms, conditions, and resolving other matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of one or more series of bonds, including the approval and distribution of one or more official statements pertaining thereto; authorizing the execution of one or more paying agent/registrar agreements, one or more escrow agreements, and one or more purchase contracts; complying with the requirements imposed by the Letter of Representations previously executed with the depository trust company; delegating authority to the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Director of Finance and Procurement to execute certain documents relating to the sale of each series of bonds; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 15.

Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert presented information on the following topics: financing of capital projects; summary of financial transactions; projects to be funded-water, wastewater, stormwater, and gas; steps for issuance; and utility system revenue bonds financing overview per approved budget.

A Council Member, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Assistant City Manager Hurlbert discussed the following topics: how much interest will be paid over the next 30 years; and how this affects the total debt service for next year.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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: 8 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 0

16. [25-0817](#) Ordinance approving a mid-year budget adjustment in an amount of \$4,077,839.00 for the Animal Care Services department including appropriating \$2,183,664.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) revenue interest funds for the addition of three full-time positions for Animal Care Services (ACS), for ACS capital improvement projects, and ACS equipment; amending the FY 2024-25 Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Budget by \$1,894,175.00.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 16.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, Ram Munoz with Munoz Engineering, Director of Animal Care Services Kathleen Chapa, and Assistant Director of Animal Care Services Cynthia Martinez discussed the following topics: the cost to repair the parking lot and maintenance yard includes concrete pavement, along with a drainage and sanitary system; concerns with the exorbitant cost of the improvements; the City is prioritizing the hiring of an Animal Care Director; concerns with using Certificates of Obligation for kennels; the incinerator has been repaired; this proposed mid-year budget adjustment includes adding three full-time positions; and Veterinarians are currently contracted.

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

Aye: 8 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 0

M. BRIEFINGS: (ITEMS 17)

17. [25-0854](#) Update on Alternative Water Supply Projects, to include a presentation on the Seven Seas/ South Texas Water Authority brackish groundwater project, and possible action.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 17.

Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water (CCW) Drew Molly presented information on the following topics: drought monitor; monthly raw water usage; water supply dashboard; groundwater supply assessment; Nueces River Groundwater Wells project; Evangeline Laguna, LLP (Evangeline) Groundwater project; Echelman-Voigt (EV) Ranch project; and South Texas Water Authority partnership.

Council Members, COO of CCW Molly, and Water Resource Manager Esteban Ramos discussed the following topics: the percentage of the combined lake levels; stage 4 water restrictions will take effect October 2026; the City is currently receiving 55 million gallons per day (MGD) from the Mary Rhodes Pipeline; how to assist seniors with paying their utility bills; the Water Summit profited \$87,000; and how many gallons of water can a 42 inch pipeline produce.

N. COUNCIL REQUESTED ITEMS: (ITEMS 18 - 24)

18. [25-0878](#) Reconsideration of "Presentation of the Plan of Finance for FY 2025 and resolution by the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, authorizing and approving publication of Notice of Intention to issue not more than \$43,200,000 of Certificates of Obligation, in one or more series, for certain capital improvements, as included and approved by City Council in the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget; complying with the requirements contained in Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12; and providing an effective date," **as submitted by Council Members Sylvia Campos and Eric Cantu.**

This Item was withdrawn.

19. [25-0892](#) Discussion regarding the usage of a current Mayor's name for a City Sponsored Event, **as requested by Council Members Sylvia Campos, Eric Cantu, Gil Hernandez.**

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 19.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and City Attorney Miles Risley discussed the following topics: concerns with using the Mayor's name on City events; there is no ethics opinion regarding using names on a community celebration; and how funds are tracked for this event.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, expressed concern about adding this insignificant topic to the agenda.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

20. [25-0893](#) Discussion and possible action regarding a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Corpus Christi and the South Texas Water Authority, **as requested by Council Members Carolyn Vaughn, Eric Cantu, and Sylvia Campos.**

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 20.

Nueces County Commissioner John Marez provided a brief background about South Texas Water Authority (STWA).

Council Members, Nueces County Commissioner Marez, and Kleberg County Judge Rudy Madrid discussed the following topics: STWA can transmit up to 28 million gallons of water per day (MGD); the timeline for this project is approximately 24 months; all studies have been completed by Seven Seas Water Group; there will be no cost to the City or debt involved; STWA will provide maintenance and operation to the facility; a contract needs to be in effect before September for a 30 year fixed rate; and the water rate amount will not exceed \$5.50 for 5,000 gallons of water.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Gail Anderson, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke in support of this Item.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Vaughn made the following motion: Motion for the City of Corpus Christi to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with South Texas Water Authority within 10 days and direct the City Manager to bring back a contract with South Texas Water Authority within 45 days for a council vote based on the rate, seconded by Council Member Paxson. 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: M2025-058

21. [25-0894](#) Nonbinding motion of support for awarding the naming rights for the Convention Center to the entity that offers the most funding to the City for said rights, **as requested by Council Members Carolyn Vaughn, Eric Cantu, and Sylvia Campos.**

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 21.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and General Manager of OVG360 Daniel Melise discussed the following topics: desires to award the naming rights for the Convention Center to the highest bidder; the naming rights process has been ongoing for two years; OVG360 closed the naming proposals on May 31; OVG360 considers several factors when deciding to accept a bid; and over 90 entities have expressed interest in naming rights.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke in support of awarding the naming rights for the Convention Center to the highest bidder.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Vaughn moved to amend the motion as follows: Nonbinding motion of support for awarding the naming rights for the Convention Center to the most responsible entity that offers the most funding to the City for said rights, seconded by Council Member Cantu. This Motion was passed as amended and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Barrera and Council Member Scott

Abstained: 1 - Mayor Guajardo

Enactment No: M2025-059

22. [25-0895](#) Discussion with possible action regarding changes to the City Council's public comment process to enhance community participation, **as requested by Council Members Carolyn Vaughn, Eric Cantu, and Sylvia Campos.**

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 22.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and City Attorney Miles Risley discussed the following topics: this new process would move the noon public comment period to 5:30 p.m.; a request to keep public comment at noon and add a second public comment period at 5:30 p.m.; a request to provide ample public explanations for the new public comment change; and the public would still be allowed to speak on individual items when the items are called.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke in opposition to moving the public comment period to 5:30 p.m.

Joshua Fraedrick, Corpus Christi, TX, recommended keeping the noon public comment period and adding a second public comment period at 5:30 p.m.

Conor Rice, Corpus Christi, TX, suggested using a clipboard to allow citizens to sign up for public comment until 5:30 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Vaughn made the following motion: Move public comment period from 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. effective July 15, 2025. City Council will still be in session during the 5:30 p.m. public comment period even if quorum is lost, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Nay: 1 - Mayor Guajardo

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2025-060

23. [25-0896](#) Discussion and possible action to refer to the City Auditor for investigation into potential waste and abuse of taxpayer funds by city manager and staff relating to claims and payments made by the city to Luminare INC. This includes reviewing whether City staff circumvented City Council approval processes in an amount greater than \$50,000 and to avoid public disclosure, **as requested by Council Members Sylvia Campos, Eric Cantu, and Gil Hernandez.**

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 23.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, City Attorney Miles Risley, and Interim Director of Public Health Department Dr. Dante Gonzalez discussed the following topics: the City had a contractual obligation to pay the vendor \$262,000 for three years; a Council Member's request for an audit on this item; and whether this contract could have been terminated before it was automatically renewed. (see attached memo from the City Attorney)

24. [25-0898](#) Discussion and possible action on council policy regarding the scheduling of council meetings, **as requested by Council Members Eric Cantu, Carolyn Vaughn, and Gil Hernandez.**

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 24.

Council Members discussed the following topics: a desire to limit Council meetings to every 14 days to allow staff more time to prepare and for more productive meetings; and a concern that having less meetings per month would lengthen the meetings.

Council Member Cantu moved to table this item to the next council meeting, seconded by Council Member Vaughn. This Item was tabled with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Barrera and Mayor Guajardo

Absent: 1 - Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 25 - 27)

25. [25-0785](#) **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 *claim by Thomas Joseph Moore against City*, 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.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to authorize the execution of all documents necessary to settle the claim of Thomas Joseph Moore against the City for all personal injury claims arising from an auto accident on August 15, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Campos. This 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: M2025-061

26. [25-0847](#) **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 utility plants purchased by CPS, the Corpus Christi Housing Authority and land to be purchased by said entity and **Texas Government Code § 551.072** to discuss and deliberate the potential purchase and/or 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.

This E-Session Item was postponed.

27. [25-0863](#) **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 the potential purchase and value of real property rights at/near FM624 and/or Northwest Boulevard and/or FM666 and/or County Road 59 and/or County Road 44, all in Nueces County and property rights related to groundwater in San Patricio County at/near I-69 and/or Highway 181 related to the Evangeline Aquifer, property rights in other areas in Hogg County related to the Catahoula Aquifer, rules of the Brush Country Groundwater Conservation District, the San Patricio County Groundwater Conservation District, and the TCEQ, potential real property rights and/or contracts related thereto involving groundwater well development near Driscoll, Texas and **Texas Government Code § 551.072** to discuss and deliberate the potential purchase and/or 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.

The following motion was considered:

Motion authorizing a Real Estate Sales Contract with Bapo Land, Inc. for the purchase of

approximately 250 acres of land known as Sutherland Ranch near the intersection of FM 666 and FM 624 (which may also be described as 250.116 acre tract out of the Vicente Lopez Herrera Portion of the Barranco Blanco Grant) near Bluntzer, in Nueces County, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$2,133,500.

Council Member Paxson moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This 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: M2025-062

P. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 9:39 p.m.