



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council Workshop

Thursday, August 22, 2024

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

FY 2025 Budget Workshop: Police, Fire, Development Services

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

B. 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

Note: Council Member Campos arrived at 10:19 a.m.

Present 9 - Paulette Guajardo, Roland Barrera, Gil Hernandez, Michael Hunter, Sylvia Campos, Dan Suckley, Everett Roy, Mike Pusley, and Jim Klein

C. BRIEFINGS:

1. [24-1394](#) FY 2025 Budget Workshop: Police

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 1.

Police Chief Mike Markle presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about police department; community outreach; organization; Operations Bureau; Investigations Bureau; Administration Bureau; FY 2024 achievements; FY 2025 police department proposed budget: \$110M; police department personnel overview; FY 2025 proposed budget general fund: \$87.0M; FY 2025 proposed budget crime control fund: \$11.9M; FY 2025 proposed budget Metrocom fund: \$8.7M; and FY 2025 program changes.

Council Members, Chief Markle, City Manager Peter Zanoni, Director of Management and Budget Eddie Houlihan, and Assistant Director of Management & Budget Amy Cowley discussed the following topics: the new training academy will be open in November; the importance of prioritizing public safety; the police officer grants have doubled due to positive outcomes; lunch and training opportunities are provided to MetroCom staff as retention incentives; a concern about the increase in youth crime and

a request to provide crime statistics to the community; and how to regulate speeding to reduce traffic accidents/fatalities.

2. [24-1396](#) FY 2025 Budget Workshop: Fire

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 2.

Fire Chief Brandon Wade presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about the fire department; organization; FY 2024 achievements; FY 2025 fire department proposed budget \$81.6M; fire department personnel overview; FY 2025 proposed budget general fund: \$80.8M; FY 2025 proposed budget LEPC fund: \$.21M; FY 2025 new and adjusted fees; FY 2025 mandates; FY 2025 program changes 1; FY 2025 program changes 2; re-org of fire department-current; re-org of fire department-proposed; FY 2025 program changes 3; and FY 2025 program changes 4.

Council Members and Fire Chief Wade discussed the following topics: the retention rate has improved from previous years; the non-emergency Lift Assist fee will only be changed to skilled nursing facilities; how the Fire Department notifies the community to avoid certain areas during an emergency; to implement education awareness through the communications department; old fire trucks are auctioned off; a concern about the increase in the overtime budget; the increase in professional services was for the EMS billing system; and to be proactive regarding emergency response for electric vehicle fires.

3. [24-1397](#) FY 2025 Budget Workshop: Development Services

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 3.

Director of Development Service Al Raymond presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about development services; organization; FY 2024 achievements; FY 2025 development services department proposed budget: \$13.9M; FY 2025 proposed budget development services fund: \$10.5M; FY 2025 development services fee update; development services building remodel update; and original program changes proposed.

Council Members, Director Raymond, and Assistant Director of Development Services Code Compliance Tracey Cantu discussed the following topics: the Unified Development Code update will be presented to Council in the summer of 2025; the importance of enhancing the 311 program; to encourage more tree planting throughout the City; a recommendation that staff explore installing solar panels to the remodel of the development services building; and the short-term rental permit compliance has improved.

D. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 12:45 p.m.