

# **City of Corpus Christi**

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# Meeting Agenda - Final-revised City Council

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 11:30 AM

**Council Chambers** 

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Si Usted desea dirigirse al Concilio y cree que su inglés es limitado, habrá un intérprete inglés-español en todas las juntas del Concilio para ayudarle.

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- A. Mayor Paulette Guajardo to call the meeting to order.
- B. Invocation to be given by Pastor James Miller with Bridge of Life.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Maddox Luera, 12th grader at Incarnate Word Academy.
- D. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT - Public comment prior to the General Public Comment period, scheduled at approximately 5:30 p.m., will only be on action items on this City Council agenda unless otherwise specified. Sign-up to speak at 5:30 p.m. is at www.corpuschristitx.gov/signin or at the City Council kiosk. Each speaker is limited to a total of no more than 3 minutes per speaker. Time limits may be restricted further by the Mayor at any meeting. If you have a petition or other information pertaining to your subject, please present it to the City Secretary. Written comments may be submitted at https://corpuschristitx.gov/department-directory/city-secretary. Electronic media that you would like to use may only be introduced into the City system IF approved by the City's Communications Department at least 24 hours prior to the Meeting. Please contact Communications at (361) 826-3211 to coordinate. The right to publicly comment prior to any item being considered constitutes a public hearing for all items on this agenda.

# F. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (ITEM 1)

**1.** <u>25-1443</u> Ethics Commission (Ethics Commission Members are appointed by two-thirds vote of the full Council - 6 votes)

# G. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

For administrative convenience, certain of the agenda items are listed as motions, resolutions, or ordinances. If deemed appropriate, the City Council will use a different method of adoption from the one listed; may finally pass an ordinance by adopting it as an emergency measure rather than a two reading ordinance; or may modify the action specified.

# H. BUDGET RELATED ITEMS: (ITEMS 2 - 22)

Public Hearing and Second Reading Ordinance adopting the Corpus Christi Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, beginning October 1, 2025; authorizing personnel complements; authorizing various contracts and amendments funded by the budget; amending the City of Corpus Christi's Texas Municipal Retirement System Benefits; providing for a copy of the budget to be filed with the County Clerk; and appropriating funds as provided in the budget. (HB 1522 Taxpayer Impact Statement attached.)

**Sponsors:** Office of Management and Budget

3. Public Hearing and Second Reading Ordinance adopting the Corpus Christi Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 Capital Budget in the amount of \$553,964,906.00, beginning October 1, 2025.

Sponsors: Office of Management and Budget

4. Public Hearing and Second Reading Ordinance setting a property tax rate of \$0.599774 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 0.23% increase over the no-new-revenue tax rate, and approving the tax roll as calculated. (60 percent favorable vote required) (City Council Motion: "I move that the

property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.599774, which is effectively a 0.23% percent increase in the tax rate.") Sponsors: Finance & Procurement 5. 25-1419 Ordinance ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the FY 2025-2026 Operating Budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget in amount of \$6,061,319. Sponsors: Office of Management and Budget 6. 25-1306 Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 6-15 to update the Daily Boarding fees, Commercial Permit fees, 1st and 2nd Occurrence Impoundment fees, Species Appropriate Vaccine fees, adding a 3rd Occurrence Impoundment fee, and amending Section 6-26 to add a legal presumption regarding rabies immunization, effective October 1, 2025. Sponsors: Animal Care Services 7. 25-1301 Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 9-35 - Parking Rates to update the parking rates for short-term and covered parking at the Corpus Christi International Airport, effective October 1, 2025. Sponsors: Aviation Department 8. 25-1294 One-reading Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-50 to update water rates effective January 1, 2026. Sponsors: Corpus Christi Water 9. 25-0702 Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 12-108 to update fees for Sunrise Beach RV Park, effective October 1, 2025. Sponsors: Corpus Christi Water 10. 25-1302 Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-54 to update water laboratory charges effective January 1, 2026. Sponsors: Corpus Christi Water 11. 25-1303 Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-56 to update temporary construction water service charges effective January 1, 2026. Sponsors: Corpus Christi Water 12. 25-1304 Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code, Sections 55-70 and 55-71 to update water and wastewater utility tap fees as follows: to require payment in full upon application; to provide that commercial taps will be installed by contractor; to provide that right-of-way fees and street cut costs are not included and are separately charged from the tap fee; to establish meter set fees when the developer has installed the service line; to provide that water and wastewater utility tap fees will be determined based upon time, cost of work and materials, effective January 1, 2026.

Sponsors: Corpus Christi Water

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13.	<u>25-1299</u>	One-reading Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-100 to update wastewater rates effective January 1, 2026. <u>Sponsors:</u> Corpus Christi Water
14.	<u>25-1383</u>	Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Chapter 55 Article XIX regarding Recycled/Reclaimed/Effluent water regulations and fees, providing for waiver of effluent water service fee, effective January 1, 2026, providing for publication and penalties. <u>Sponsors:</u> Corpus Christi Water
15.	<u>25-1278</u>	Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code, Section 14-1313 to amend the roofing and siding building permit fees, and to remove backflow prevention assembly tester and mechanical contractor fees, Section 14-1341 to amend agreement processing fees, and Sections 14-1313, 14-1321, 14-1341, 14-1351, and 14-1361 to remove past years from the fee schedule; effective October 1, 2025.  Sponsors: Development Services
16.	<u>25-1288</u>	Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 13-3002 to amend the vacant building definition; Section 13-3005 amend the compliance period; Section 13-3006 establishes registration program requirements for owners of vacant buildings (residential and commercial); allow the City to establish a vacant building registration fee and an annual vacant building inspection fee; amend Section 13-2026 providing for a penalty not to exceed \$500 and publication.
17.	<u>25-0254</u>	Sponsors: Development Services  Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 18-2 Outside City Limits Fire Department Response Service fee and updating the rate schedule for persons outside of the Corpus Christi city limits who receive fire service, effective October 1, 2025.  Sponsors: Fire Department
18.	<u>25-1290</u>	Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 18-20 Ambulance Rates and updating the "Adjustment of ambulance rates", "Rates" and "Supplementary Charges" sections, effective October 1, 2025.  Sponsors: Fire Department
19.	<u>25-1274</u>	Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 36-7 Rental Rates & Recreation Fees and Section 12-83 Marina Fee Schedule to update fees, effective October 1, 2025.  Sponsors: Parks and Recreation Department
20.	<u>25-1291</u>	Ordinance amending Chapter 43 of the City Code of Ordinances to establish a training session fee schedule for the Corpus Christi Police Department for sessions held at the Corpus Christi Police Academy for other law enforcement agencies and personnel.

Sponsors: Police Department

21. 25-1371 Resolution approving the FY 2027 - FY 2031 Rapid Pavement Program (RPP) as proposed by the Public Works Department that includes a list of local, collector and arterial streets that are planned for street reconstruction utilizing a pavement only approach.

Sponsors: Public Works/Street Department

22. 25-1452 One reading ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Sections 55-687, 55-688, and 55-697 to re-establish a street maintenance fee and update the street user rate, effective January 1, 2026.

Sponsors: Public Works/Street Department

# I. BRIEFINGS: (ITEM 23)

Briefing information will be provided to the City Council during the Council meeting. Briefings are for Council information only. No action will be taken and no public comment will be solicited. The City Manager or City Council Liaison for any city board, commission, committee or corporation (including Type A or B Corporation) may report on the action(s) or discussion(s) of any such body's public meeting that occurred within one month prior to this City Council meeting.

23. <u>25-1418</u> Briefing on Water Reuse Project, Presented by Gulf Coast Authority and Ardurra

Sponsors: Corpus Christi Water

# J. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 24 - 34)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: The following items are consent motions, resolutions, and ordinances of a routine or administrative nature. The Council has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member or a citizen, in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.

**24.** <u>25-1435</u> Approval of the September 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes (Attachments to be add to the website on Friday)

Sponsors: City Secretary's Office

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

25. 25-0886 Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code, Section 55-37 to establish requirements for water wells to avoid cross connection with City water supply and to include backflow prevention device testing filing fee which was previously established in City Code Section 14-1313 and providing for penalty and publication, effective October 1, 2025.

**Sponsors:** Corpus Christi Water

**26.** 25-1217 Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant from the Motor Vehicle Crime

Prevention Authority in the amount of \$894,028.00 with a City cash match of \$191,860.00 and an in-kind match of \$770,606.00 for a total project cost of \$1,856,494.00 for salaries, overtime, and fringe benefits for four sworn officers and three civilians and for operational needs for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Auto Theft Task Force; designating the Chief of Police as the authorized official, the Deputy Chief of Police of the Criminal Investigations Division as Program Director, and the Director of Finance, or Director of Finance's designee, as financial officer for this grant; and authorizing four sworn and three civilian positions that currently exist; appropriating FY 2025 funding of \$894,028.00 in the Police Grants Fund and, subject to FY 2026 budget approval, appropriating the necessary remaining cash match and in-kind match.

Sponsors: Police Department

**27**. <u>25-1253</u>

Zoning Case No. ZN8769, Gary W. Crook (District 1). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 14454 Northwest Boulevard from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "ON" Neighborhood Office District, providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

**Sponsors:** Development Services

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

**28. 25-1086** 

Resolution authorizing the purchase of an upgrade package for the City's existing Spartan bomb detection robot from Remotec, of Clinton, Tennessee, for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Bomb Squad in an amount up to \$267,738.00, with FY 2025 funding in the amount of \$105,501.57 from the 2025 Police Grant Fund and \$162,236.43 from the 2025 Law Enforcement Trust Fund-Federal.

**Sponsors:** Police Department

**29**. **25**-0885

Resolution authorizing a one-year service agreement, with two one-year options, with Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc., of Bridgeport, New Jersey, with an office in Corpus Christi, in an amount not to exceed \$298,250.00, with a potential up to \$894,750.00 if options are exercised, for the purchase of Godwin pumps, motors, rentals, and repair services for Corpus Christi Water, with FY 2025 funding of \$74,562.50 from the Water and Wastewater Funds.

Sponsors: Corpus Christi Water and Finance & Procurement

Consent - Capital Projects

**30**. <u>25-1329</u>

Ordinance awarding a construction contract to Fencing Unlimited, LLC of West Monroe, LA for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant-Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Perimeter Fence Grant Project in an amount up to \$1,022,900.00; located in Council District 4; appropriating \$615,514.30 from the U.S. Department of the Navy.

Sponsors: Engineering Services

#### General Consent Items

31. 25-1275 Resolution authorizing payment of \$1,059,799 for the annual renewal of Excess Liability and Workers' Compensation policy through Broker of Record, Acrisure LLC, dba Carlisle Insurance, for the upcoming policy year, October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026.

Sponsors: Legal Department

32. 25-1401 Resolution authorizing the execution of a one-year service agreement, with four one-year options, with the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, for Sister City services, effective for FY 2026.

**Sponsors:** City Secretary's Office

#### Consent - First Reading Ordinances

33. 25-1341 Ordinance authorizing Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Padre Isles Property Owners Association (PIPOA) for improvements and ongoing maintenance to Don & Sandy Billish Park to update the maintenance obligations by the City and to allow the PIPOA to drill and construct four water wells for irrigation purposes.

**Sponsors:** Parks and Recreation Department

34. 25-1330 Ordinance appropriating Airport Grant No. 74 in the amount of \$557,814.00 from the Federal Aviation Administration for the Airport Improvement Program for the Terminal Access Road "International Drive Rehabilitation" Project in the Airport CIP Grants Fund; appropriating and transferring \$29,359.00 from the Airport Operating Fund to the Airport Capital Reserve Fund; and amending the FY 2025 Capital Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures each by \$587,173.00.

Sponsors: Aviation Department

# K. RECESS FOR LUNCH

The City Council will take a lunch break at approximately 1:30 p.m.

# L. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (NONE)

The following items are public hearings and public hearings with first reading ordinances. Each item will be considered individually.

# M. <u>INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 35 - 40)</u>

The following items are motions, resolutions or ordinances that may be considered and voted on individually.

35. 25-1430 Ordinance approving an economic development incentive agreement project between the Corpus Christi B Corporation (Type B Corporation) and Padre Island North, LLC for a total amount not to exceed

\$2,000,000.00 for development of the Marriott Dual Branded Hotels, Courtyard & Residence Inn, Conference Center, Bar & Restaurant located at 15210 - 15222 Windward Drive, Corpus Christi; as part of the project developer, Padre Island North, LLC, will create 73 primary jobs for the new or expanded business enterprise; and appropriating \$2,000,000.00, in project funding to be reimbursed over a five-year period from the unreserved fund balance of the Corpus Christi B Corporation Economic Development fund.

Sponsors: Economic Development

**36.** <u>25-1438</u>

One-reading ordinance appropriating \$5,554,472.85 from the 2025 Utility Revenue Improvements Bond for the purchase of the assets of the City of Rockport Natural Gas Utility System and amending the FY 2025 Operating Budget.

**Sponsors:** Gas Department

**37**. <u>25-1385</u>

Resolution authorizing a franchise agreement with the City of Rockport for a period of 20 years for the right, privilege, and franchise to operate the gas distribution utility system for a franchise fee of 10% of monthly meter charges.

Sponsors: Gas Department

**38.** <u>25-1436</u>

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, designating a contiguous geographic area within the corporate limits of the city as a reinvestment zone pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code, to be known as Reinvestment Zone Number Seven, City of Corpus Christi; describing the boundaries of the zone; creating a board of directors for the zone; establishing a tax increment for the zone; containing findings related to the creation of the zone; providing a date for the termination of the zone; providing that the zone take effect immediately upon passage of the ordinance; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

**Sponsors:** Economic Development

**39**. <u>25-1439</u>

Motion to approve the live broadcast of Audit Committee meetings and a request for Council direction to fund the broadcast expense, with such expense to be from the FY 2025-2026 budget of the Office of the City Auditor or to return on September 23, 2025, with a budget amendment, to be effective October 1, 2025.

**Sponsors:** City Auditor

**40**. 25-1445

Discussion and possible action on City Auditor recommendation in a memo dated August 21, 2025 for outside agency investigation on the Homewood Suites fraud allegation. Executive session can be scheduled to confer with legal counsel, as requested by City Council members Gil Hernandez, Kaylynn Paxson, and Sylvia Campos.

Sponsors: City Secretary's Office

# N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEM 41)

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the City Council may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, and that the City Council specifically expects to go into executive session on the following matters. If the Council elects to go into executive session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the executive session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer. The City Council may deliberate and take action in open session on any issue that may be discussed in executive session. The description of an item in "Executive Sessions" constitutes the written interpretation by the City Attorney of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code and his determination that said item may be legally discussed in Closed Meeting in compliance with Chapter 551 the Texas Government Code.

- 41. 25-1453 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 request for outside agency investigation on the Homewood Suites fraud allegation.
- O. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 P.M. ON CITY-RELATED MATTERS.
- P. ADJOURNMENT