



City of Corpus Christi

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Corpus Christi, TX 78401
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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Pastor Robert Saenz, with Primera Asamblea De Dios.

Pastor Robert Saenz with Primera Asamblea De Dios gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Texas Flag to be led by Kaitlyn Cantu, 12th grader at West Oso High School.

Kaitlyn Cantu, 12th grader at West Oso High School, 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

Note: Council Member Mark Scott attended by video conference.

Present: 9 - Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Gilbert 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: (ITEM 1)

1. [25-1756](#) Presentation of \$75,000.00 donation for the Meals on Wheels program from H-E-B.

City Manager Peter Zanoni presented information about the Meals on Wheels Program.

Senior Manager of Public Affairs at HEB Beth Dattomo announced the Feast of Sharing event held on December 20, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hilliard Center.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT**G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (NONE)****H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:****I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 2 -17)****Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Items 4, 10, 11, 14, and 15 were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 4, 10, 11, 14, and 15, seconded by Council Member Vaughn. 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

2. [25-1785](#) Approval of the November 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

3. [25-1691](#) Ordinance accepting and appropriating the 2026 Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) grant in the amount of \$209,232.00 for the General Set Aside and \$55,371.00 for the Youth Set Aside, totaling \$264,603.00; authorizing the execution of funding agreements, and other documents necessary to implement the 2026 program; and amending the FY2026 Operating Budget.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033795

4. [25-1676](#) Ordinance to amend the City Code of Ordinances to make following changes to City boards, commissions, and committees: (1) Revise the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee to add an ex-officio member appointed by the

CEO of Visit Corpus Christi and add a statement of preferred representation from each Council district; (2) Discontinue the Citizens Advisory Health Board; (3) Revise the Sister City Committee to reflect transfer of Sister City services to contractor United Corpus Christi Chamber; (4) Discontinue the Commission on Children & Youth; (5) Discontinue the Flood Mitigation Hazard Information Committee; (6) Discontinue the Human Relations Commission; (7) Rename the Watershore and Beach Advisory Committee to the Water, Shore, and Beach Advisory Committee; and (8) Revise the Transportation Advisory Commission as a subcommittee of the Planning Commission.

City Secretary Rebecca Huerta responded to Council questions.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Scott

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033796

5. [25-1645](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8855, William Mays (District 1). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 15349 Northwest Boulevard from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033797

6. [25-1613](#) Ordinance authorizing a Water Arterial Transmission & Grid Main Construction and Reimbursement Agreement up to \$394,296.00 with MPM Development, LP to construct a water arterial transmission & grid main related to King's Landing Unit 11 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 \$394,296.00 to reimburse the developer in accordance with the agreement. (District 3).

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033798

7. [25-1614](#) Ordinance authorizing a Developer Participation Agreement with MPM Development, LP to reimburse the developer up to \$944,506.80 for the City's share of the cost to construct Lady Alexa Drive and Castle Black Drive with

Roller Compacted Concrete for the King's Landing Unit 11 subdivision in accordance with the Pilot Program for Roller Compacted Concrete Roadway Improvements. (District 3)

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033799

8. [25-1517](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8823, Corpus Project, LLC. (District 4). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 125 Glenoak Drive from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "RM-1" Multifamily District and the "CN-1" Neighborhood Commercial District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval) (3/4 favorable vote required due to opposition exceeding 20%).

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033800

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

9. [25-1648](#) Motion authorizing execution of a six-month service agreement with Landmark Electric Company, LLC, of Corpus Christi, in an amount not to exceed \$305,970.05 to replace existing lighting with LED lighting at the Corpus Christi International Airport under the U.S. Department of Energy's Block Grant Program, with FY 2026 funding from the Department of Energy Grant Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-160

Consent - Capital Projects

10. [25-1730](#) Motion authorizing a professional services contract to Ardurra Group, Inc. of Corpus Christi to provide design, bid and construction phase services for the Weir Improvements - Basins 3 & 4 at the O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant (ONSWTP) project in an amount up to \$1,433,817.00, located in Council District 1, with FY 2026 funding available from the 2025 Water Capital Fund.

Interim Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann and Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Roy 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: M2025-161

General Consent Items

11. [25-1778](#) Resolution authorizing a three-year extension of the agreement to provide treated water to South Texas Water Authority.

Interim Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann and Representative of South Texas Water Authority John Marez responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Alex Benavides, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Campos moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. 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: 033801

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

12. [25-1673](#) Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds from the Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation in the amount of \$15,000 to fund overtime and fringe benefits for sworn officers for the Corpus Christi Police Department to work with the Red Cord Initiative Diversion Program; and appropriating \$15,000 in the Police Grants Fund.

This Ordinance was passed on first reading on the consent agenda.

13. [25-1639](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant funds from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division, under the FY 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$31,030.00 for the purchase of

five additional Panasonic in-car video systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department; and appropriating \$31,030.00 into the Police Grants Fund.

This Ordinance was passed on first reading on the consent agenda.

14. [25-1643](#) Ordinance authorizing the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$30,000,000.00 to the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) to provide for the costs of Nueces River Ground Water Wells project as identified in Sec. 17.18 (30) of S.B. 1 General Appropriations Act (89th Legislature); authorizing staff and consultants to coordinate the submission of the application and to execute all documents necessary to accept and administer the funds on behalf of the City as the applicant agency; amending the FY2026 Operating Budget.

Interim Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve Items 14 and 15, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. These Ordinances were 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

15. [25-1668](#) Ordinance authorizing the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$16,000,000.00 to the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) to provide for the costs of Mary Rhodes Pipeline Upgrades project as identified in Sec. 17.18 (31) of S.B. 1 General Appropriations Act (89th Legislature); authorizing staff and consultants to coordinate the submission of the application and to execute all documents necessary to accept and administer the funds on behalf of the City as the applicant agency; amending the FY2026 Operating Budget.

See Item 14.

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

16. [25-1662](#) Ordinance amending the Corpus Christi Code to reduce the speed limit on Staples Street between Saratoga Boulevard and 250 feet north of King Trail

and reduce the speed limit on Whitecap Boulevard between Park Road 22 and Windward Drive; providing for penalty and publication.

This Ordinance was passed on first reading on the consent agenda.

17. [25-1745](#) Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a donation from H-E-B in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the Meals on Wheels program; and appropriating \$75,000.00 to the Parks & Recreation Grants Fund.

This Ordinance was passed on first reading on the consent agenda.

J. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 18 - 19)

18. [25-1786](#) Motion authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Corpus Christi Desal Partners (CCDP), a joint venture of Acciona Agua Corporation (USA) and MasTec Industrial Corporation, to allow CCDP to prepare proposal(s) with price certainty for design and construction for the Inner Harbor Water Treatment Campus for consideration at a future City Council meeting.

Director of Water Supply Management Brett Van Hazel presented information on the following topics: presentation overview; Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) SWIFT loan status; project status update; City Manager's new proposal for design build contract; Corpus Christi Desal Partners; community engagement and far field modeling; forthcoming staff actions; and staff recommendation.

City Manager Peter Zanoni, Interim Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann, Director Van Hazel, Assistant Director of Corpus Christi Water-Finance and Administration Kamil Taras, Regional Director at Ardurra Dan Leyendecker, and Vice President of Business Development at Acciona Efrain Rodriguez responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, David Rowsey, Corpus Christi, TX, Bruce Landeg, Corpus Christi, TX, Steve Klepper, Corpus Christi, TX, Mike Culbertson, Corpus Christi, TX, Trevor Lieblong, Corpus Christi, TX, Matt Garcia, Corpus Christi, TX, Sharon Sedwick, Corpus Christi, TX, Fatimah Guerra-Rachidy, Corpus Christi, TX, Richard Shelton, Corpus Christi, TX, Captain David Heasley, Corpus Christi, TX, Regan Reeves, Corpus Christi, TX, Alicia Matus, Corpus Christi, TX, Celina Obregon-Benavides, Corpus Christi, TX, Carrie Meyer, Corpus Christi, TX, John Hensley, Corpus Christi, TX, Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, Melinda De Los Santos, Corpus Christi, TX, Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Monna Lytle, Corpus Christi, TX, Karely Leal, Corpus Christi, TX, Callie Walker, Corpus Christi, TX, Paul Fritch, Portland, TX, Andrea Puyol, Corpus Christi, TX, Ken Griffin, Robstown, TX, Steven Snyder, Taft, TX, Jessica Villarreal, Corpus Christi, TX, James Perkins, Corpus Christi, TX, David Loeb, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, David Arreola, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Luna Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Michael Miller, Corpus Christi, TX, Beatriz Alvarado, Corpus Christi, TX, Christina English, Corpus Christi, TX, Eli McKay, Corpus Christi, TX, Maggie Peacock, Corpus

Christi, TX, Laramie Fain, Corpus Christi, TX, Tina Butler, Corpus Christi, TX, Armon Alex, Corpus Christi, TX, Jennifer Gracia, Corpus Christi, TX, Alex Benavides, Corpus Christi, TX, Henry Williams, Corpus Christi, TX, Lamont Taylor, Corpus Christi, TX, Adrian DeLeon, Corpus Christi, TX, Jim Klein, Corpus Christi, TX, Leo Dahlbeck, Corpus Christi, TX, Daniel Pena, Corpus Christi, TX, Bob Paulison, Corpus Christi, TX, Isabel Araiza, Corpus Christi, TX, and Trey Cranford, Nueces County, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Cantu moved to amend the motion to immediately begin the procurement process to select a vendor for the far field study, seconded by Council Member Vaughn. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote: Mayor Guajardo and Council Members Barrera, Cantu, Hernandez, Roy, Scott, and Vaughn, voting "Aye," and Council Members Campos and Paxson, voting "No."

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the motion as amended, seconded by Mayor Guajardo. The Motion was passed as amended and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott and Council Member Roy

Nay: 3 - Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos and Council Member Paxson

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2025-162

19. [25-1781](#) One-reading ordinance awarding a Master Services Agreement for Reclaimed Water for Industrial Reuse Project to Ardurra Group, Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas, in an amount up to \$11,000,000.00, with the project located Citywide, with FY 2026 funding available from Water Capital Fund; and amending the FY26 Capital Budget.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Campos. This Ordinance was passed on emergency 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: 033802

K. RECESS FOR LUNCH

There was no lunch recess.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEM 20)

- 20. [25-1674](#)** Variance Case No. ZN9019, Rusty's: (District 1); A Resolution to grant a variance to §4-5(a), Code of Ordinances, allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premise consumption within 300 feet of a church on the property generally located at 702 South Port Avenue, north of Ruth Street, south of Mary Street, east of Harmon Street and west of Meuly Street, identified as Lot 15, Block 2 of Villa Green, and zoned "CG-2" General Commercial District.

Assistant Director of Development Services Andrew Dimas presented information on the following topics: summary; subject property; municipal and state regulation of liquor; conformance to city policy; public input; variance consideration; and staff's recommendation.

Assistant Director Dimas responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

Manuel Lewis, Corpus Christi, TX, Isabel Araiza, Corpus Christi, TX, Armon Alex, Corpus Christi, TX, Lamar Childers, Corpus Christi, TX, Patricia Gonzalez, Corpus Christi, TX, Monna Lytle, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Christina English, Corpus Christi, TX, Eli McKay, Corpus Christi, TX, and Alex Benavides, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Cantu moved to approve the ordinance. This Motion died for lack of second. The Council took no action.

M. BRIEFINGS: (NONE)**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 21 - 24)**

Mayor Guajardo went into Executive Session on Items 21-24 at 7:49 p.m. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

- 21. [25-1783](#)** **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 rules and regulations of state of Texas, EPA, TCEQ, TWDB, Texas Railroad Commission, San Patricio County Groundwater Conservation District, and legal rights, property rights, and/or contracts related to purchase and/or sale of groundwater, including

water rights in property accessing the Evangeline Aquifer in San Patricio County adjacent and/or near US Highway 181, US Highway 77, US Highway 77 Business, Highway 89, and/or the Aransas River, and other sources, and **Texas Government Code § 551.072** to discuss and deliberate the purchase or value of the aforementioned rights to real property because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, including, but not limited to, potential consideration of authorization to enter agreement(s) for professionals for services related to these property rights, interlocal agreements and other agreements with government entities near the aforementioned property(ies) and/or the purchase of the property or property(ies) at and/or adjacent to locations (if any) described herein

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

22. [25-1782](#) **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 a potential treated water supply contract to provide water to Nueces County Water Control and Improvement District No. 3 (WCID#3), possible lease of water rights in the Nueces River Basin to the City, TCEQ Water Use Permit No. 14142, regulatory matters related to the production and transportation of surface water and groundwater in Nueces County, and state, federal, and/or TCEQ regulations related to any of the aforementioned matters

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

23. [25-1796](#) **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 the City of San Antonio through the City Public Service Board of San Antonio (CPS), a proposed Tax Exemption Settlement Agreement, the Barney Davis Power Plant and other sites and land purchased by CPS, Texas Tax Code § 11.11, and other laws relating to ad valorem taxation and statutory exemptions from said taxation.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

24. [25-1795](#) **Executive Session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code § 551.071** and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to personnel matters and the City Auditor and **Texas Gov't Code § 551.074** (personnel matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee (City Auditor).

This E-Session Item was passed after executive session.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to increase the City Auditor's salary to make the market adjustment of \$168,000 a year retroactive to October 1, 2025.

Council Member Campos moved to amend the motion from October 1 to July 28, seconded by Council Member Paxson. The Motion was passed and approved with the following vote: Council Members Campos, Cantu, Hernandez, Paxson, and Roy, voting "Aye," and Mayor Guajardo and Council Members Barrera, Scott, and Vaughn, voting "No."

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the motion as amended, seconded by Council Member Paxson. This Motion was passed as amended and approved with the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2025-163

O. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke: Tom Tagliabue, Corpus Christi, TX, George Finley, Corpus Christi, TX, Elyda Vasquez, Corpus Christi, TX, Donna Stockwell, Corpus Christi, TX, Alejandro Benavides, Corpus Christi, TX, Armon Alex, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Adam Rios, Corpus Christi, TX, Jim Klein, Corpus Christi, TX, Isabel Araiza, Corpus Christi, TX, Jennifer Espino, Corpus Christi, TX, Melissa Zamora, Corpus Christi, TX, Guillermo Gallegos, Corpus Christi, TX, Thomas Cruz, Corpus Christi, TX, Chloe Torres, Corpus Christi, TX, Emily Barrera, Corpus Christi, TX, Alberto A. Zertuche, Corpus Christi, TX, Matthew Rankin, Corpus Christi, TX, Autumn Hensiek, Corpus Christi, TX, Amanda Breland, Corpus Christi, TX, Jake Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Arturo Lima, Corpus Christi, TX, Daniel Pena, Corpus Christi, TX, Margaret Duran, Corpus Christi, TX, Andrea Puyol, Corpus Christi, TX, Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Laramie Fain, Corpus Christi, TX, Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, Ben Hinchman, Corpus Christi, TX, Maggie Peacock, Corpus Christi, TX, Jackie Lewis, Corpus Christi, TX, Leo Dahlbeck, Corpus Christi, TX, Larry Cashion, Corpus Christi, TX, Karelly, Leal, Corpus Christi, TX, James Perkins, Corpus Christi, TX, Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, Sandra Love-Sanchez, Corpus Christi, TX, and Brittini Young, Corpus Christi, TX.

The following individuals submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Carol Lowe, Corpus Christi, TX, Matthew Garcia, Corpus Christi, TX, Julie Travis Rogers, Corpus Christi, TX, Sarah Tindall, Corpus Christi, TX, Dale Switalla, Corpus Christi, TX, and John Weber, Fair Oaks, CA.

P. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.



Saturday, November 15, 2025

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Date of Meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Name Carol Lowe

Address 827 Craig Street
Corpus Christi, TX, 78404

Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to: City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi? Yes

What district do you reside in? District 1

Topic Desalination

Agenda Item Number 18

Comment

Please do NOT vote in favor of desalination in our city.

1. Desalination will hurt the Bay. The Bay feeds us. It provides jobs. It is a tourist attraction.
2. It costs too much money.
3. Do not put desalination in to Hillcrest. Our church is there. Please keep from that plant being near our church.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. carollowe552@gmail.com



Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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Date of Meeting

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Name

Julie Travis Rogers

Address

710 Furman Ave
Corpus Christi, TX, 78404

Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 1

Topic

Inner Harbor Desalination

Agenda Item Number

18

Comment

Thank you for your diligence in researching and securing alternative water sources to a desalination plant in Inner Harbor. We do not support having and operating a desalination plant in Inner Harbor. It will not provide enough water in the long run nor should it be located in the Inner Harbor. Almost ten years ago, we asked for that Council to let the public vote on this decision and we have been denied that right. My husband and I both say we will respect the outcome. There is an election coming up in March 2026 - about 3 months away. Put this on the ballot! Should we build and operate a desalination plant in the Inner Harbor. Yes or No. The information we get today will be very informative and will help folks make a decision when we vote. Even though townhalls have been conducted and public comment is being used, the People still feel like we're not being listened to. The best remedy is to put Inner Harbor desalination to a vote, otherwise it will be a future vote about your seat.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. rogersjuliet@gmail.com



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Name

Sarah Tindall

Address

SARAHT@CCREDC.COM, 800 N Shoreline Blvd 1300 S
Corpus Christi, TX, 78401

Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 3

Topic

Inner Harbor Desalination plant

Agenda Item Number

25-1786

Comment

I would like to express my strong support for the Inner Harbor Desalination Project. I commend the Council for its thoughtful and proactive consideration of this vital initiative. A secure and resilient water supply is essential to sustaining regional industry, enabling future economic growth, and maintaining the prosperity of our community.

We appreciate the Council's leadership in exploring innovative solutions and encourage continued advancement of this important project.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. SARAHT@CCREDC.COM



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Name

Dale Switalla

Address

2818 Hulbirt
Corpus Christi, TX, 78407

Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 1

Topic

Desal at IH

Agenda Item Number

18

Comment

Please do not authorize anything to do with putting a Desal plant in Hillcrest. It would be bad at any price and would be 100% going to the San Pat Exxon plant that previous city leaders have already promised to them. Why should city residents have to pay 1.5 billion for that?

Also, any Desal in Hillcrest would be bad for the fishing industry. Large water plumes will devastate the fish population as the plumes move out of the Harbor into our bay.

Finally, residents of Hillcrest are 100% opposed to having this thing in our backyard. Would any of you be voting for it if it was in your neighborhood? Thank you.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. kiwiservices@ymail.com



Monday, November 17, 2025

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Name

Matthew Garcia

Address

610 Philomena Dr
Corpus Christi, Texas, 78412

Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 2

Topic

Inner Harbor Desalination

Agenda Item Number

18

Comment

Please see the attached document for my full written testimony to be included in the official record.

Respectfully,

Matthew A. Garcia
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November 17, 2025

The Honorable Paulette Guajardo, Mayor
and Members of the City Council
City of Corpus Christi
1201 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Mayor Guajardo and Members of the City Council:

I've been a Corpus Christian for 16 years – I graduated from Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi and have started my family here. Corpus Christi is my home.

I am also the Regional Director for the Texas Oil and Gas Association where I have the privilege of working directly on behalf of the tens of thousands of women and men in the Coastal Bend and Corpus Christi community who work to produce the products our lives depend on, and whose jobs depend on water.


On behalf of these community members, I want to sincerely thank you all for your tireless efforts and leadership throughout this process to secure our water future. While debate is robust, it's clear you all share a vision that our community becomes water secure.

Industry is committed to being your partner as you lead in this endeavor to find timely solutions. We've innovated and invested in programs that have dramatically reduced water use through operations, conservation and recycling; we have paid a water surcharge to build the inner harbor desal plant along with tens of millions to secure new water sources. And as a rate payer and partner for the success of Corpus Christi citizens, we expect to pay for what we use.

The Inner Harbor desalination project is unrivaled in the due diligence done, progress made and clarity of timeline and deliverables. It offers a definitive lifeline of critical water supplies while this body continues to lead in the development of a wide portfolio of solutions.

Today, we respectfully ask that you take one more step toward water security and vote yes to advance exploration of the Inner Harbor Desal project, while we as a community continue pursuing additional sources. We are in this together to ensure a secure water future for Corpus Christi citizens.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Garcia', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew A. Garcia
TXOGA Community Relations Director – Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend



Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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Date of Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Name

John Weber

Address

10523 Fair Oaks Blvd
Fair Oaks, CA, 95628

Please select the Board, Committee, or governing body that your comments are directed to:

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

No

Topic

CCASRCD not following rules

Agenda Item Number

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Please see all 5 attached files. Contact me with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

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js_weber@hotmail.com

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please read all 5 attachments including multiple emails to Lisa Aguilar.

Please ask the following questions to Lisa Aguilar because she has not responded to my emails. I know she received the first and most important email because she confirmed getting it while I was on the phone with her on Nov. 7th. She has been the legal counsel for the CCASRCD for years. She should be the best person to answer the questions.

According rule 2.2, that was last amended on Dec.1, 2016. See below. The 5 board of directors are all appointed by the City Council. The Board elects officers annually and the officers must be confirmed by the City Council. I don't recall the City Council confirming the officers.

Has the City Council confirmed the officers?

The Board is comprised of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, General Manager, and member.

It appears a non-board member is currently serving as the General Manager which is not allowed by the rules. Why?

"Rule 2.2 Board Structure and Officers

The District Board of Directors is composed of 5 members initially elected to staggered 2- and 4-year

terms. All directors are appointed by the Corpus Christi City Council. The Board shall elect officers annually

and the officers must be confirmed by the City Council. If a vacancy occurs on the Board, then the Board

may appoint a Director to serve the remainder of the term.

The District's Board of Directors is comprised of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, General Manager,

and Member(s). The Board of Directors holds regular meetings at City Hall located at 1201 Leopard Street,

Corpus Christi, Texas on a quarterly basis, unless otherwise posted. All meetings of the District's Board of

Directors are public meetings noticed and held in accordance with all public meeting requirements. The

District Board of Directors meetings are posted in each county along with other items of interest by the

District."

On 2017- Feb 2nd Item 6- Mr. Ramos was presented as the new Water Resources Manager to the meeting.

On 2019-June 27th Four Board Members were listed in the minutes. Item 3- The board discussed amendment to sections 2.2 and 3.0 of the Rules and Regulations to be presented in redline format for review and approval at the next meeting. (I can't find a record of this ever happening. I can only assume it didn't happen because the

rules were not amended.)

The Board (4 members) passed a motion to make the Water Resources Manager the General Manager of the board. All voted in favor. This meant to me that Mr. Ramos was now the 5th member of the board or the Board did not follow their own rules and elected a General Manager that wasn't a board member.

On 2019- July 11th Special meeting, Item 4- States, Esteban will take over administrator responsibilities.

After this meeting, meetings were few are far between and not adhering to rule 2.3 (below) that states the Board hold regular meetings at least quarterly.

"Rule 2.3 Meetings

The Board will hold a regular meeting at least quarterly on a day and place that the Board may establish from time to time by resolution. At the request of the Chairman, or by written request of at least three members, the Board may hold special meetings. All Board meetings will be held in accordance with the Open Meetings law."

Have the rules been changed and I haven't seen the new ones? Or, are the rules not being followed?

During every meeting since 2006, public comment has been listed as "public comment" without any restrictions until the Nov. 4, 2025 meeting. This meeting restricted public comment to "in person public comment only" even though Webex participants had available audio and video capabilities.

Is this Board not required to follow the same rules as the City Council that appoints its members?

There is not record in the minutes of the board voting to limit public comment. Who's idea was it to restrict public comment?

According to conversations with the Texas Attorney General's office, the Board needed to allow each member of the public who desires to address the body to address the body. See attached from the AG's office. Reasonable rules can be made of the public including time limits. Limiting public comment to in-person only when some of the public attended by Webex is not a reasonable rule. According to the AG's office this hasn't been done before. It can be taken up in District Court. According to the AG's office an agenda item passed without an opportunity to comment may be voidable. I desired to address the body regarding Item 5 on the agenda for the Nov. 4th, 2025 meeting. I was not allowed to. This appeared to be a violation of the Texas Open Meeting Act. If it was, Item 5 may be voidable. How will this Council address this board, that doesn't appear to follow its own rules and the rules of the State of Texas?

From: John W
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 9:46 AM
To: lisaa@corpuschristitx.gov Aguilar <lisaa@corpuschristitx.gov>
Subject: CCASRCD questions

Good morning, Ms. Aguilar,

Hoping you had a nice weekend. Please either answer my questions, give me a date you will answer my questions, or let me know who I should ask the questions (if not you). They aren't difficult questions to answer but are important and need to be answered.

Thank you,
John

From: John W
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2025 8:10 AM
To: lisaa@corpuschristitx.gov Aguilar <lisaa@corpuschristitx.gov>
Subject: Fw: CCASRCD questions

Good morning, Ms. Aguilar,

Please let me know if you have responded already and if your email may have gone into my junk file. We spoke a week ago today. You confirmed getting my email when we were on the phone together. I thought you would be the best person to answer the questions, since you attend the meetings and have given the board legal advice over the years. I didn't want to bother Mr. Risley because I know he is really busy. If you can't answer my questions, who should I be asking them to?

Thank you,
John

From: John W
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 10:00 AM
To: lisaa@corpuschristitx.gov Aguilar <lisaa@corpuschristitx.gov>
Subject: Fw: CCASRCD questions

Good morning, Ms. Aguilar,

I am just checking in. When do you think you will have a response to my questions?

Thank you for your attention to these issues.

Best regards,
John

From: John W

Sent: Friday, November 7, 2025 9:16 AM
To: lisaa@corpuschristitx.gov <lisaa@corpuschristitx.gov>
Subject: CCASRCD questions

Good day, Ms. Aguilar,

Reading all the meeting minutes back to 2006, it seems like you have been involved with legal issues for several years. I figure you are the best person to address my questions.

The most current rules I can find show they were amended on Dec 1, 2016. Hopefully these are the most updated rules.

The way I read this is there are 5 board of director members. The board elects officers annually, and the officers must be confirmed by the City Council. The board of directors is comprised of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, General manager, and a member. That is my understanding of the makeup of the board while reading the rules.

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After this meeting, meetings were few and far between and not adhering to rule 2.3 that states the Board hold regular meetings at least quarterly.

As the city attorney overseeing this board, please help me understand what is going on. Have the rules been changed and I haven't seen the new ones? The rules state the Board of Directors is made up of four officers, including the General Manager. That would mean Mr. Ramos is part of the Board of Directors, but currently he isn't listed as being a member of the board. Is he serving in a roll not allowed by the rules? Shouldn't the roll of the General Manager be in the hands of a member of the Board of Directors? Also, have the elected officers been confirmed by the City Council as require by rule 2.2? I can find no record of this.

One final question. During every meeting since 2006, public comment has been listed

as "public comment" without any restrictions until the Nov. 4, 2025 meeting. This meeting restricted public comment to "in person public comment only" even though WebX participants had available audio and video capabilities. Is this Board not required to follow the same rules as the City Council that appoints its members?

Thank you in advance for taking the time to answer my questions.

Best regards,
John



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ATTORNEY GENERAL of TEXAS

Public Given the Right to Speak

- Tex. Gov't Code § 551.007(b):
 - "A governmental body shall allow each member of the public who desires to address the body regarding an item on an agenda for an open meeting of the body to address the body regarding the item at the meeting before or during the body's consideration of the item."



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What Rules are Reasonable?

- Under the Constitution, rules must be viewpoint neutral and be reasonable in light of the meeting's purpose.
- Current First Amendment precedent would allow rules that restrict speakers to the subject of the meeting, impose time limits on speakers, and prevent disruptions of the meeting.



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Reasonable Rules

- Tex. Gov't Code § 551.007(c):
 - “A governmental body may adopt reasonable rules regarding the public's right to address the body under this section, including rules that limit the total amount of time that a member of the public may address the body on a given item.”