



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Reverend Claude Axel with Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church.

Reverend Claude Axel with Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church 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 Robyn Spenser, senior at Tuloso-Midway High School.

Robyn Spenser, senior at Tuloso-Midway 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 Cantu arrived at 11:45 a.m.

Present: 9 - Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Gilbert Hernandez, Council Member Sylvia Campos, Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Mark Scott, Council Member Kaylynn Paxson, Council Member Everett Roy, and Council Member Eric Cantu

E. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEM 1)

1. [26-1003](#) Reports on FY 2027 Budget Input Sessions and Proposed FY 2027 Budget Community Survey

Director of Management and Budget Amy Rodriguez presented information on the following topics: FY 2027 budget survey summary; Q1: choose the top 4 services that are most important to you; Q2: choose the top 4 services that are least important to you; Q3: what City services do you and/or your family use the most; Q4: what district do you live in; Q5: how old are you; Q6: how many children/dependents are living in your household; Q7: do you currently own, rent, or live with family in Corpus Christi; Q8: is there anything else

you would like us to consider; FY 2027 budget development input sessions; FY 2027 budget development timeline; proposed budget input sessions; and FY 2027 budget workshops.

City Manager Peter Zanoni and Director Rodriguez responded to Council questions.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke: Shawn Flanagan, Corpus Christi, TX, Bradley Bartilson, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Luna Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Marilena Garza, Corpus Christi, TX, Jessica Villarreal, Corpus Christi, TX, Jared Suarez, Corpus Christi, TX, Maria-Rosa Suarez, Corpus Christi, TX, Jeff Lehman, Corpus Christi, TX, Amanda Gomez, Corpus Christi, TX, Scott Barraza, Nueces County, TX, Emily Barrera, Corpus Christi, TX, Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, Hope Malkan, Corpus Christi, TX, Henry Williams, Corpus Christi, TX, Melinda De Los Santos, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, Amanda Short, Corpus Christi, TX, Sean Merritt, Corpus Christi, TX, Alberto Zertuche, Corpus Christi, TX, Ajit David, Corpus Christi, TX, and Laura Madden, Corpus Christi, TX.

The following individual submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Julie Rogers, Corpus Christi, TX.

G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (ITEM 2)

2. [26-1071](#) Landmark Commission
Planning Commission
Airport Zoning Commission

Landmark Commission:

Appointed: Aaron Goldstein and Shelly M. Rios

Planning Commission and Airport Zoning Commission:

Reappointed: Michael J. Esparza and Justin Hedrick

Appointed: Alex L. Garcia and Paul S. Cervantes

H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 3 - 14)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Item 11 was pulled for individual consideration.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment on the consent agenda.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment on the consent agenda.

Council Member Paxson moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 11, seconded by Council Member Cantu. 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 Scott, Council Member Paxson, Council Member Roy and Council Member Cantu

Abstained: 0

3. [26-1019](#) Approval of the June 30, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

4. [26-0870](#) Zoning Case No. ZN9183, Diego Vasquez (District 1). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 321 Waco Street from the "CI" Intensive Commercial District to the "CI/SP" Intensive Commercial District with a Special Permit; 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: 033962

5. [26-0794](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8979, Gulfshores Joint Venture (District 4). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 14902 St Bartholomew Avenue from the "CR-2/IO" Resort Commercial District with the Island Overlay to the "CR-2/IO/PUD" Resort Commercial District with the Island Overlay and a Planned Unit Development Overlay 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: 033963

6. [26-0533](#) Zoning Case No. ZN9288, Coastal Dunes, LLC. (District 4). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 6753 State Highway 361 (SH 361) from the "RM-AT" Multifamily Apartment Tourist District to the "RM-AT/PUD" Multifamily Apartment Tourist District with a Planned Unit Development Overlay; 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: 033964

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7. [26-0981](#) Public Hearing and Ordinance authorizing a Fifth Substantial Amendment to the City of Corpus Christi's Fiscal Year 2021/Program Year 2020 Annual Action Plan (AAP) reprogramming funds from FY2021/PY2020 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$203,970.83, authorizing the submission of the Fifth Substantial Amendment and the execution of funding agreements, amendments, and other documents necessary to implement the Fiscal Year 2021/Program Year 2020 AAP.

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

Enactment No: 033965

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

8. [26-0647](#) Motion authorizing execution of a three-year supply agreement with Pathmark Traffic Equipment, LLC, of San Marcos, in an amount up to \$625,062.50, for the purchase of traffic sign materials used citywide by the Streets Division of the Public Works Department, with FY 2026 funding of \$69,451.39 from the Streets Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2026-066

General Consent Items

9. [26-0920](#) Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board's Water Supply & Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) program for financial assistance for two water line replacement projects, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033966

10. [26-0921](#) Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, for the FY 2026 Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) for funding in the amount of \$17,721,365.53 for the Leopard Street & Up River Road Water Line Replacement Project with a cash match of \$7,594,870.94 from the Water Capital Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033967

11. [26-0613](#) Resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Texas Department of Emergency Management for funding in the amount of \$6,618,998.43 for the La Volla Creek Project with the \$2,206,332.81 in local matching funds from the Storm Water Capital Fund.

Interim Assistant City Manager (ACM) Ernesto De La Garza presented information on the following topics: La Volla Creek project locations; flooding history; neighborhoods benefited; proposed inundation reduction; La Volla Package A; La Volla Package B; La Volla Creek Drainage improvements Package B; and La Volla Package B milestones.

Interim ACM De La Garza responded to Council questions.

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 Scott, Council Member Paxson, Council Member Roy and Council Member Cantu

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033968

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

12. [26-0770](#) Ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for the Corpus Christi Police Department's supplemental participation in the Red Cord Initiative Program for reimbursement to the City for \$75,418.86 for police officer overtime and undercover surveillance camera equipment; and appropriating \$75,418.86 into the Police Grants Fund.

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

13. [26-0176](#) Ordinance authorizing a 10-year lease with two five-year mutual renewals, with the Harbor Playhouse Company, a Texas Nonprofit Corporation, for the Harbor Playhouse located at 1802 N. Chaparral St., in consideration of Harbor Playhouse Company advancing community theater through performances, educational programs, outreach activities, and cultural programming, and maintenance of the facilities; and providing for publication. (28-day delay required between readings)

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

14. [26-1007](#) Ordinance accepting and appropriating two grant awards in the amount of \$2,074,656.25 and \$990,000.00 in funding from the Office of the Governor's Texas Military Preparedness Commission Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) Program with the required matching contributions from the City of \$497,917.50 for the Wastewater System Replacement Project at Naval Air Station-Corpus Christi and \$59,400.00 for the Atmospheric Water Generation projects at Corpus Christi Army Depot.

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

J. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:09 p.m. Executive Session Items 18 and 19 were held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (NONE)

L. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEM 15)

15. [26-1054](#) Discussion and possible action regarding IDA 110A and 110B related to the loss of millions of dollars in revenue from the 2024 rewrite and what recourse does the City have, **as requested by Council Members Sylvia Campos, Carolyn Vaughn, and Eric Cantu.**

City Manager Peter Zanoni and Interim Director of Planning and Economic Development Jennifer Buxton responded to Council questions.

No action was taken.

M. BRIEFINGS: (ITEM 16)

16. [26-1005](#) Water Supply Update

Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann presented information on the following topics: surface water supply; ongoing new water supply projects; additional water supply projects; and PUC update.

COO Winkelmann responded to Council questions.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 17 - 19)

17. [26-1006](#) **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 and/or modified groundwater rights purchase and sale agreement(s) with Evangeline Laguna, L.P. and related entities for groundwater rights in San Patricio County.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

18. [26-1092](#) **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, and legal rights, property rights, and/or contracts related to groundwater wells, groundwater conservation districts, the Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District, and other groundwater conservation districts, proposals related to said districts, and applications to said districts.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

19. [26-1096](#) **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 *Ajit David v. City of Corpus Christi et al*, City Ordinance 24-0256; Ordinance authorizing an agreement between the Type B Corporation and Elevate QOF LLC, for a total incentive amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for Homewood Suites by Hilton at the corner of N Chaparral Street and Lomax Street; the contract between the Type B Corporation and Elevate QOF, LLC related to the foregoing, including potential consideration of fees for attorneys, engineers, other expert witnesses assisting in this case, deposition fees, and court costs and updates on litigation in other cases.

This E-Session Item was passed after executive session.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to waive attorney client privilege specifically to the letter that our attorney George Hyde sent to Councilmembers today.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Susie Luna Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Scott moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Barrera. The motion failed with the following vote: Mayor Guajardo and Council Members Barrera and Scott voting "yes," Council Members Campos, Cantu, Hernandez, Paxson and Vaughn voting "no," and Council Member Roy "abstained."

The following motion was considered:

Motion to recommend substitution of Counsel for representation of the City in the matter of Ajit David vs. City of Corpus Christi within 10 business days.

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Vaughn and approved with the following vote: Council Members Campos, Cantu, Hernandez, Paxson and Vaughn voting "yes," Mayor Guajardo and Council Members Barrera and Scott voting "no," and Council Member Roy "abstained."

The following motion was considered:

Motion to direct staff to pursue mediation with all parties concerned or at the very least the lawsuit of Ajit David vs. City of Corpus Christi.

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Campos. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Cantu

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

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Roy

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O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.



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Date of Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Name

Julie Rogers

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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

Harte Library

Agenda Item Number

N/A

Comment

The Advisory Library Board has crafted & submitted a letter of concern regarding Harte. In less than a month, Harte will have to return to operating hours that do not serve the community because classes will resume & there has been no solution to the problem caused by being a hybrid library, nor have there been any updates about the future of Harte. Last year a townhall was held which dozens of community members attended & voiced concerns. It is a well-used & well-loved service, especially for home schoolers. The summer hours are just a Band-Aid that will be pulled off soon, revealing a cut that is not healing but festering. Please do something to heal the harm that is being done by not having a fully functioning public library for the Flour Bluff & Padre Island community. Why not have another townhall? Why not follow the agreement & purchase the land from FBISD or even better acquire the site through condemnation as called for in the agreement since we have budget constraints?

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