



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

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 11:32 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Pastor Rick Barrera with Believe Church.

Pastor Rick Barrera with Believe Church, gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Marley Byrant, Junior at Harold T. Branch High School.

Marley Byrant, Junior at Harold T. Branch High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Texas Flag.

D. Assistant City Secretary Stephanie Box to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.

Assistant City Secretary Stephanie Box 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 Assistant City Secretary Stephanie Box

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

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

1. [24-0725](#) 2nd Annual Endurance Fest, Presented by Sergio Gonzalez, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

City Manager Peter Zanoni announced the 2nd Annual Endurance Fest at Water's Edge Park from June 7-9, 2024.

Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Sergio Gonzalez presented information on the following topics: Endurance Fest 2024 schedule of events; 2023 Endurance Fest; and registration and proceeds.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Bob Catalano, 201 Surfside Blvd., expressed concern about public parking on his property and safety issues of beach erosion.

Ron Graban, 202 Surfside Blvd., expressed concern about safety issues of beach erosion and poor infrastructure on North Beach.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to the Inner Harbor desalination: Jason Hale, 4421 Hamlin Dr., John Weber, 609 Naples St., and Mark Muenster, 1015 Luxor Dr.

Susie Luna Saldana, 4710 Hakel Dr., spoke about City Council duties.

Joshua De Leon, 5914 Colorado Dr., spoke about prohibiting smoking in all public spaces and city-owned parks.

Isabel Araiza, 326 Poenisch Dr., spoke about the use of sales tax dollars, and a desire to use Type A funds on streets and sidewalks.

Rachel Caballero, 522 Hancock Ave., spoke about city leader grievances.

Eli McKay, 1008 Marguerite St., spoke in support of the Hillcrest Area improvements, and in support of affordable housing.

Sierra Barnard, 16110 Broomsedge St., expressed concern about animal control.

John Hendricks, 622 Texas Ave., spoke about the City's industrial policy.

The following individual submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Julie Rogers, 710 Furman Ave.

G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (NONE)**H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:****I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 2 - 21)****Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Items 15, 16, 17, 18 and 20 were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of

Items 15, 16, 17, 18 and 20, seconded by Council Member Barrera. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

2. [24-0824](#) Approval of the May 8, 2024 Workshop Minutes and the May 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

3. [24-0513](#) Ordinance appropriating \$269,814.00 in the Health Grant Fund from an increase in the STI/HIV Prevention Services Program Grant from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to provide STI/HIV prevention and control services for the period of September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025; and authorizing four grant positions.

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

Enactment No: 033358

4. [24-0545](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance and future amendments of the Center for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Grant for \$205,548.00 with a cash or in-kind match of \$20,555.00 from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS); and appropriating \$205,548.00 in the Health Grant Fund to provide Laboratory Response Network (LRN) Level 3 chemical laboratory surge capacity activities from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025; and authorizing two grant positions.

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

Enactment No: 033359

5. [24-0305](#) Ordinance abandoning, vacating, and closing 0.574 acres of unimproved public right-of-way for the Fair Market Value of \$380,000.00 identified as Sand Dollar Avenue, a portion of Block 27 Padre Island No.1, conditioned on petitioner, Donny Shellenbarger, meeting specified conditions.

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

Enactment No: 033360

6. [24-0655](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8199, Barajas Family Corporation (District 2). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 3345 Gollihar Road and 4500 Kirkwood Drive from the "ON" Neighborhood Office District and the "RS-6" Single-Family 6

District to the "CN-1" Neighborhood Commercial 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: 033361

7. [24-0657](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8200, Barajas Family Corporation (District 2). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 2823 South Port Avenue and 2511 San Jacinto Drive from the "CG-2" General Commercial District and the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "CG-2" General Commercial 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: 033362

8. [24-0658](#) Zoning Case No. ZN7974, Leslie Lopez (District 1). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 110 Rolling Acres Drive from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "ON/SP" Neighborhood Office District with a Special Permit; Providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval to the "ON/SP" Neighborhood Office District with a Special Permit.)

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

Enactment No: 033363

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

9. [24-0382](#) Motion authorizing execution of a three-year supply agreement with Mobotrex, Inc., of Davenport, Iowa, for \$506,250.00, through the BuyBoard Cooperative, for the purchase of 45 replacement traffic signal control cabinets to be used by the Public Works Department, with FY 2024 funding of \$84,375.00 from the Streets Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-070

10. [24-0487](#) Motion authorizing execution of a one-year service agreement, with two one-year options, with CSI Consolidated, LLC, dba AIMS Companies, of Pearland, in an amount not to exceed \$1,380,178.75 and a potential amount up to \$4,140,536.25 if options are exercised, for closed circuit televised inspection and cleaning of storm water lines for the Public Works Department, with FY 2024 funding of \$575,074.48 from the Storm Water Capital Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-071

11. [24-0482](#) Motion authorizing execution of a one-year supply agreement, with a one-year option, with Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC, of Birmingham, Alabama, with an office in San Antonio, in an amount not to exceed \$488,160.00 and up to \$976,320.00 if the option is exercised, for cold-mix, cold laid asphalt for the Public Works Department, with FY 2024 funding of \$203,400.00 from the Street Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-072

12. [24-0791](#) Motion ratifying the repair of a 2017 Gradall XL3100 in the amount of \$63,390.66 and authorizing payment thereof to Waukesha Pearce Industries, LLC of Houston, Texas, with FY 2024 funding from the Storm Water Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-073

13. [24-0213](#) Motion authorizing the purchase of a wastewater utility line inspection system with camera and accessories from Patterson Equipment Company, of Magnolia, Texas, through the TIPS Cooperative, for \$73,635.50, to be utilized by Corpus Christi Water (CCW), with FY 2024 funding from the Wastewater Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-074

14. [24-0627](#) Motion authorizing execution of Amendment #2 to the agreement with Xylem Water Solutions U.S.A., Inc., to increase the quantities of labor, parts, and materials for necessary repairs to Flygt pumps and motors for Corpus Christi Water in the amount of \$300,000.00, with funding from the Wastewater Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-075

15. [23-1371](#) Motion authorizing the execution of an eight-month service agreement with Williams Scotsman, Inc., of Baltimore, Maryland, with an office in Corpus Christi, for \$317,817.14, for the purchase and installation of a modular building for office space for Solid Waste Services, with FY 2024 funding from the General Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 15.

A Council Member, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Director of Solid Waste Services David Lehfeldt discussed the following topics: the permit is in process for a new transfer station, along with a new administration building.

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

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2024-076

16. [24-0554](#)

Motion authorizing execution of two one-year professional service agreements, each having two one-year options, for a combined amount not to exceed \$250,000.00, with P.A.A.C. People Assisting Animal Control for \$150,000.00 and The Cattery, Inc., for \$100,000.00, with a potential total amount up to \$750,000.00 if options are exercised, to provide spay and neuter services, with FY 2024 funding of \$125,000.00 from the General Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 16.

Council Members, Director of Animal Care Services Kathleen Chapa, and President of People Assisting Animal Control Cheryl Martinez discussed the following topics: a request for success metrics of spay and neuter services; and to address the large dog population in that it causes a public safety concern.

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2024-077

Consent - Capital Projects

17. [24-0751](#)

Motion awarding a construction contract to Gourley Contracting, LLC., for the City Wide Park Upgrades - Salinas Park to install a new fall zone and make drainage improvements located in Council District 3, in the amount of \$483,267.30 with FY 2024 funding available from the Park Capital Improvement Funds.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 17.

Council Members, Director of Parks and Recreation Robert Dodd, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Sergio Gonzalez, and Assistant Director of Engineering Project Management Ratna Pottumuthu discussed the following topics: concerns about the timing of these improvements; and only the fall zone is being replaced, not the equipment.

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2024-078

General Consent Items

18. [24-0509](#) Motion authorizing two Interlocal Cooperation Agreements (ILA) with Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in the amount of \$88,758.00 for the volumetric survey of Choke Canyon Reservoir and \$77,606.00 for a volumetric survey of Lake Corpus Christi Reservoir for a total not to exceed amount of \$166,364.00, both located outside the City limits with FY 2024 funding available from the Water Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 18.

Council Members, Chief Operations Officer Drew Molly, and Water Resource Manager Esteban Ramos discussed the following topics: it is good practice to perform volumetric studies of large reservoirs; dredging of the lake may be considered based on data, but risks are involved; and staff will analyze the cost benefit of dredging.

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

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2024-079

19. [24-0786](#) Resolution authorizing execution of a Third Amendment to the Contract between the City of Corpus Christi and San Patricio Municipal Water District for the Supply of Treated Water to reduce the Take-or-Pay contracted amount of 15,000-acre feet per year to 12,760-acre feet per year, as requested by the designated customer, Gulf Coast Growth Ventures.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033364

20. [24-0727](#) Resolution setting a public hearing in City Hall Council Chambers on July 16, 2024, to consider the possible adoption of water, wastewater, storm water, and

roadway impact fees for the City of Corpus Christi and its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 20.

Council Member Hernandez expressed concern about the lack of information, so he will be voting no.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Campos. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos
Nay: 2 - Council Member Hernandez and Council Member Hunter
Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033365

21. [24-0050](#) Motion authorizing a Development Participation Agreement with Ashlar Interests, LLC, located in the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2 in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 for public infrastructure improvements to the Effluent Waterline from the Whitecap Wastewater Treatment Plant.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2024-080

J. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 1:23 p.m. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 22 - 25)

22. [24-0670](#) Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of 7 lots (0.55 acres total) of surplus land located at or near 526, 528, 530, 532, 536, and 538 19th Street to Thanksgiving Homes for \$10 per lot and development of affordable housing; and authorizing an option to purchase contract and related sale and conveyance to Thanksgiving Homes for the purchase of 7 lots (0.65 acres-total) of surplus land located at or near 429 Marguerite Street, 503, 505, 507, 515, 517, and 519 18th Street for \$10 per lot and development of affordable housing. (District 1)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 22.

A Council Member stated these affordable home projects are good news for District 1 and thanked the Ed Rachal Foundation.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

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

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Suckley

23. [24-0668](#) Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of 7 lots (0.46 acres total) of surplus land located at or near 2203 Morris Street and 715 19th Street to DSW Homes, LLC for \$10 per lot and development of affordable housing; and authorizing an option to purchase contract and related sale and conveyance with DSW Homes, LLC for the purchase of 10 lots (0.66 acres-total) of surplus land located at or near 2211, 2217 2219, 2307, 2309, and 2311 Morris Street for \$10 per lot and development of affordable housing. (District 1)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Items 23-25.

A Council Member's request for the City to consider hiring local companies in the future.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

24. [24-0669](#) Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of 6 lots (0.52 acres total) of surplus land located at or near 2304, 2312, and 2324 Mary Street to Habitat for Humanity Corpus Christi, Inc. for \$10 per lot and development of affordable housing; and authorizing an option to purchase contract and related sale and conveyance with Habitat for Humanity Corpus Christi, Inc for the purchase of 6 lots (0.43 acres-total) of surplus land located at or near 504 and 623 20th Street, 2221 Marguerite Street, and 2614 Mary Street for \$10 per lot and development of affordable housing. (District 1)

See Item 23.

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

25. [24-0641](#) Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of 9 lots (0.6 acres total) of surplus land located at or near 2022, 2028, and 2034 Mary Street and 502 and 508 18th Street to Community Development Corporation Of Brownsville, dba cdc b | come dream come build, for \$10 per lot and development of affordable housing; and authorizing an option to purchase contract and related sale and conveyance with cdc b | come dream come build for the purchase of 8 lots (0.59 acres-total) of surplus land located at or near 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, and 520 19th Street for \$10 per lot and development of affordable housing. (District 1)

See Item 23.

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

L. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 26 - 27)

26. [24-0374](#) Resolution amending City Council Policy 28 which outlines the guidelines for awarding contracts when projects are bid with both concrete and asphalt pavement and approving pavement design recommendations for the Bond 2022 Street projects.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 26.

Council Members and Director of Public Works Ernest De La Garza discussed the following topics: to consider the cost comparison for demolition of asphalt versus concrete; and the City recommends awarding the concrete bid when the cost difference is below \$125,000 per lane mile.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033366

27. [24-0747](#) Resolution repurposing prior unused bond funds and authorizing a construction contract to Gerke Excavating, Inc. for the reconstruction of Brownlee Boulevard from Staples Street to Morgan Avenue, with new asphalt pavement, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, installation of ADA compliant curb ramps, signage, pavement markings, upgraded street illumination and traffic signals, and Utilities improvements in the amount of \$7,725,813.45, located in Council District 2 with FY 2024 funding available from the Street Bond 2014 & 2020, Storm Water, Water, Wastewater and Gas Capital Funds.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 27.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, and Assistant Director of Finance and Procurement Josh Chronley discussed the following topics: a concern whether this company is capable of achieving the reconstruction project; and the anticipated completion is November 2025.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Campos moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Klein. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Nay: 2 - Council Member Hunter and Council Member Pusley

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033367

M. BRIEFINGS: (ITEMS 28 - 30)

28. [24-0784](#) Mary Rhodes Pipeline Condition Assessment and Pipeline Improvement Plan Briefing

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 28.

Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Drew Molly and Interim Director of Water Systems Nick Winkelmann presented information on the following topics: Mary Rhodes Pipeline (MRP) I; MRP II; MRP I and II water sources-Lake Texana/LNRA and Colorado River; eastern basin (LNRA and Colorado River) water availability versus water taken; MRP I and II operational and contractual expenses; pipeline components; pump stations;

pumping schedules; MRP repair parts inventory; pipe design and pressure class/rating; project goals; project timeline; assessment methods; findings and observations; erosion and shallow cover areas; pressure exceedance 46 MGD (schedule 2B)-Bloomington to Woodsboro; pressure exceedance 55-58 MGD (schedule 3)- LNRA to Bloomington-July 2022; pressure exceedance: 55-58 MGD (schedule 3)-Woodsboro to ONSWTP; pipe rating and actual pressure; action items and recommendations; parallel pipeline installation; parallel pipeline cost and rate impact; projected potential rate impact by customer class; and parallel pipeline installation timeline.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, COO Molly, and Interim Director Winkelmann discussed the following topics: the new pipe could have a higher pressure rating; what is causing the pressure spike at Garcitas Creek; the demand of pipe pressure in the past versus the present; the estimated life of a pipeline is 50 years; the need of flexible flow rates; if the current flow of water could cause another blowout before repairs are made; and how much water lost from Garcitas Creek in the December 2023 pipe break.

29. [24-0726](#) Hillcrest Area Parks Improvements Briefing

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 29.

Assistant City Manager Neiman Young presented information on the following topics: Harbor Bridge development strategy; background; area map; connectivity map; Washington Coles Park; and T.C. Ayers Park.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Assistant City Manager Young discussed the following topics: the City's share for this project is \$14 million; a request of a map including parks, depicting residential homes and property owned by the Port of Corpus Christi; the community requested a softball field versus a soccer field; the importance of maintaining shade from trees and structures; if the City can achieve all these projects in District 1 simultaneously; and a request for a cost breakdown of all amenities.

30. [24-0810](#) Continuation of FY 25 Budget Goal Setting Presentation

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 30.

Director of Management and Budget Eddie Houlihan presented information on the following topics: development services fees; other budget requests for FY 2025; legal representations for City Council Members; lifeguard program enhancements; existing sidewalk network; and health department.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, Director of Public Works Ernest De La Garza, and Director of Public Health Fauzia Khan discussed the following topics: a Council Member commended staff for implementing the lifeguard program enhancements; an assessment of sidewalks needs to be completed before a program can be created; the importance of adding sidewalks to the Northwest area of the City;

and staff is looking into additional funding sources for the health department.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE)

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 4:19 p.m

Mariah Resendez

From: City of Corpus Christi <noreply@formresponse.com>
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Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting	05-21-2024
Name	Julie Rogers
Address	Street Address: 710 Furman Ave Street Address Line 2: Corpus Christi, TX City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78404
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 1
Topic	City Budget re: Libraries as Cooling Centers
Agenda Item Number	NA
Describe Feedback:	The practice is that when a heat advisory is issued the public libraries will be used as cooling centers. We have already been experiencing heat advisories and also warnings from ERCOT to reduce electricity use. Last summer there were heat advisories in effect for over a hundred days. The temperatures are expected to be harsher this year. Please be planning this reality into the budget for FY 2024-25. We cannot continue to only offer public libraries and community

centers as cooling centers. We need a low or no barrier shelter for people as well. This would give the community more options on where to go. Many homes in the city are not properly cooled or due to the economy people cannot use or do not have air conditioning. We need to offer more alternatives than the libraries and community centers as cooling centers. Furthermore, the funds to operate as cooling centers should not come from the library budget, which is already underfunded. I am very grateful for La Retama generator -TY.

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