



City of Corpus Christi

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Corpus Christi, TX 78401
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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

11:30 AM Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority, 602 N.
Staples St., 2nd Floor Board Room (Rm. 210)

Addendums may be added on Friday.

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Deacon Richard Longoria, Saint Helena of the True Cross of Jesus.

Deacon Richard Longoria, Saint Helena of the True Cross of Jesus, gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Yasmeen Sinjlawi, Junior at Mary Carroll High School.

Yasmeen Sinjlawi, Junior at Mary Carroll 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

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. SECURITY BRIEFING

City Secretary Rebecca Huerta provided a security briefing.

F. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEMS 1- 4)

1. [23-1938](#) Corpus Christi Public Libraries Update, Presented by Laura Garcia, Director of Libraries

Director of the Libraries Laura Garcia presented information on the following topics: mission statement; organization; Corpus Christi Public Libraries; library locations;

supporting organizations; Corpus Christi Code of Ordinance-Division 3 Library Board; Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC); TSLAC public library advisory board handbook; Professional Library Associations; TSLAC endorses the principles articulated in the Library Bill of Rights; collection development policy-selection/criteria; collection development policy-reconsideration; and youth patrons.

Council Members, City Manager Zanoni, and Director Garcia discussed the following topics: Council Members expressed concern that children should not be allowed to checkout certain books without adult supervision and to implement stricter guidelines; a Council Member's desire that the La Retama Library hours be increased because it houses the only local history section; the public libraries filter content on the internet based on legislation; and the importance of increasing literacy in the City.

2. [23-1965](#) Corpus Christi - Nueces County Public Health District Update, Presented by Steve Viera, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Steve Viera presented information on the following topics: Nueces County withdraw from Public Health District; and services affected in rural Nueces County.

Council Members, City Manager Zanoni, Assistant City Manager Viera, and Dr. Fauzia Khan discussed the following topics: preventative care services outside the city limits will be provided solely by the county; the state advised the grants will remain with the City; and the City has been evaluating the available grants.

3. [23-1926](#) Don Patricio Bridge Project Update, Presented by Jeff Edmonds, Director of Engineering Services

Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds gave an update on the Don Patricio Bridge with an \$18 million investment on the island. The dedication ceremony will be held on Friday, December 8 at 11:00 a.m.

A Council Member, City Manager Zanoni, and Director Edmonds discussed the following topic: staff will provide information to Council in the next few days about when the land masses will be removed so the canal will be open.

4. [23-1918](#) Drought Update and Impact on Water Use Restrictions, presented by Drew Molly, Interim Corpus Christi Water Chief Operating Officer

Interim Chief Operating Officer Drew Molly presented information on the following topics: water restrictions and lake levels; historical data; weather patterns; El Nino weather pattern; drought impacts; average rainfall in Corpus Christi; restriction stages and lake levels; proposed stage 2 water restrictions; outreach; and water supply project updates.

Director of Community Relations with Coastal Bend Industry Association Bob Paulison presented information on the following topic: industry as part of the Coastal Bend water system.

Council Members, Interim Chief Operating Officer Molly, Water Resource Manager Esteban Ramos, and Director Paulison discussed the following topics: if the City goes into stage 2 water restrictions, the lake levels must rise to at least 40 percent to get out of it; a concern about fresh water releases from the combined lakes; fresh water releases are not for salinity levels in the Bay; a drought contingency plan is built into the agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency; large volume users are engaging in activities to use water responsibly; the City needs at least 18 inches of rain in the water shed within three months to get out of the drought; industry uses water more consistently than residential; and a request that staff provide the amount of water usage since June 2022 for industrial, commercial, residential and public entities to determine if water restrictions impacted water usage.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

The following citizens expressed concern about the new Library Board appointees: Tim Dowling, 8017 Villefranche Dr., Kathryn Oler, 1400 Ocean Dr., Vickie Natale, 142 Naples St., Barbara Craig, 602 McClendon St., Dora Wilburn, 4314 Cottage St., and Brittni Young, 6018 Williston Dr.

The following citizens expressed concern about the Port of Corpus Christi appointment: Rachel Caballero, 522 Hancock Ave., Eli McKay, 1008 Marguerite St., Eduardo Canales, 7021 Bevington Dr., Luke Dailey, 619 E. Ave., Port Aransas, TX, and Charles Boone, 468 Sunset, Ingleside, TX.

Shawn Flanagan, 4218 Herndon St., spoke about verifying facts and information.

Ron Graban, 202 Surfside Blvd., spoke about the Ordinance that passed regarding the dirt on North Beach.

John Weber, 609 Naples St., expressed concern about costs associated with Open Records Requests.

Susie Saldana, 4710 Hakel Dr., spoke about appointing a person to city boards according to their ability and not for political benefit.

Maggie Peacock, 1773 Ennis Joslin Rd., spoke against Moms for Liberty, and spoke about climate change.

Adam Rios, 7301 Tangled Ridge Court, spoke about addressing societal problems.

The following citizens submitted a written public comment which are attached to the minutes: Marcia Hart, 9 Townplace Lane, Mona Palmer, 633 Deforrest St., Candace Hart, 2201 Anacua St., Elizabeth Wilkins, 14906 Tesoro Dr., Cecelia Eilering, 3562 Austin St., Kathleen Westergren, 3402 Ocean Dr., and Cathy Fulton, Port Aransas, TX.

H. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (ITEM 5)

5. [23-1907](#) Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (1 vacancy)
Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, TX (1 vacancy)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 5.

Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation:
Reappointed: Robert J. Gonzalez Sr.

Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, TX:
Reappointed: Rajan Ahuja

I. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:**J. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 6-21)****Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Items 12, 15, 18 and 19 were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Klein moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 12, 15, 18 and 19, seconded by Council Member Roy. The motion carried by 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

6. [23-1924](#)

Approval of the November 28, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

7. [23-1805](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$59,609.00 from the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division for Violence Against Women Program with a cash match of \$20,810.80 and in-kind match of \$6,960.00 for salary and benefits for one civilian position and equipment, supplies, training, and travel; appropriating \$80,419.80 into the Police Grants Fund; and authorizing one full-time civilian employee as a Victim Case Manager.

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

Enactment No: 033229

8. [23-1776](#) Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program FY 2024, in the amount of \$153,027.00 for the purchase of 100 additional body-worn cameras and related equipment for the Corpus Christi Police Department; and appropriating \$153,027.00 in the Police Grants Fund with a cash match of \$51,009.00 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

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

Enactment No: 033230

9. [23-1868](#) Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant totaling \$44,696.90 from the Port of Corpus Christi Authority for the Port of Corpus Christi Community Grant for incident command training for 40 emergency personnel and training equipment for the Corpus Christi Fire Department; and appropriating \$44,696.90 in the FY 2024 Fire Grants Fund.

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

Enactment No: 033231

10. [23-1799](#) Ordinance authorizing a construction contract to J.E. Construction Services, LLC for Base Bid I in the amount of \$5,135,727.00, to Mako Contracting for Base Bid J in the amount of \$5,215,843.00, and to Grace Paving and Construction, Inc. for Base Bid K in the amount of \$4,564,072.10, all from Corpus Christi, Texas, for the FY 2023 Residential Street Rebuild Program located Citywide, with FY2024 funding available from the Residential Street Reconstruction, Storm Water, Wastewater, Water and Gas Capital Funds; appropriating \$8,718,007.34 from the unreserved fund balance; and amending the FY 2024 Operating and Capital Budget.

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

Enactment No: 033232

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

11. [23-1835](#) Resolution authorizing a three-year service agreement with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC, of Houston, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 to provide parts, testing, and repair services for firefighting vehicles and equipment for the Fire Department, with FY 2024 funding of \$400,000.00 from the General Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033233

12. [23-1852](#) Motion authorizing execution of a three-year service agreement with Universal Protection Service, LP, dba Allied Universal Security Services, of Santa Ana, California, with an office in Corpus Christi, in an amount not to exceed

\$804,773.00 for bailiff and security guard services for the Municipal Court, with FY 2024 funding of \$104,620.49 from the Municipal Court Administration Fund and \$163,637.18 from the Municipal Court Building Security Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 12.

A Council Member and Director of Municipal Court Gilbert Hernandez discussed the following topic: a Council Member's concern about the conditions for those who are incarcerated.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2023-174

13. [23-0355](#) Motion authorizing the execution of a three-year service agreement, with two one-year options, with Cintas Corporation, through the OMNIA Purchasing Cooperative, for uniform rentals and laundering services for Corpus Christi Water Department employees in an amount up to \$892,265.40, with a potential total amount up to \$1,487,109.00 if options are exercised, with FY 2024 funding of \$247,851.50 from the Water and Wastewater Funds.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-175

14. [23-1569](#) Resolution authorizing a one-year supply agreement with two additional one-year option periods with Brenntag Southwest, Inc., of Lancaster, Texas, for sodium hypochlorite for Corpus Christi Water in an amount up to \$6,300,000.00, with a potential total amount up to \$18,900,000.00 if both one-year options are exercised, with FY 2024 funding of \$6,300,000.00 from the Water and Wastewater funds.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033234

15. [23-1701](#) Motion authorizing execution of a three-year service agreement, with two one-year options, with Excel Pump & Machine, Inc., of Robstown, Texas for preventative maintenance and reconditioning of pumps and motors at the Mary Rhodes Pipeline Phase II River and Booster Pump Stations in an amount up to \$861,330.00, with a potential total amount up to \$1,435,550.00 if options are exercised, with FY 2024 funding of \$69,020.00 from the Water Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 15.

A Council Member and Interim Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Drew Molly discussed the following topics: a request for a cost breakdown of how much is being spent on the Mary Rhodes Pipeline, including operation maintenance and capital cost; the pipeline should last 50 years or more; and HDR Engineering is currently completing a condition assessment of the pipeline.

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Hunter. 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: M2023-176

16. [23-1691](#) Motion authorizing execution of a one-year supply agreement, with two one-year options, with Arnold Oil Company in an amount not to exceed \$98,000.00, and a potential amount up to \$294,000.00 if options are exercised, for motor oil to be utilized at Corpus Christi International Airport's Quick Turn Around Facility, with FY 2024 funding of \$89,833.33 from Airport Customer Facility Charge Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-177

17. [23-1694](#) Motion authorizing execution of a one-year service agreement, with two one-year options, with United Rentals (North America) Inc. of Stamford, Connecticut, with an office in Corpus Christi, through Sourcewell Cooperative, in an amount not to exceed \$183,402.00, with a potential amount of \$550,206.00 if options are exercised, for the rental of three 10-14 yard dump trucks for Public Works, with FY 2024 funding of \$168,119.00 from the Public Works Storm Water Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-178

Consent - Capital Projects

18. [23-1905](#) Resolution awarding a construction contract to JE Construction Services, LLC for the reconstruction of Airport Road, from Morgan Avenue to Horne Road, 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 \$8,930,712.00, located in Council District 3 with FY 2024 funding available from reallocated Bond funds, Street Bond 2020, Storm Water, Water, Wastewater and Gas Funds.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 18.

A Council Member and Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds discussed the following topic: to ensure that a bid is received for both asphalt and concrete.

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Hunter. 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: 033235

General Consent Items

19. [23-1700](#) Resolution setting a public hearing on January 23, 2024, to consider the land use assumptions and capital improvement plans for the designated service areas relating to the possible adoption of water, wastewater, stormwater, and roadway impact fees for the City of Corpus Christi and its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 19.

Council Members, Director of Development Services Al Raymond, and City Attorney Miles Risley discussed the following topics: the January 23, 2024 public hearing is only to adopt the future land use, master plans, and associated Capital Improvement Plans; and a Council Member's desire for more public attendance during the public hearings.

Council Member Hernandez moved to amend Section 2 to include "master plans" after the word assumptions, and possible "future" adoption, seconded by Council Member Roy. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Hunter moved to approve the resolution as amended, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. This Resolution was passed as amended and approved with the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033236

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

20. [23-1724](#) Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Participation Agreement with MPM Development, L.P., originally executed on November 7, 2017, to extend the contract term to November 7, 2024, and to increase City Participation by \$185,887.26 for a total not to exceed \$393,274.11 for the construction of Oso Parkway for residential development, Royal Creek Estates Unit 7, located south of Yorktown Boulevard and east of Cimarron Boulevard; and amending the operating budget by transferring \$185,887.26 from the Public Works (Street) Fund to the Development Services Fund.

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

21. [23-1726](#) Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Participation Agreement with MPM Development, L.P., originally executed on December 7, 2018, to extend the contract term to December 6, 2024, and to increase City Participation by \$167,107.72 for a total not to exceed \$352,113.09 for the construction of Oso Parkway for residential development, Royal Creek Estates Unit 8, located south of Yorktown Boulevard and east of Cimarron Boulevard.; and amending the operating budget by transferring \$167,107.72 from the Public Works (Street) Fund to the Development Services Fund.

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

K. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 3:07 p.m. Executive Session Items 25 and 26 were held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (NONE)

M. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 22-24)

22. [23-1936](#) Ordinance authorizing the purchase of 4909 Kostoryz Road and 3115 McArdle Road from Ifergan Michel, LLC. for Fire Station 8 Replacement Project in an amount up to \$290,000.00 and authorizing the use of the power of eminent domain, if needed, to acquire the property.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 22.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

23. [23-1923](#) Ordinance authorizing an option to sale contract with TG 110 Inc. for the sale of a 3.47-acre parcel of surplus land located at or near 2212 Morris Street in Council District 1; and authorizing the related sale and conveyance of the 3.47-acre parcel of surplus land located at or near 2212 Morris Street to the TG 110 Inc. for \$10 and development of affordable housing.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 23.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Members, Deputy City Manager Michael Rodriguez, and Director of Planning and Community Development Dan McGinn discussed the following topics: concerns that this property should be used for single family residential units; this property would be affordable housing for senior citizens; and a Council Member is in support of this property because density reduces crime.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

24. [23-1919](#) Ordinance amending the Corpus Christi Code to amend Chapter 49 Streets and Sidewalks and Chapter 53 Traffic regarding requirements for performing work in the public right of way and placement of utilities; providing for penalty; providing for publication.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 24.

Director of Public Works and Streets Ernest De La Garza presented information on the following topic: purpose-updates to city policies related to management of right-of-way.

Council Members, Director of Public Works and Streets Ernest De La Garza, Assistant Director of Public Works Renee Couture, City Attorney Miles Risley, and Assistant City Manager Neiman Young discussed the following topics: a Council Member's concern with the appeals process for permitting; and the City serves citations to contractors without a permit.

Council Member Hernandez moved to postpone this ordinance, seconded by Council Member Hunter. This Ordinance was postponed until 12/12/2023 by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

N. BRIEFINGS: (NONE)

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 25-26)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Executive Session Items 25 and 26. The Council went into Executive Session at 3:07 p.m. The Council returned from Executive Session at 4:40 p.m.

- 25. [23-1850](#) **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 the potential expansion of the lease of property at, adjacent, and near to the Art Center of Corpus Christi at 100 N. Shoreline Boulevard and properties adjacent thereto; and Texas Government Code § 551.072 to discuss and deliberate the lease or value of the aforementioned areas of 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.****

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

- 26. [23-1894](#) **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 proposals for the provision of groundwater from the Evangeline Aquifer, legal restrictions on the provision of groundwater, regulations of groundwater conservation district(s), TCEQ regulations related to potable water, state restrictions on rates and charges for utilities, other statutory restrictions on the issuance of debt and municipal contracting, Inner Harbor, desalination, and regulations related to provision of utilities and water treatment.****

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

P. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 5:30 p.m.

From: [CitySecretary](#)
To: [Sarah Brunkenhoefer](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]Public Input: 12-05-2023 - Marcia Hart
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 8:01:38 AM

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Public Comment & Input Form	
Date of Meeting	12-05-2023
Name	Marcia Hart
Address	Street Address: 9 Townhouse Ln City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78412
Topic	Library Board Information
Agenda Item Number	NA
Describe Feedback:	<p>The Corpus Christi Public Library (CCPL) serves the entire community and is funded by the entire taxpayer community.</p> <p>There is already a policy in place for requesting books to be considered for removal or relocation.</p> <p>None of the newly appointed Library Board Members have any experience as librarians or Library Board Members. They appear to have only one purpose...to ban books they don't approve of. It is my understanding that the next meeting had to be delayed because there was no one qualified to run the meeting since neither the chair nor vice chair were reappointed.</p>

I suggest that the City Council reconsider their selection of members as Library Board Members. At the very least, either the previous chair or vice chair should be reappointed so that meetings can proceed.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.

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From: [CitySecretary](#)
To: [Sarah Brunkenhoefer](#)
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Public Comment & Input Form	
Date of Meeting	12-05-2023
Name	Mona Palmer
Address	Street Address: 633 Deforrest St. City: Corpus Christi State / Province: Tx Postal / Zip Code: 78404
Topic	Removal of Books from the Public Libraries
Agenda Item Number	general public comment
Describe Feedback:	<p>My name is Mona Palmer at 633 Deforrest St., I work for Del Mar College Libraries. I totally agree with the statement below. I couldn't have said it better myself.</p> <p>The public library is there to serve the entire community, not just a vocal minority. The books in our library reflect all viewpoints and the lived experiences of people from all walks of life.</p> <p>Librarians have master's degrees and receive significant education and ongoing training to develop collections that meet the broad and varied interests and needs of our community. They follow all laws, and policies and procedures</p>

which have been approved by the city council.

The library is a voluntary place of inquiry; a book that is right for someone may not be right for everyone, but that does not mean it should be removed.

Ultimately, it is parents' responsibility to determine what their child can and cannot read, not elected officials or other community members.

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To: [Sarah Brunkenhoefer](#)
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Public Comment & Input Form	
Date of Meeting	12-05-2023
Name	Candace Hart
Address	Street Address: 2201 Anacua Street City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78414
Topic	Manipulation
Agenda Item Number	NA
Describe Feedback:	<p>Having read the article in the Caller Times and seen television news reporting on this City Council's appointment of members of Moms for Liberty and Citizens Defending Freedom, it is obvious to me and most fair-minded people that you were played and manipulated by groups the Southern Poverty Law Center has described as extremist hate groups.</p> <p>Some of you have stated that you didn't know about their affiliation with these groups, even while saying you had reached out and researched the appointees. Is this what you consider due diligence?</p> <p>At least one of the council members stated the questions raised about certain books was not new</p>

but was a long-standing concern. Why, then, were these questions never brought to the library board for explanation if this was true?

A council member said that the library board was a hostile environment. When was this or any other council member at a board meeting?

Never is the answer.

You've been played and manipulated and now everyone knows it.

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Public Comment & Input Form	
Date of Meeting	12-12-2023
Name	Elizabeth Wilkins
Address	Street Address: 14906 Tesoro Dr City: Corpus Christi I State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78418
Topic	Packery Channel Restoration - Contractor not cleaning up beach
Agenda Item Number	0
Describe Feedback:	<p>Hi Mayor and Council Members:</p> <p>there is an incredible amount of garbage on the beach as a result of the packery channel dredging project. I spent two hours cleaning the beach today, and picked up two forty pound bags. I found dead animals, four hypodermic needles, and the usual rubber/plastic stuff.</p> <p>I think the contractor is obligated to clean up the beach, but has not done so in the week the project has been going on.</p> <p>Would you please hold the contractor</p>

responsible, if they are in fact supposed to clean the beach? If they are not contractually obligated to do so, would you please come up with a plan to regularly clean the beach? I saw one beach operations employee out today - and that's not enough.

Thanks for the work you do.

Lizzy Wilkins

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Date of Meeting	12-05-2023
Name	Cecelia Eiling
Address	Street Address: 3562 Austin Street City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78411
Topic	Support for the Public Library
Agenda Item Number	23-1966
Describe Feedback:	As a librarian, I believe the privilege of having a public library is to have materials chosen that represent the local cultures in our community. In a broader sense, a library should also contain resources that reflect a broader world perspective. Libraries are the true source of information and inquiry in a world of misinformation and bias. I don't support banning books and materials in a free society. Ultimately, it is parents' responsibility to determine what their child can and cannot read, not elected officials or other community members.
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From: [CitySecretary](#)
To: [Sarah Brunkenhoefer](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]Public Input: 12-05-2023 - Kathleen Westergren
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Public Comment & Input Form	
Date of Meeting	12-05-2023
Name	Kathleen Westergren
Address	Street Address: 3402 Ocean Dr., #33 City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78411
Topic	Corpus Christi Public Libraries
Agenda Item Number	F1? G?
Describe Feedback:	<p>I worked in a public library in Texas for 2.5 years. While fulfilling work, it is can also be exhausting for public library staff and librarians who do amazing work with limited funding. Please do not allow a minority to complicate public library work further by trying to dictate what they think is appropriate for all. Every parent has the right to determine what their child can or cannot read, but that does not give them the right to make that decision for other parents' children.</p> <p>Libraries are a source of refuge for many. Public libraries, in particular, serve as a "third space" outside of home and work. It serves as a refuge for all people, whether they feel accepted by</p>

others or are not part of any particular group. While discovering a new book where one can feel accepted or empathetic is a large part of what libraries offer, ultimately, public libraries are community builders for all. Let us not waste taxpayer dollars when our city has real issues to address. Thank you.

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From: [CitySecretary](#)
To: [Sarah Brunkenhoefer](#)
Subject: FW: Port of Corpus Christi appointment --history reminder
Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 10:34:35 AM

From: Cathy Fulton <mcf4040@hotmail.com>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Fw: Port of Corpus Christi appointment --history reminder

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Please consider this for written public comment on the Port of Corpus Christi appointment.
Thank you.

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Subject: Port of Corpus Christi appointment --history reminder

Dear Mayor Guajardo and Council Members,

This is a good time to remind those that were on the council back in 2021 about Mr. Ahuja's appointment in February 2021. I believe it was the night prior to the February 9, 2023 meeting that Mr. Ahuja met with councilman Ben Molina. After that meeting, Mr. Ahuja then met with Sean Strawbridge at Republic of Texas Grill along with then County Judge, Barbara Canales and Doug Allison. No city representatives were present. This meeting should give pause to anyone considering reappointment to Mr. Ahuja. Meeting with the county judge (who just left the Port commission), her attorney husband and the CEO the night before the CITY appointment? Red flags should have flown right then.

Mr. Ahuja has failed to support the City in its water development efforts. Instead, he has gone against the City on every vote and supported water development only for the POCCA. He

spent the first two years of his term saying, "I'm still learning" and that would be the extent of his input to a meeting. Only recently has Mr. Ahuja attempted to ask constructive questions. In the end, Mr. Ahuja fails to investigate any major issues at the Port and plays follow-the-leader on votes.

It is also questionable the Mr. Ahuja is in business with Dr. Michael Mintz who owns Catahoula Water Company, LLC. Is this a conflict-of-interest to the Port, City or both?

Enough is enough! It's time for a clean slate and ethics need to be emphasized. There're a few good candidates with the needed knowledge and civic experience without conflict-of-interests that would be good on the commission. A clean slate is what the POCCA needs to restore its damaged reputation and move the Port forward for commerce in the Coastal Bend.

Respectfully,

Cathy Fulton
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