



City of Corpus Christi

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Corpus Christi, TX 78401
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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

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 11:33 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Pastor Don Leavell, with CC Christian Fellowship.

Pastor Don Leavell with CC Christian Fellowship gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Josiah Ponce, 12th grader at Collegiate High School.

Josiah Ponce, 12th grader at Collegiate 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 - Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Gil 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. PUBLIC COMMENT

F. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (NONE)

G. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

H. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 1 - 13)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Items 3, 7, 8, 10, and 13 were pulled for

individual consideration.

Council Member Paxson moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 3, 7, 8, 10, and 13, 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

1. [25-1332](#) Approval of the August 7, 2025 Budget Workshop Minutes and August 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

2. [25-1090](#) Ordinance awarding a construction contract to JE Construction Services of Corpus Christi for the Harbor Bridge Parks Mitigation Improvement Project in an amount up to \$16,497,423.00; appropriating \$4,976,000.00 from the Metropolitan Planning Organization and amending the budget, located in Council District 1 with FY 2025 funding available from the Bond 2014, prior City Council approved certificates of obligation and Metropolitan Planning Organization reimbursement.

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

Enactment No: 033718

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

3. [25-1097](#) Motion authorizing the purchase of 25 additional Panasonic mobile data computers with dash camera systems from Turn-Key Mobile, Inc., of Jefferson City, Missouri, through the Texas Department of Information Resources, in the amount of \$467,975.00 for the Corpus Christi Police Department, with FY 2025 funding of \$103,000.00 from the Fleet Equipment Replacement Fund and \$364,975.00 from the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund.

Assistant Police Chief Christopher White responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Campos 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: M2025-110

4. [25-0865](#) Motion authorizing execution of a one-year supply agreement with Core & Main, LP, in St. Louis, Missouri, with an office in Corpus Christi, for an amount not to exceed \$135,570.00 to purchase manhole covers and components for Corpus Christi Water, with FY 2025 funding of \$22,595.00 from the Water Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-111

Consent - Capital Projects

5. [25-1235](#) Motion authorizing a professional services contract to HDR Inc., of Corpus Christi, Texas, to evaluate AEP's recommended infrastructure improvements and the medium-voltage infrastructure at the O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant (ONSWTP) to recommend electrical reliability improvements and reduce service interruptions to plant operations in an amount up to \$144,199.00, located in Council District 1, with FY 2025 funding available from the Water Capital Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-112

General Consent Items

6. [25-1205](#) Resolution amending and reaffirming the City of Corpus Christi's Investment Policy and Investment Strategies for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033719

7. [25-1238](#) Resolution amending Financial Budgetary Policies adopted by Resolution 033143; and providing financial policy direction on preparation of the FY 2026 Operating and Capital Budgets.

City Manager Peter Zanoni, Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert, and Director of Finance Sergio Villasana responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Paxson moved to postpone this item until August 26, 2025, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. This Item was postponed 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

8. [25-1366](#) Resolution for the negotiation of terms with Nueces County for a proposed Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) in the London Area for potential consideration of the Nueces County Commissioners Court on August 20, 2025.

City Manager Peter Zanoni and Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individual spoke:

Jim Klein, Corpus Christi, TX.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Paxson moved to amend the resolution as follows: "Nueces County can be reimbursed for up to \$50,000 per year based on staff's time and resources spent," seconded by Council Member Hernandez and passed with the following vote: Mayor Guajardo, Council Members Barrera, Cantu, Hernandez, Paxson, Roy, Scott and Vaughn voting, "yes," and Council Member Campos voting, "no."

Council Member Paxson 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 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Nay: 1 - Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033720

9. [25-0841](#) Resolution authorizing an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the Leopard Street and Oak Park Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project for a pedestrian walking and bike trail on Leopard Street from Villa Drive to Up River Road with the City's payment of \$14,797.00 to TXDOT for direct state costs, located in Council District 1, with FY 2025 funding from ARPA interest

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033721

10. [25-0842](#) Resolution authorizing an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the Encantada Avenue Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project for infrastructure improvements including a five foot sidewalk on Encantada Avenue, from Gypsy Street to Park Road 22, with the City's payment of \$17,885.00 to TXDOT for direct state costs, located in Council District 4, with FY 2025 funding from ARPA interest.

Interim Assistant City Manager Ernesto De La Garza responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individual spoke:

Jim Klein, Corpus Christi, TX.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Roy moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Barrera. 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: 033722

11. [25-0843](#) Resolution authorizing an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the Mary Carroll Ditch Hike and Bike Trail Improvement Project for a pedestrian walking and bike trail along the Mary Carroll ditch, from the existing pathway to Carroll Lane with the City's payment of \$23,362.00 to TXDOT for direct state costs, located in Council District 2, with FY 2025 funding from ARPA interest.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033723

12. [25-0844](#) Resolution authorizing an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the Ocean Drive Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project for infrastructure improvements to include a pedestrian hybrid beacon on Oleander Point at Cole Park with the City's payment of \$8,354.00 to TXDOT for direct state costs, located in Council District 2, with FY 2025 funding from ARPA interest.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033724

13. [25-1289](#) Resolution nominating Flint Hills Resources Corpus Christi, LLC to the Office of the Governor Economic Development & Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as a single enterprise project pursuant to the Texas Enterprise Zone Act.

Randy Almaguer, Compliance Officer of Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation, responded to Council questions.

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 Barrera. 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: 033725

I. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 3:10 p.m. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEM 14)

14. [25-1163](#) Zoning Case No. ZN8634, Saratoga 400 Partners, LLC. (District 3). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 602 Saratoga Boulevard from the "RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5 District to the "RS-4.5/PUD" Single-Family 4.5 District with a Planned Unit Development overlay; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Director of Development Services Michael Dice presented information on the following topics: zoning and land use; public notification; TRC approved site plan; and staff analysis and recommendation.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Cantu 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 - 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

K. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (NONE)

L. BRIEFINGS: (ITEM 15)

15. 25-1191 Briefing on City of Corpus Christi Logo Update

Director of Communications Elisa Olsen presented information on the following topics: history of city seal and logo; city seal; city logo; and updated city logo.

M. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEM 16)

16. 25-1297 Update on Alternative Water Supply Projects, with Focus on Mary Rhodes Pipeline Water Delivery Performance

Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Drew Molly, Interim Director of Water Systems and Support Services Nick Winkelmann, and Associate Vice President at HDR Engineering Inc. Jerry Snead presented information on the following topics: water supply projects update; Nueces Groundwater Program; Mary Rhodes Pipeline (MRP I) and (MRP II); MRP I and II water sources; Eastern Basin (LNRA and Colorado River) water availability vs. water taken; pipeline components; pump stations; pumping schedules; MRP alignment overview with break locations; pressure exceedance: 46 MGD (sch. 2B) - LNRA to Bloomington; pressure exceedance: 55-58 MGD (sch. 3) - LNRA to Bloomington; condition assessment timeline; condition assessment findings and observations; condition assessment identified areas of pressure exceedance; pressure exceedance=obstructions in MRP; options for dealing with pressure exceedance; and improvement projects.

John Hobson, City Manager of Sinton, provided a statement.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE)

O. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke: Patricia Anderson, Corpus Christi, TX, Melissa Zamora, Corpus Christi, TX, Julie Rogers, Corpus Christi, TX, Pat Craig, Corpus Christi, TX, David Sloyer, Corpus Christi, TX, Ron Graban, Corpus Christi, TX, Melinda De Los Santos, Corpus Christi, TX, Gilbert Gonzalez, Corpus Christi, TX, Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Peter Moore, Corpus Christi, TX, Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, Adam

Rios, Corpus Christi, TX, Miriam Guerra-Rachidy, Corpus Christi, TX, Fatimah Guerra-Rachidy, Corpus Christi, TX, Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, David Johnson, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Henry Williams, Corpus Christi, TX, Marilena Garza, Corpus Christi, TX, Joshua Fraedrick, Corpus Christi, TX, Chris Torres, Corpus Christi, TX, Brad Bartilson, Corpus Christi, TX, Elyda Vasquez, Corpus Christi, TX, Christina English, Corpus Christi, TX, Eli McKay, Corpus Christi, TX, and Kaitlin Frakes, Kingsville, TX.

The following individuals submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Rimakej Valentini, Corning, NY, Susanne Stone, Boise, ID, Cristophe Valentini, Corning, NY, Erik House, Corning, NY, Jessica O'Connor, Corning, NY, Becky Hardin, Floresville, TX, Katelyn Landry, Houston, TX, Amy Steigerwald, Colorado Springs, CO, John Weber, Fair Oaks, CA, Aurora Macias-Happ, Totnes, Devon, Craig Happ, Totnes, Devon, Karelly Leal, Corpus Christi, TX, JN Hernandez, Albuquerque, NM, Lyon Marks, Kansas City, KS, Elzyata Sangadzhieva, Corning, NY, Clara Villarreal Varner, Pflugerville, TX, Luis Gonzales, Schertz, TX, Reva Atkins, Elgin, TX, Cody Atkins, Elgin, TX, Joy Wright, Corpus Christi, TX, Mary Carol Edwards, Alvin, TX, Dale Switalla, Corpus Christi, TX, David Sloyer, Corpus Christi, TX, and Miranda Graham, Corpus Christi, TX.

P. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment 8-19-2025

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Date of Meeting	8/19/2025
Name	Rimakej Valentini
Address	Street Address: 28 W Spruce St City: Corning State / Province: NY Postal / Zip Code: 14830 City Council
Please select the Board:	
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	Barisi Village Development
Agenda Item Number	General Public Comment
Describe Feedback:	I am a member of the Karankawa Tribe of Texas with many relatives still living in Corpus Christi, TX. I am deeply concerned about the Barisi Village Development being planned near a documented Native Burial Ground on Ennis Joslin Rd. I urge the City Council to require the developer of this project to consult with local Tribes and Indigenous organizations through the planning and construction process, consult with Archeologists prior to construction, conduct an archeological survey, develop plans for the discovery of human remains, and to provide archeological monitoring during the construction.
Provide an email .	happ.valentini@gmail.com

Date of Meeting	8/19/2025
Name	Suzanne Stone
Address	Street Address: 3921 West Catalpa Drive City: Boise, Idaho State / Province: ID Postal / Zip Code: 83703-4266
Please select the Board:	City Council
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	Karankawa ancestral burial grounds Barisi village
Agenda Item Number	General public comment
	I was born in Texas and still have family there. It is imperative to respect our indigenous communities, who suffered more persecution in Texas than in most states. They have no ceded or reservation lands where they can honor their ancestors. If their ancestors are buried in this Barisi site, you are accountable by a sense of decency and ethics to accommodate their requests. I am asking the City Council to require the developer to do the following: • Consult with representatives from local tribes and Indigenous organizations throughout the planning and construction process • Consult with an archeologist before construction on this sacred site • Conduct an archeological survey • Develop an actionable protocol/plan for any discovery of human remains or artifacts • Provide archeological monitoring during construction. We cannot change the past horrors committed in Texas against the indigenous people, but we can change how we honor them now. Suzanne Stone ssstone711@gmail.com ssstone711@gmail.com
Describe Feedback:	
Provide an email.	

Date of Meeting	8/19/2025
Name	Cristophe Valentini
Address	Street Address: 28 W Spruce St City: Corning State / Province: NY Postal / Zip Code: 14830 City Council
Please select the Board:	
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	Barisi Village Development
Agenda Item Number	General Public Comment
Describe Feedback:	I am a previous resident of Corpus Christi, TX and married to a member of the Karankawa Tribe of Texas. I am deeply concerned about the Barisi Village Development being planned near a documented Native Burial Ground on Ennis Joslin Rd. I urge the City Council to require the developer of this project to consult with local Tribes and Indigenous organizations through the planning and construction process, consult with Archeologists prior to construction, conduct an archeological survey, develop plans for the discovery of human remains, and to provide archeological monitoring during the construction.
Provide an email.	halfhctarehomestead@gmail.com

Date of Meeting	8/19/2025
Name	Erik House
Address	Street Address: 259 E 3rd St Apt 201 City: Corning State / Province: New York Postal / Zip Code: 14830 City Council
Please select the Board:	
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	Barisi Village Development
Agenda Item Number	Public Comment.
Describe Feedback:	I have friends who are members of the Karankawa Tribe of Texas many who still living in Corpus Christi, TX. I am deeply concerned about the Barisi Village Development being planned near a documented Native Burial Ground on Ennis Joslin Rd. I urge the City Council to require the developer of this project to consult with local Tribes and Indigenous organizations through the planning and construction process, consult with Archeologists prior to construction, conduct an archeological survey, develop plans for the discovery of human remains, and to provide archeological monitoring during the construction.

Date of Meeting	8/19/2025
Name	Jessica O'Connor
Address	Street Address: 174 Pine Street City: Corning State / Province: NY Postal / Zip Code: 14830 City Council
Please select the Board:	
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	Barisi Village Development
Agenda Item Number	General public comment I have friends who are members of the Karankawa Tribe of Texas, many who are still living in Corpus Christi, TX. I am deeply concerned about the Barisi Village Development being planned near a documented Native Burial Ground on Ennis Joslin Rd. Native Burial Grounds must be treated with deep respect, and it is shameful that in the past, human remains have been sent to museums instead of respectfully resting with their kin.
Describe Feedback:	I urge the City Council to require the developer of this project to consult with local Tribes and Indigenous organizations through the planning and construction process, consult with Archeologists prior to construction, conduct an archeological survey, develop plans for the discovery of human remains, and to provide archeological monitoring during the construction.
Provide an email.	Please protect the dignity of this burial ground and honor the wishes of the Karankawa Tribe. jess.rawleigh@gmail.com

Date of Meeting	8/19/2025
Name	Becky Hardin
Address	Street Address: 304 Creekside Dr City: Floresville State / Province: Texas Postal / Zip Code: 78114
Please select the Board:	City Council
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	Barisi Village Development
Agenda Item Number	General Public Comment
Describe Feedback:	I am an ally of the Karankawa Tribe in Texas, and their members who live in Corpus Christi, Texas. I am alarmed by the Barisi Village Development being planned near a documented Native Burial Ground on Ennis Joslin Road. I urge the City Council to require the developer of this project to consult with local Tribes and Indigenous organizations throughout the planning and construction process, consult with Archaeologists before construction, conduct an archaeological survey, develop plans for the discovery of human remains, and provide archaeological monitoring during the construction.
Provide an email.	becky.hardin@yahoo.com

Date of Meeting	8/19/2025
Name	Katelyn Landry
Address	Street Address: 4202 Polk St Street Address Line 2: Apt C City: Houston State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 77023 City Council
Please select the Board:	
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	Barisi Village Development and Indigenous Burials
Agenda Item Number	Public Comment
	I am a graduate of Rice University's archaeology program and a cultural heritage worker in Galveston County. I am writing to remind the Corpus Christi City Council that there is a documented Native burial ground in close proximity to the Barisi Village development. The likelihood that builders will discover human remains makes it critical that the city take precautions to assure they are treated with dignity and respect.
Describe Feedback:	I support the Karankawa Tribe of Texas Five Rivers Council in demanding that the developer of Barisi Village be required to take the following actions before development is allowed to commence: • Consult with representatives from local tribes and Indigenous organizations throughout the planning and construction process • Consult with an archaeologist prior to construction on this sacred site • Conduct an archaeological survey • Develop an actionable protocol/plan for any discovery of human remains or artifacts • Provide archaeological monitoring during construction
Provide an email.	landry.katelyn28@gmail.com

Date of Meeting	8/19/2025
Name	Amy Steigerwald
Address	Street Address: 4520 Centennial Blvd. Street Address Line 2: #1255 City: Colorado Springs State / Province: CO Postal / Zip Code: 80919 City Council
Please select the Board:	
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	Barisi Village Development
Agenda Item Number	General Public Comment
	While I'm no longer a Texas resident, I grew up on the Gulf Coast & from a young age I was taught of the deep connection & history the Karankawa tribe have in the region. Their ancestors live throughout Texas today. It's our responsibility to respect the history & human rights of both the living & the dead.
Describe Feedback:	On August 12th, this council approved the Barisi Village TIRZ #6 Project and Financing Plan. Council did not require that an archeological survey take place, despite the likelihood of human remains being found, given the documented Native Burial Ground on Ennis Joslin Rd. It is in the best interest of this council, the future residents of this development, & out of respect for human life that this be rectified. Please require the developer to conduct an archeological survey, consult with archeologists, local tribes, & indigenous organizations throughout the planning and construction process. A plan for discovery of remains and archeological monitoring is critical. Thank you, Amy
Provide an email.	mebamv@gmail.com

Date of Meeting	8/19/2025
Name	John Weber Street Address: is_weber@hotmail.com
Address	Street Address Line 2: 10523 Fair Oaks Blvd City: Fair Oaks State / Province: CA Postal / Zip Code: 95628 City Council
Please select the Board:	
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	Item 13 and Item 16
Agenda Item Number	Item 13 and Item 16
	I trust you will receive my comments before the beginning of the meeting.
Describe Feedback:	Item 13- Flint Hills Resources is involved with the Water Rate Appeal at the Texas PUC. Because of this, it has proven it is NOT a good partner with the City. Ask the legal department how much they have spent to date on the Water Rate Appeal. This appeal is costing the taxpayers and/or ratepayers a lot of money. Just vote NO to let them know, the City is not a fan of Water Rate Appeals for companies that are already getting a great deal for their water purchases. Item 16- "At the request of a Council member." Staff is now acting on the request of one Council member. Who was the Council member? Pretty amazing to me that the Gulf Coast Joint Ventures, the main, if not only, funder of My Town Our Future, that has been a huge proponent of the Inner Harbor plant and also connected with the attacks on certain Council members was communicated with regarding this project. It is a sad day. is_weber@hotmail.com
Provide an email.	

Date of Meeting	8/19/2025
Name	Aurora Macias-Happ
Address	Street Address: 18b Paige Adams Road City: Totnes State / Province: Devon Postal / Zip Code: TQ9 5LL City Council
Please select the Board:	
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	"Barisi Village Development"
Agenda Item Number	"General Public Comment"
Describe Feedback:	I am a Native American, born and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas. I am deeply concerned about the Barisi Village Development being planned near a documented Native Burial Ground on Ennis Joslin Rd. I urge the City Council to require the developer of this project to consult with local Tribes and Indigenous organizations through the planning and construction process, consult with Archeologists prior to construction, conduct an archeological survey, develop plans for the discovery of human remains, and to provide archeological monitoring during the construction."
Provide an email.	abmh13@hotmail.com

Date of Meeting	8/19/2025
Name	Craig Happ
Address	Street Address: 18b Paige Adams Road City: Totnes State / Province: Devon Postal / Zip Code: TQ9 5LL City Council
Please select the Board:	City Council
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	No
Topic	"Barisi Village Development"
Agenda Item Number	"General Public Comment"
Describe Feedback:	I am the husband of a Native American, born & raised in Corpus Christi, Texas. I am deeply concerned about the Barisi Village Development being planned near a documented Native Burial Ground on Ennis Joslin Rd. I urge the City Council to require the developer of this project to consult with local Tribes and Indigenous organizations through the planning and construction process, consult with Archeologists prior to construction, conduct an archeological survey, develop plans for the discovery of human remains, and to provide archeological monitoring during the construction."
Provide an email.	craig_happ@hotmail.com

Date of Meeting	5/20/1999
Name	Karely Leal
Address	Street Address: 4413 S Shea Pkwy City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TEXAS Postal / Zip Code: 78413
Please select the Board:	City Council
Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?	Yes
What district do you reside in?	District 3
Topic	Indigenous Burial grounds under new developments
Agenda Item Number	NA
	Hello I'm reaching out to ask if you may please make it an important issue to figure out what will happen to any burial remains found under the TIRZ area. These developments will be created over. A recognized burial grounds near ennis Joslin rd. I urge the council to demand the developers to get ahold of any local indigenous groups to be able to respectfully move these artifacts. These are dear to the indigenous people and we must not keep Erasing their history. We must treat them with respect and kindness just like we would want our ancestors remained treated. Please ask the developers to get with archeologist prior to the construction. If they do find anything, what Will be their plan ? Will there be an archaeologicalist on sight? Thank you city council please do right by the land and the beautiful indigenous people. They don't ask you to quit the project just please respect the remains of their ancestors.
Describe Feedback:	
Provide an email.	k5leal2099@gmail.com

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Name

8/19/2025

JN Hernández

Address

Street Address: 87112 Dorothy St NE

City: Albuquerque

State / Province: NM

Postal / Zip Code: 87112

City Council

Please select the Board:

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

No

Topic

Barisi Village Development

Agenda Item Number

General Public Comment

Describe Feedback:

I am an ally of the Karankawa Tribe of Texas and their members currently living in Corpus Christi, TX. I am deeply concerned about the Barisi Village Development being planned near a documented Native Burial Ground on Ennis Joslin Rd. I urge the City Council to require the developer of this project to consult with local Tribes and Indigenous organizations through the planning and construction process, consult with Archeologists prior to construction, conduct an archeological survey, develop plans for the discovery of human remains, and to provide archeological monitoring during the construction.

Provide an email.

jes.nat.hernandez@gmail.com

Name

8/19/2025

Adrianne Lyons Marks

Street Address: 512 N Thompson St

City: Kansas City

State / Province: KS

Postal / Zip Code: 66101

City Council

Please select the Board:

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

No

Topic

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone on Ennis Joslin

Agenda Item Number

Not known

Hello,

The recently approved TIRZ for development on Ennis Joslin Road is located near a documented Indigenous Burial Ground. I am a person of German and Scots-Irish settler descent who grew up on the Texas coast. It is important for all of us regardless of heritage to honor burial grounds and sacred sites, especially sites created by those who have called this land home for millennia.

In this spirit of respect, I implore you to require the developer to:

- consult with local tribes and indigenous organization throughout the planning and construction process

Describe Feedback:

- consult with archeologists before beginning construction

- conduct an archeological study

- develop a plan for discovery of human remains

- provide archeological monitoring during construction.

Thank you in advance for humanizing our neighbors and incorporating these measures of respect and dignity into the development process at the Ennis Joslin Road TIRZ.

Sincerely,

Adrianne Lyons Marks

Provide an email.

adri@prairierest.life



Monday, August 18, 2025

Public Comment & Input Form

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To submit a service request, ask a question, report a violation, browse city-required permit forms or access services online, click here:

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To continue submitting a **written public comment** click Next below.

Public Comment & Input Form

For City Council Meetings, Board Meetings, & Commission Meetings

Date of Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Name

Elzyata Sangadzhieva

Address

88 Columbia St, Apt. 103
Corning, NY, 14830

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

Barisi Village Development

Agenda Item Number

General Public Comment

Comment

I strongly oppose the approval of \$52 million in taxpayer funding for the Barisi Village development near a documented Native burial ground, without consulting the living descendants nearby. Hundreds of Indigenous ancestors have already been removed along Ennis Joslin Road, their remains taken to museums and treated as objects rather than returned to their rightful tribes. Corpus Christi has an opportunity and a responsibility to break from this tragic history. A respectful excavation is possible when done in collaboration with Indigenous communities. We demand that the City Council require the developer to: Consult with representatives from local tribes and Indigenous organizations throughout the planning and construction process. Consult with an archeologist prior to construction on this sacred site. Conduct an archeological survey. Develop an actionable protocol/plan for a discovery of human remains or artifacts. Provide archeological monitoring during construction.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. elzyata1111@gmail.com



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Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Name

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City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

No

Topic

Barisi Village Development Consultation

Agenda Item Number

n/a - voted on at last meeting

Comment

I am from Corpus Christi and most of my family still lives there. As a descendent of the Karankawas and as a member of the Karankawa Tribe of Texas Five Rivers Council, it is imperative that the city and the developer take proactive steps to ensure that our ancestors' remains will be treated with the dignity and respect they deserve. It is highly likely that this development will unearth remains and/or artifacts and we urge you to do the right thing.

In our opinion, the City Council should require the developer to do the following:

- Consult with representatives from local tribes and Indigenous organizations throughout the planning and construction process
- Consult with an archeologist prior to construction on this sacred site
- Conduct an archeological survey
- Develop an actionable protocol/plan for any discovery of human remains or artifacts
- Provide archeological monitoring during construction

Being proactive will actually save you time and money.

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City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

No

Topic

TIRZ near Ennis Joslin Rd

Agenda Item Number

N/A

Comment

This land originally was, and still is, home to the Karankawa. We are aware that the land being proposed for development is near a sacred burial ground. At the MINIMUM, an archaeological survey should be conducted so that the remains of those buried there can be noted and moved with dignity and respect. The land has already been taken from the Karankawa and modern day cemeteries are not disturbed, so why should this sacred burial ground also be disturbed? As stated before, an archaeological survey should be conducted, along with having a plan to identify the remains, move them to an agreed upon area with Karankawa elders, and also have Karankawa elders be present during this time. The land was stolen before, people subjugated to conversion: spiritually, economically, and culturally, and Karankawa have been repeatedly left out of conversations regarding their ancestral lands. Respectfully, I ask that this moment in time, their struggles and sacrifices be not forgotten.

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Name

Reva Atkins

Address

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Elgin, TX, 78621

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City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

No

Topic

Public Comment in Support of Indigenous Burial Ground Protections

Agenda Item Number

Open time

Comment

I'm writing to express concern over the City Council's approval of TIRZ funding for development near a known Native burial site on Ennis Joslin Road—without requiring an archaeological survey or consulting tribal representatives. The City knows this area likely contains human remains; hundreds of Indigenous ancestors have already been removed from this site, often without consent. Proceeding without safeguards is negligent and deeply disrespectful. To avoid repeating a painful history, the City must: consult with local tribes; hire a qualified archaeologist before ground disturbance; complete a full archaeological survey; establish a clear protocol if remains or artifacts are found; and ensure on-site monitoring during construction. These steps are basic, necessary, and reflect respect for Indigenous heritage and dignity. This is not just a legal issue—it's a moral one. I stand with Indigenous communities and urge the City to act responsibly.

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Name

Cody Atkins

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City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

No

Topic

Indigenous Burial Ground Protections

Agenda Item Number

OPEN TIME

Comment

I'm writing with deep respect and concern about the City Council's recent approval of TIRZ funding for development near a known Native burial site on Ennis Joslin Road—without requiring an archaeological survey or consultation with tribal communities. This area holds a high likelihood of containing ancestral remains. In the past, many Indigenous ancestors were removed from this land without consent. Moving forward without care risks repeating that painful history. I respectfully ask the City to take these steps: consult with local tribes; bring in a qualified archaeologist before any ground disturbance; complete a full archaeological survey; create a clear plan if remains or sacred items are found; and ensure on-site monitoring throughout construction. These are thoughtful, reasonable actions that show care for Indigenous heritage and human dignity. I stand in solidarity with Native communities and urge the City to move forward with respect and responsibility.

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Joy Wright

Address

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Corpus Christi, TX, 78401

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City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 1

Topic

Native burial grounds

Agenda Item Number

General

Comment

The coastal lands of Corpus Christi have been a sacred places of the indigenous people that have lived and traveled through these areas for millennium. Decades ago, when it was discovered that there was a specific area that was a burial ground. The indigenous people of the coastal Bend asked not only the city government, but the state government to honor these people by returning any evidence of their remains to the indigenous peoples currently living in the coastal Bend area. I would never wish that your great grandfather would be in a museum. Or would be in a laboratory somewhere. Please honor the indigenous people in the same way you would want your own family members honored. Let the Coastal Bend indigenous tribes have the remains so that they may be buried in an honorable manner.

Thank you

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Name

Mary Carol Edwards

Address

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Alvin, TX, 77511

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City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

No

Topic

Barisi Village archeological site

Agenda Item Number

1

Comment

I live in Brazoria County and I'm commenting on this project in Corpus because this pattern of development is taking place in our area too.

I gather that the project has been underway for years, but in all that time there apparently was no archaeological survey, or meeting with the native people whose ancestors are likely to be buried at the proposed project site. Now that the TIRZ is in place and the project is underway, it would be a travesty to neglect this due diligence. Please urge the development company to acknowledge that the site is not a blank slate, it has hundreds of years of Texas history that should not be treated like it's nothing.

Please make requirements that the developer consult with representatives of local tribes and indigenous organizations throughout the planning and construction, conduct an archeological survey, develop of plan for human remains and artifacts that may be discovered, and provide archeological monitoring during construction.

Thank you.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. marekale@yahoo.com



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Name

Dale Switalla

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Corpus Christi, TX, 78407

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Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 1

Topic

Hold those responsible for wasting Colorado River water

Agenda Item Number

16 (25-1297)

Comment

It has recently come to light that the city has been taking water out of our two lakes instead of using water from the Colorado river we have an agreement to use and have just left it run to the Gulf. From 2017 to 2024 CCW left 183,000 acre feet on the table from the Colorado River. Instead of using that water and leaving our lake water alone, we could have avoided the stage 3 water restrictions we are now under. Seems those that want Hillcrest Desal are in such a hurry to get that done that they decided to empty our lakes to scare citizens that we are running out of water. Shame on those responsible for this irresponsible behavior.

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Name

David Sloyer

Address

410 Sharon Dr
Corpus Christi, TX, 78412

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City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 2

Topic

Introduction of the "Big Daddy" water plan.

Agenda Item Number

N/A

Comment

See two attached documents.

Upload supporting images or documents.



Big Daddy Water Plan.pdf

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.

david.sloyer@yahoo.com

Thank you Madam Mayor, members of the Council and staff for allowing me to speak to you. My name is David Moyer, a resident of Corpus Christi, and today I am introducing "Big Daddy" - our nation's largest desalination plant. The 100 million gallon-per-day facility will be located just south of the Flood Bluff electric power plant. This site has been chosen for 3 simple reasons:

First -

The desalination process requires large amounts of electricity. The adjacent power plant will provide that need with little to no transmission line loss.

Second -

Intake and discharge water operations will originate and terminate in an open, clean and continuously-flowing Gulf stream. The underground pipelines will pose no boundary interference or environmental impact to the National Seashore ecosystem.

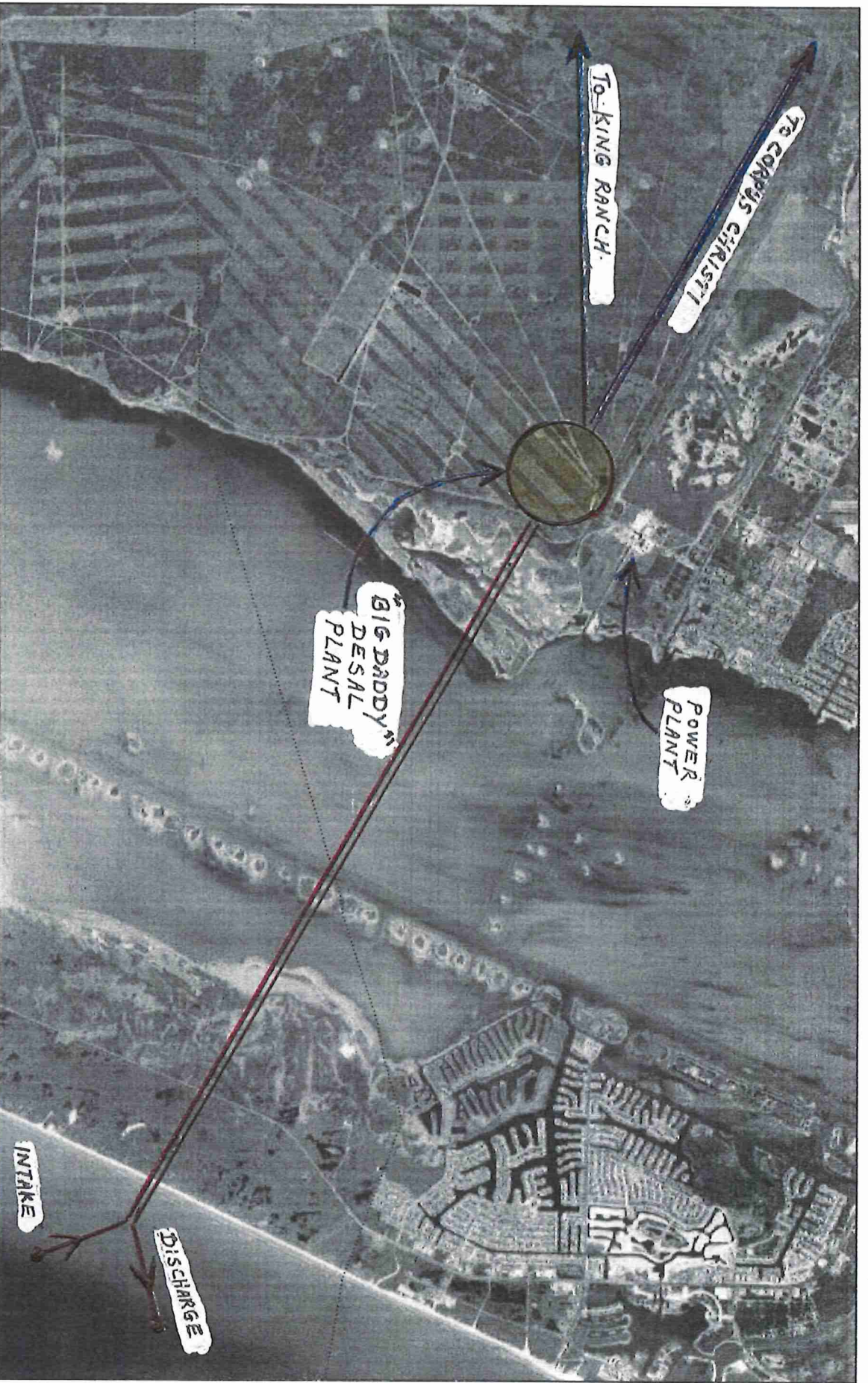
Third -

Large fresh water supply lines will travel westward, giving life to Corpus Christi's growing south side, and establishing a new and attractive water source for the King Ranch.

These are very compelling reasons. Chief Water Operating Officer Mr. Drew Molly has said the Inner Harbor Water Project will serve as a model for future water projects. Big Daddy is that next generation project. I believe the ship channel water will eventually go to the local industry, and the clean Gulf water will go to the people.

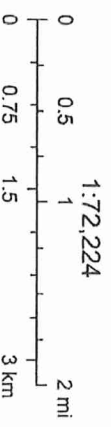
Corpus Christi has the biggest bridge in the state. So let's have the biggest Desal Plant too!
Thank you.

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Name

Miranda Graham

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Corpus Christi, TX, 78418

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Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 4

Topic

Ennis Jolson Burial Ground

Agenda Item Number

N/A

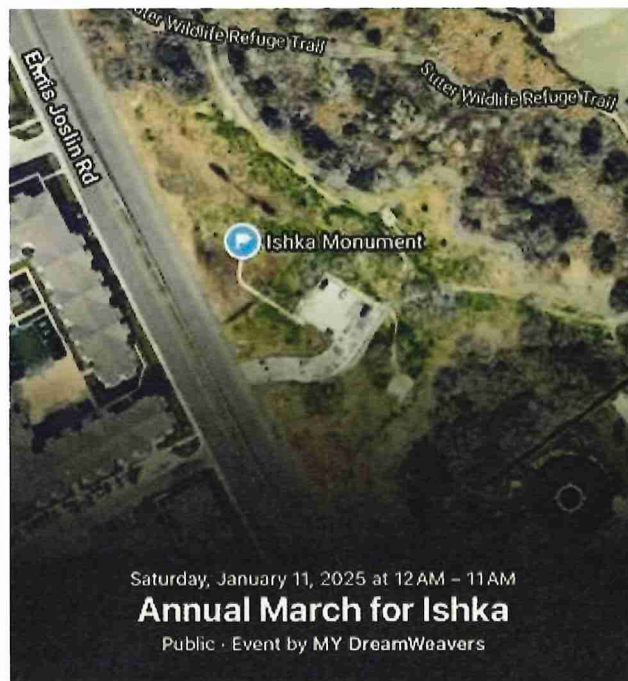
Comment

Dear City Council of Corpus Christi,

I am Miranda Graham, a Karankawa/Lipan Apache woman who is indigenous to Corpus Christi, TX. It has come to my tribe's attention that there is a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) funding for the development of a sacred burial ground to my people. I have been born and raised here and this land is a place of prayer and gathering for my relatives. I ask for you to kindly reconsider this decision on behalf of all indigenous people of the Coastal Bend. I plea on behalf of the respectable man who is no longer with us today, Larry Running Turtle Salazar. This land is sacred to us and it is historical. Please consult with local tribes who are indigenous to this land, with archaeologists to conduct an archaeological survey. Develop a plan for respectfully discovering human remains with archaeological monitoring if you must. And please consider our people instead of disposing, destroying or dehumanizing these human remains and artifacts.

Thank you.

Upload supporting images or documents.



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