



City of Corpus Christi

1201 Leopard Street
Corpus Christi, TX 78401
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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Pastor Rob Bailey with Southside Community Church.

Pastor Rob Bailey with Southside Community Church gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Zoe Buentello, senior at Mary Carroll High School.

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

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

1. [26-0233](#) Presentation on Texas Recreation & Park Society Institute and Expo

City Manager Peter Zanoni and Director of Parks and Recreation Robert Dodd recognized City staff and Visit Corpus Christi for their efforts in hosting the Texas Recreation & Park Society Institute and Expo.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke: Sondra Meyer, Corpus Christi, TX, Alejandro Chavera, Corpus Christi, TX, Matthew De Shields, Corpus Christi, TX, David Ainsworth, Sr., Corpus Christi, TX, Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Kresten Cook, Corpus Christi,

TX, Zachary Bornstein, Corpus Christi, TX, Robert Meize, Nueces County, TX, Kenneth Korczynski, Nueces County, TX, Henry Williams, Corpus Christi, TX, Jestine Knox, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Ajit David, Corpus Christi, TX, Monna Lytle, Corpus Christi, TX, David Varga, Corpus Christi, TX, Sean Merritt, Corpus Christi, TX, Justin O'Neal, Corpus Christi, TX, Taylor Johnson, Corpus Christi, TX, Tracy Joehnk, Corpus Christi, TX, and Nishy George, Corpus Christi, TX.

The following individuals submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, Merida Forrest, Corpus Christi, TX, Sandra Love Sanchez, Corpus Christi, TX, and John Weber, Fair Oaks, CA.

G. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

H. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 2 - 13)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Items 9, 10, 11 and 12 were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 9, 10, 11 and 12, seconded by Council Member Vaughn. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

2. [26-0244](#) Approval of the February 10, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

3. [26-0144](#) Ordinance amending Section 49-15 of the Corpus Christi Code to authorize easement encroachment licenses prior to encroachment.

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

Enactment No: 033863

4. [25-1827](#) Ordinance amending the existing "Project Financing Zone Number One, City of Corpus Christi, Texas" (the "Zone") for the Hilliard Center Complex; making certain findings related thereto; directing that the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts be notified of the amendments of the Zone; requesting that the Comptroller deposit incremental hotel-associated tax revenues from the amended Zone into a suspense account held in trust for the Qualified Project Activities; and containing other related matters.

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

Enactment No: 033864

5. [26-0189](#) Ordinance amending the Roadway Master Plan Map of Mobility CC, a transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Corpus Christi, by removing Projects 1-AO, 1-AN and 1-AM, proposed C1 Collectors located between IH 69 and CR 69; and providing for publication.

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

Enactment No: 033865

6. [26-0190](#) Ordinance amending the Roadway Master Plan Map of Mobility CC, a transportation element of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of Corpus Christi, by reducing the classification of the proposed extension of Amanda Lane between FM 1889 and 2115 feet East of CR 73 from a proposed A2 Secondary Arterial to a proposed C1 Collector; and providing for publication.

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

Enactment No: 033866

7. [25-1159](#) Ordinance adopting the Padre/Mustang Island Mobility Plan as an element of Corpus Christi's Comprehensive Plan.

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

Enactment No: 033867

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

General Consent Items

8. [26-0171](#) Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, for the FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program totaling \$13,519,788.00, with a cash match of \$3,379,947.00, to complete the Taxiway K Reconstruction and West Apron Expansion and the International Drive Rehabilitation Projects at the Corpus Christi International Airport.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033868

9. [26-0185](#) Resolution in support of the proposed 9% Low-income Housing Tax Credits for an approximately 101-unit mixed income housing development known as Sea Gulf Villas located at 416 N. Chaparral Street as proposed by UDG Sea Gulf Villas, LTD.

Interim Director of Planning and Economic Development Jennifer Buxton and Principal Partner with Fishpond Development David Fournier responded to Council

questions.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033869

- 10. [26-0186](#) Resolution in support of the proposed 9% Low-income Housing Tax Credits for an approximately 64-unit affordable housing development known as Palms at Gollihar located on 5.25 acres of Greenwood Drive at Gollihar Road to be developed by TG 110, Inc. and Prospera Housing Community Services.

Council Member Barrera asked to pull this item to abstain.

There were no comments from the Council.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Enactment No: 033870

- 11. [25-1939](#) Resolution authorizing the purchase of 58 replacement and 14 additional light and heavy vehicles and equipment by various departments, of which all 72 units will be outright purchases, for a combined total amount of \$3,427,798.65, with such items to be acquired in the manner, at the amounts, and from the sources stated, with FY 2026 funding from the Fleet Equipment Replacement Fund.

Interim Director of Asset Management Juan Rivera and Assistant Director of Fleet Services Russell Dean responded to Council questions.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Campos. 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: 033871

12. [26-0243](#) Resolution supporting the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), and urging Congressional and Department of War support for its continued operations and growth.

Director of Intergovernmental Relations Ryan Skrobarczyk presented information on the following topic: Defending the Depot: a strategic mandate for modernization.

Director Skrobarczyk and Executive Director of the South Texas Military Task Force Kresten Cook responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Mayor Guajardo moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Vaughn. 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: 033872

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

13. [26-0172](#) Ordinance authorizing a five year lease with Sinister LLC with monthly rent of \$300 for use of the city owned property located at 1401 Leopard Street for a parking lot, located in Council District 1.

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

I. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:22 p.m. Executive Session Item 27 was held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (NONE)

K. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 14 - 22)

14. [26-0192](#) A resolution relating to establishing the City's intention to reimburse itself for the prior lawful expenditure of funds relating to any capital expenditures from the proceeds of one or more series of tax-exempt or taxable obligations to be issued by the City in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$410,000,000 for

authorized purposes, including the Evangeline Groundwater Rights Project, pump station and conveyance system, and the Brackish Water Desalination Plant Project; Authorizing other matters incident and related thereto; and providing an effective date.

Director of Finance Sergio Villasana presented information on the following topics: reimbursement resolution; and recommendation.

City Manager Peter Zanoni, Director Villasana, and Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

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

Nay: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033873

15. [26-0196](#) Ordinance authorizing a contract with FCC Aqualia USA Corp. of Katy, Texas for design, procurement, assembly, commissioning and operation of a containerized brackish water desalination plant in the amount of \$43,548,474.00 for the CCW Containerized Brackish Water Treatment Plant project; authorizing construction contracts for ancillary improvements required for the brackish treatment plant in an amount up to \$11,451,526.00; authorizing emergency construction contracts for the pump station and conveyance system from the Western Well Field to ON Stevens WTP in an amount up to \$120,000,000.00; and amending the FY 2026 Capital Budget, with FY 2026 funding available from Water Capital Fund.

Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann presented information on the following topics: containerized brackish water treatment plant-overview; project scope; Western Well Field Pump Station; conveyance line; brackish groundwater reverse osmosis; ONSWTP site work; effluent discharge; project team; Aqualia qualifications; fiscal impact; operations; project costs and rate impact; estimated monthly water bill impact; project benefits; and staff recommendations.

City Manager Peter Zanoni and COO Winkelmann responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Trey Cranford, Nueces County, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Nay: 1 - Council Member Vaughn

Abstained: 0

16. [26-0264](#) Ordinance authorizing Amendment No. 2 to the Master Services Agreement with Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc. of San Antonio, Texas for construction management and inspection services in the amount of \$13,065,100.00, for a total contract amount of \$28,465,100.00; and Amendment No. 1 to the Construction Manager-At-Risk (CMAR) contract with Garney Companies, Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri for construction services in the amount of \$182,389,792.00, for a total contract amount of \$185,389,792.00, for the Evangeline/San Patricio Co. Groundwater Program; and amending the FY 2026 Capital Budget, with FY 2026 funding available from Water Capital Fund.

City Manager Peter Zanoni, Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann, and Managing Vice President of Pape Dawson Chris Noe responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Cantu. 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

17. [26-0225](#) Ordinance authorizing execution of a Groundwater Rights Purchase and Sale Agreement with Nancy Fleming Shelton, Trustee of the Nancy Fleming

Shelton Trust u/w/o Roger Fleming, Zorilla-Malone Properties, Ltd, Lynn O'Connor Carter, Nancy O'Connor and T. Michael, each Individually and as Co-Trustees of the Mary Madeline O'Connor Family Exempt Trust and the Mary Madeline O'Connor Family Non-Exempt Trust for purchase of Li Ranch as part of the Evangeline Groundwater Project in an amount up to \$38,000,000.00; and amending the FY 2026 Capital Budget, with FY 2026 funding available from Water Capital Fund.

City Manager Peter Zanoni and Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Scott 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

18. [26-0191](#) Motion awarding a construction contract to South Texas Building Partners, Inc. of Corpus Christi, Texas for the construction of the Northside Aquatics Center in the Hillcrest area in an amount up to \$8,709,077.22, located in Council District 1 with FY2026 funding available from Bond 2024 and Metropolitan Planning Organization reimbursement.

City Manager Peter Zanoni, Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds, and Assistant Director of Park Operations and Development Sergio Gonzalez responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Henry Williams, Corpus Christi, TX and Tina Butler, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera move to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Campos. 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: M2026-014

19. [25-1755](#) Ordinance authorizing execution of a five-year lease agreement, with two five-year options, with Big Johnson Fuel & Lubricants, LLC, of Corpus Christi, Texas, for a marine fuel station at the Coopers Alley L-Head, in consideration of monthly lease payments of \$500 for the first year, \$500 a month plus \$0.05 per gallon of all fuel sold thereafter, with a 10% increase in base rent after the first lease term, and an increase of 3% annually thereafter.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Scott 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

20. [26-0063](#) Resolution authorizing the second amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Mustang and North Padre Islands Beach Parking Permit System between the City of Corpus Christi, City of Port Aransas, and Nueces County to increase the beach parking permit fees and modify the revenue distribution, beginning in calendar year 2027.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye: 7 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Council Member Cantu, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Roy

Nay: 2 - Council Member Vaughn and Mayor Guajardo

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033874

21. [25-1968](#) Ordinance amending Sections 19-1, 19-33, 19-49, and 38-9 of the Corpus Christi Code to amend fee schedules for food establishments and adopt a reinspection fee in compliance with Senate Bill 1008; providing for penalty;

and providing for publication.

Director of Public Health District Dr. Anita Kurian and Texas Restaurant Association Coastal Bend Chapter Chair Matthew De Shields responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Hernandez moved to amend the ordinance to set the fee for all school-based food establishments at \$150.00 per inspection, seconded by Council Member Paxson and passed unanimously.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinance as amended, seconded by Council Member Roy. This Ordinance was passed on first reading as amended 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

22. [26-0277](#) Motion to discuss and act on expanding the purpose and actions of the conservation plan committee to include evaluation and recommendations for standards pertaining to technology and measures that increase fresh water conservation efforts for our various rate category users. Also to work with staff to assess system water loss actual amounts and develop a plan to reduce or eliminate that loss. Also to work with staff to develop recommendations for drought or water supply issue related curtailment measures appropriate for the various rate category users during restricted periods, **as requested by Council Members Kaylynn Paxson, Eric Cantu, and Gil Hernandez.**

City Manager Peter Zanoni and Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann responded to Council questions.

No action was taken.

L. **BRIEFINGS: (ITEMS 23 - 24)**

23. [26-0217](#) Water Supply Update

This Item was withdrawn.

24. [26-0242](#) Presentation by Corpus Christi Police Department on findings of Homewood Suites Investigation (to be presented after Executive Session).

Deputy Police Chief William Breedlove presented information on findings of the Homewood Suites Investigation as follows: introduction; Auditors letter; inquiries;

investigators; timeline; and conclusion.

Deputy Breedlove and Senior Police Officer Gilbert Garcia responded to Council questions.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 25 - 27)

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting at 5:22 p.m. to go into Executive Session on Item 25. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

- 25. [26-0205](#) Executive Session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code § 551.071 and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to personnel matters and the City Secretary and Texas Gov't Code § 551.074 (personnel matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee (including the City Secretary).**

This E-Session Item was passed after executive session.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to increase the City Secretary's base salary to \$144,273.15 annually, effective next pay period.

Council Member Roy moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Barrera. The 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: M2026-015

- 26. [26-0223](#) Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to rules and regulations of state of Texas, EPA, TCEQ, TWDB, Texas Railroad Commission, San Patricio County Groundwater Conservation District, and legal rights, property rights, and/or contracts related to purchase and/or sale of groundwater, including water rights in property accessing the Evangeline Aquifer in San Patricio County adjacent and/or near US Highway 181, US Highway 77, US Highway 77 Business, Highway 89, and/or the Aransas River, and other sources, and Texas Government Code § 551.072 to discuss and deliberate the purchase or value of the aforementioned rights to real property because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, including, but not limited to, potential consideration of authorization to enter agreement(s) for professionals for services related to these property rights, interlocal**

agreements and other agreements with government entities near the aforementioned property(ies) and/or the purchase of the property or property(ies) at and/or adjacent to locations (if any) described herein.

This E-Session Item was withdrawn.

27. [25-1978](#) **Executive Session pursuant to Texas Gov't Code § 551.071** and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to Homewood Suites Investigation, potential updates on litigation in related civil cases and other lawsuits, and potential consideration of attorneys fees related thereto

This E-Session Item was passed after executive session.

The following resolution was considered:

Resolution authorizing the public release of an Executive Summary of the Investigation into Homewood Suites Type B Incentive - Procedural and Fraud Review.

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

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

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Roy

Enactment No: 033875

N. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Monday, February 16, 2026

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Name

Jason Hale

Address

4421 Hamlin Dr
CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, 78411-3059

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

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 2

Topic

Groundwater Management & Curtailment

Agenda Item Number

General Public Comment

Comment

See attached.

Upload supporting images or documents.



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Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.

jasonhaletx@gmail.com

Questions for City Councilmembers and City Staff regarding Sustainable groundwater management and Curtailment

Sustainable groundwater management:

1. What is the maximum sustainable production for the CCASRCD?
2. How does that compare to the planned production for the eastern, western, and ERF well fields?
3. What are the most relevant potential unacceptable economic, environmental, and social consequences of the maximum sustainable production for the CCASRCD and at what yields are they likely to occur?
4. If the City's eastern, western, and ERF well fields were only operated on an emergency basis for times of drought and in a maintenance mode during non-emergency times, how would that affect the sustainability of those groundwater resources?
5. What is the maximum sustainable production for the San Patricio GCD?
6. How does that compare to the planned production for the Evangeline Laguna well fields?
7. What are the most relevant potential unacceptable economic, environmental, and social consequences of the maximum sustainable production for the San Patricio GCD and at what yields are they likely to occur?
8. If the City's Evangeline Laguna well fields were only operated on an emergency basis for times of drought and in a maintenance mode during non-emergency times, how would that affect the sustainability of those groundwater resources?

Curtailment:

1. How will curtailment be implemented for:
 - a. Residential customers,
 - b. Commercial customers,
 - c. Large volume customers, and
 - d. Wholesale customers?
2. Who decides when curtailment will begin?
3. How long will it take for curtailment to be implemented once that decision has been made?
4. What counts as a violation of curtailment?
5. How will curtailment be enforced?
6. What is the criteria for ending curtailment?
7. Who decides when curtailment will end?

ideally through a stakeholder process. Potential unacceptable consequences include: high amounts of subsidence, reduced spring flow, reduction in surface water flows, saline water encroachment, fault activation, increased potential for contamination by pollution sources, and impacts to shallow wells.

Sustainable yield (Q_{SY}) is the amount of groundwater that can be produced to achieve groundwater sustainability.

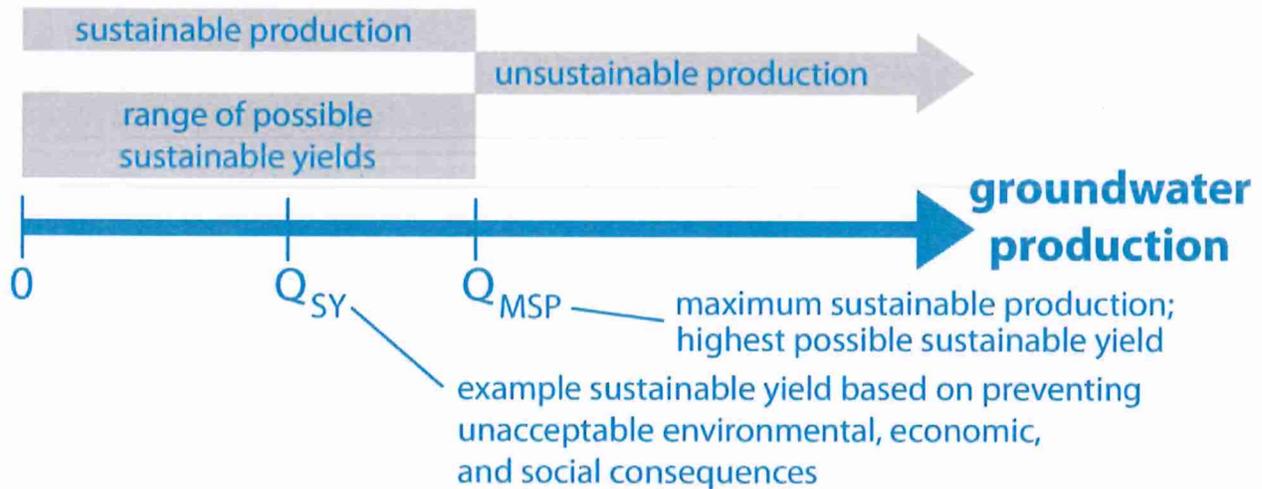


FIGURE 6: A SIMPLE CONCEPTUAL MODEL OF SUSTAINABLE AND UNSUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION.

Resources on Sustainable Groundwater Management

Public hearing on groundwater management and aquifer sustainability, The Texas House Committee on Natural Resources, February 10, 2026.

<https://house.texas.gov/videos/22642>

- Wade Oliver, 02:34:40
 - Discusses how the GMA's are essentially split into two groups. The western GMA's primarily cover aquifers that are unconfined while the eastern GMA's cover aquifers that are confined and unconfined. Wade explains how a lot of the productivity from the eastern aquifers is due to the pressure in the confined aquifer, stating that the most productive areas tend to be where there is confining pressure.

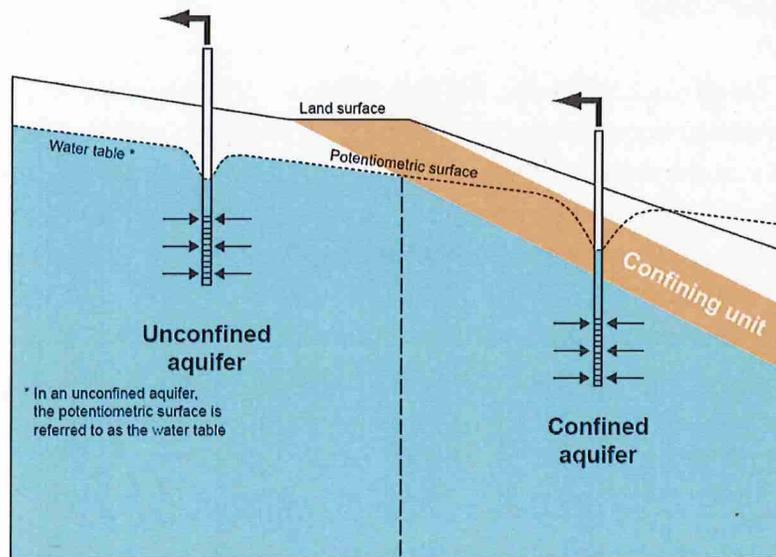


FIGURE 5: UNCONFINED AND CONFINED CONDITIONS IN AN AQUIFER (FROM GEORGE AND OTHERS 2011).

- Dr. Robert Mace, 5:02:30
 - Discusses how most aquifers in Texas are being pumped at 90% of their maximum sustainable production. Defines **maximum sustainable production (Q_{SP})** as the amount of water that can be taken from an aquifer every year for the next 300+ years. Explains how GCD's and GMA's are not required to assess the maximum sustainable production for their districts.

Five Gallons in a Ten Gallon Hat: Groundwater Sustainability in Texas, Robert Mace, 2021

<https://watershedassociation.org/library/five-gallons-in-a-ten-gallon-hat-groundwater-sustainability-in-texas/>

Defines **groundwater sustainability** as the "development and use of ground water in a manner that can be maintained for an indefinite time without causing unacceptable environmental, economic, or social consequences." Explains that groundwater sustainability has to be defined by a decisionmaker,

Public Comment for City Council 02/17/2026

Hi Councilmembers,

First, I want to state my appreciation for all of the hard work you and City staff are putting into meeting the current and future water needs of the Coastal Bend. We are in an extraordinary situation right now, big decisions are being made fast, and I wanted to bring up a couple of points for your consideration. The intent of my comment is to ensure 1.) that all water users are being treated fairly and 2.) that all resources are being managed as efficiently as possible (within reason).

1. What is the near term and long term maximum sustainable yield for the Nueces River Groundwater Wells?

Key decisions are being made regarding the Nueces River Groundwater Well projects. The City is planning on withdrawing huge amounts of water from a relatively small area of land. Before more decisions are made on the project, I think it is important to have a definitive statement from the City's hydrogeologist, Steve Young, made available to Councilmembers and the public about the short term and long term production capabilities of these well fields.

Not only is this important for guiding future decisionmaking surrounding the projects but also for informing the City about the potential impacts to residents who rely on residential wells. Last week, it was clear that Councilmembers lacked a definitive statement from the City's hydrogeologist and instead had to rely on City staff's interpretations of previous statements, which may or may not be 100% accurate.

2. How will CCW implement curtailment and will Council be ready to implement it earlier than expected if necessary?

Curtailment is one of the City's most important tools for ensuring water needs will be met as the drought continues. It was briefly discussed last week during a Water Conservation Advisory Committee meeting. My takeaway from the discussion was that the City needs to clearly articulate how it will carry out curtailment, preferably as a presentation to Council at an upcoming meeting.

The City is spending millions of dollars to meet current demands, which is appropriate for the situation because of how severe it is. However, there is a possibility that curtailment will need to happen sooner than currently planned due to 1.) underestimates of sedimentation in the western reservoirs, 2.) drought in the eastern reservoirs, or 3.) production issues with the Nueces River groundwater well fields. Therefore, I believe it is important for the City to demonstrate that it is ready to carry out curtailment and ready to implement it effectively by presenting how it will do so to the public. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Jason Hale

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Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Name

Merida Forrest

Address

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Corpus Christi, TX, 78414

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

City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

District 5

Topic

IH Desal -Please consider these points as you prepare for next week's vote.

Agenda Item Number

general

Comment

Residents deserve clean, safe, & affordable water, but the IH experimental desal plant poses serious risks. It harms the Hillcrest community & threatens our fishing industry & ecosystem—evidence from the Brownsville pilot plant shows ship channels are poor locations. Offshore intake & discharge, like the Barney Davis site, are essential. We cannot invest nearly \$1B in a project that may not work. A transparent, comprehensive study of IH & outer areas, including long-term brine “dead zone” impacts, is needed. Cost is also critical. Beyond the high \$\$ for only 34mgd, what will residents pay per 1,000 gallons? Will CC Desal Partners proposal offer that guaranteed cost? Is there room for expansion? will this meet long-term growth needs? We face a water crisis & need a proven solution that protects the bay. Please halt the vote until far-field modeling for CC Bay, Nueces Bay, & the ship channel is complete. Do not rush or commit major funds without full infor & environmental safeguards.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission. aleli420@yahoo.com

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Name

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City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

Yes

What district do you reside in?

I don't know

Topic

Water

Agenda Item Number

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Comment

I'm asking the Council to move beyond repeating "no desal" and instead look at what you can do right now using your full City Council authority to protect our water supply.

The issue is current water demand. At this moment, some of the largest heavy water users have no restrictions, while residents and communities are being asked to conserve.

I'm asking you to place immediate restrictions on high-volume water users who are currently exempt, so we can protect what we have before making irreversible decisions.

I will be sending you a draft moratorium for review. I also encourage you to look at the recent action taken by the Hays County Judge, who used existing authority to protect water resources.

You have the same authority here. I'm asking you to use it to protect our water now.

Thank you.

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

Sunday, February 15, 2026

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Name

John Weber

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Fair Oaks, CA, 95628

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City Council

Are you a resident of Corpus Christi?

No

Topic

Water Conservation Plan

Agenda Item Number

Public comment

Comment

Please make sure staff isn't just checking the boxes. Please see attached for an evidence-based approach for a cost-effective plan. Thank you.

Upload supporting images or documents.



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Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.

js_weber@hotmail.com

The City needs a proven, cost effective, evidence based Water Conservation Plan.

Please request City staff put together a list of the top 30 water conservation ideas that other cities are currently doing. Examples- giving away low flow shower heads, rebates for low flow toilets, giving away dual-flush toilet kits, getting rid of turf, etc... Then have the City paid consultant, find or do the actual math. Have them rank the list from least expensive to most expensive, cost per thousand gallons saved over the life of the idea. Example only below (I haven't researched or done the math).

Low flow showerhead- \$.10 per thousand gallons
Toilet rebate- \$.20 per thousand gallons
Water wise house calls- \$1.00 per thousand gallons

You get the idea. Once this has been completed. All conservation ideas that are less expensive than the cheapest new water source (approximately \$7 per thousand, or whatever is the agreed number) should be put into the conservation plan. I am sure that y'all would all agree that the fastest new water source (conservation) and also the specific conservation ideas that will raise the rates the least (cheapest per thousand gallons) are the ones that should be included in the plan, funded and implemented first.

This would be an evidence-based conservation plan. As long as the evidence is referenced for each conservation idea, people can get behind it. Thank you for your consideration.