



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Thursday, August 3, 2023

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

FY 2023-2024 Budget Workshop for Parks and Recreation, Libraries, Health Department, Animal Care Services, and Sustainability and Coastal Resiliency Initiatives

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

B. 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: 8 - 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, and Council Member Jim Klein

Absent: 1 - Council Member Sylvia Campos

C. BRIEFINGS:

1. [23-1289](#) FY 2023-2024 Budget Workshop for Parks and Recreation, Libraries, Health Department, Animal Care Services, and Sustainability and Coastal Resiliency Initiatives

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 1.

Director of Development Services Al Raymond presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about development services; organization; FY 2023 achievements; performance measures; FY 2024 development services department proposed budget: \$16.2M; FY 2024 proposed development services fund budget: \$12.1M ; FY 2024 proposed general fund-code enforcement budget: \$3.8M; FY 2024 enhancement 1 (general fund); FY 2024 enhancement 2 (general fund); FY 2024 development services fee update; development services building remodel update; and development services building remodel update (financial synopsis).

Council Members, Director Raymond, City Manager Peter Zanoni, Business Manager of Development Services Grayson Meyer, and Director of Management and Budget Eddie

Houlihan discussed the following topics: a request for the time frame from plan review to permit issuance; a Council Member's request for more information about how grants impact the budget; the department's goal is to fund the building remodel; there are no special revenue funds in Development Services; a Council Member's concern about the deficit spending of \$12 million and revenues of only \$8.8 million; a concern that \$8 million was budgeted and only bringing in \$9.5 million; how is the city measuring efficiencies and deficiencies; a request for a breakdown of code enforcement's dismissed cases versus adjudicated cases; and a Council Member commended Development Services for their efforts at improving processes.

Director of Parks and Recreation Robert Dodd presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about parks and recreation; organization; FY 2023 achievements; performance measures; FY 2024 parks and recreation proposed budget: \$41.4M; FY 2024 proposed budget general fund: \$24.5M; FY 2024 proposed budget special revenue funds: \$12M; FY 2024 proposed budget enterprise funds: \$2.6M; committee priorities; FY 2024 enhancement 1; FY 2024 enhancement 2; FY 2024 enhancement 3; FY 2024 enhancement 4; FY 2024 enhancement 5; FY 2024 enhancement 6; park development fund; and After Hour Kid Power (AHKP).

Council Members, Director Dodd, City Manager Peter Zaroni, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Tyler Florence, Marina Manager Jonathan Atwood, and Community Relations & Engagement Superintendent Lisa Oliver discussed the following topics: that there are not enough pools and splash pads in Districts 1 and 4; a request for a quarterly update from the Marina Manager; ensure that Wranosky Park gets a parking lot, lighting and amenities; a request that any water launch sites include boat, kayak and kite board launches; a desire to add pickleball courts on the island; park development funds at Bill Witt Park will be spent on securing the perimeter, addressing parking lots, and circular movement around park trails; the City is exploring the idea of having lifeguards trained as Emergency Medical Technicians; a Council Member's desire to see an increase in pay for park technicians; a grant has been applied for with regard to adding more bike trails; a request for a breakdown of the cost for improvements at each park; Homeowners Association interest in planting and maintaining trees on Yorktown Boulevard medians; the Central Kitchen is located at Del Mar West Campus which supplies food to the Senior Citizen Centers and includes home delivery; Parks and Recreation is assuming maintenance and operations of ball fields this year; they will be leased to sports organizations for a fee; and a Council Member commended staff for implementing more sporting facilities.

Library Director Laura Z. Garcia presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about libraries; services; more than books...supporting our community; organization; FY 2023 achievements; performance measures; FY 2024 library department proposed budget: \$7.1M; FY 2024 proposed budget general fund: \$7.1M; Friends of Corpus Christi Public Libraries; Library Advisory Board; FY 2024 enhancement 1; and FY 2024 enhancement 2.

Council Members and Director Garcia discussed the following topics: a request for a breakdown of the number of visitors at each library; a Council Member's desire for more public outreach to teens for library use; landscaping improvements have begun at La Retama Library; a Council Member's concern that public libraries do not have an age rating system to checkout books; the library computers need to be replaced about every three years; the two new Librarian positions will focus on public outreach, ask a librarian services, and research; the City's library operating budget is behind other cities in the state; and library hours are staggered due to the service areas and state requirements.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 12:21 p.m.