



Meeting Minutes

City Council Workshop

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

FY 2026 Budget Workshop: Corpus Christi Water, FY 2026 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Proposed Budget and Rates

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 9:14 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

Note: Council Member Paxson arrived at 9:17 a.m.

Present 8 - Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Kaylynn Paxson, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Everett Roy, Council Member Sylvia Campos, and Council Member Mark Scott

Absent 1 - Council Member Eric Cantu

C. BRIEFINGS

1. [25-1287](#) Overview of Corpus Christi Water, FY 2026 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Proposed Budget and Rates

Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Drew Molly, Director of Water Systems Infrastructure Wes Nebgen, Principal of Newgen Strategies and Solutions Andy McCartney, and Manager of Newgen Strategies and Solutions Tia Carnes presented information on the following topics: FY 2025-2026 proposed budget; Corpus Christi Water (an enterprise fund); wastewater fund; FY 2025 achievements wastewater; consent decree; consent decree progress; consent decree rate impact; FY 2026 proposed budget wastewater fund: \$113.6M; year-over-year costs; addition of 9 maintenance positions and heavy equipment \$2.3M (\$800k annual/\$1.5M one-time); enhanced maintenance necessary to protect investment; addition of 7 reclaimed water station positions \$552k; wastewater FY 2025 CIP progress; delays; FY 2026 wastewater proposed CIP: \$109.7M; wastewater FY 2026 proposed CIP; water & wastewater COS/rate study-2026; approach to Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 rates; cost of service process

flowchart; FY 2026 proposed rates; FY 2026 proposed wastewater rates; historical funding of storm water legacy debt; FY 2026 results for retail wastewater system; wastewater COS vs. revenues; FY 2026 proposed rates; inside city limit-residential; outside city limit-residential; inside city limit-commercial; outside city limit-commercial; FY 2025 achievements-water; FY 2026 proposed budget water fund: \$183.4M; year-over-year costs; water FY 2025 CIP progress; water FY 2026 proposed CIP: \$389.6M; water 2024 annual billed usage; water annual billed usage; FY 2026 draft COS/rate study results (water); FY 2026 proposed rates (water rate structure); water system functionalization; FY 2026 results for retail water system; FY 2026 results for total water system (water COS vs. revenues); FY 2026 proposed water rates-inside city retail water monthly minimum charge; outside city retail water monthly minimum charge; inside and outside retail water service volumetric rates; wholesale treated volumetric rates; non-ratepayer wholesale raw water only volumetric rates; municipal (wholesale) raw water only; residential; commercial (typical restaurant); irrigation; large volume; and wholesale-treated.

D. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.