



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

Addendums may be added on Friday.

A. Mayor Paulette M. 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 Kevin Jennings, Mt. Olive Lutheran Church.

Council Member Roland Barrera gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Daniel Gardiner, W.B. Ray High School student.

Daniel Gardiner, W.B. Ray High School student, 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 Zaroni, City Attorney Miles K. Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta.

Present: 9 - Mayor Paulette M. Guajardo, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Billy A. Lerma, Council Member John Martinez, Council Member Ben Molina, Council Member Mike Pusley, and Council Member Greg Smith

E. Proclamations / Commendations

1. [22-0156](#) Check Presentation by the Hooks Baseball Organization to the Corpus Christi Police Officers Association and the Corpus Christi Professional Firefighters Association.
Check Presentation by the Rotary Club Flags for Heroes Project to the City of Corpus Christi Parks & Recreation Department.
Award Presentation by the Downtown Management District for the Mayor's Merriest Decor Contest.
Swearing-In Ceremony for Newly Appointed Board, Commission, Committee and Corporation Members.

The presentations and Swearing-In Ceremony were held.

F. GULF COAST GROWTH VENTURES PRESENTATION

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Gulf Coast Growth Ventures Presentation.

President and Site Manager Paul Fritsch presented information on the following topics: plant status; beneficial, everyday products; our workforce; keys to our success; proud to be part of the Coastal Bend; and good neighbor program.

Council Members and Mr. Fritsch discussed the following topics: Council Members thanked Mr. Fritsch for his partnership in the community.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened the public comment period.

Shirley Thornton, 1917 Woodcrest, spoke in opposition to Item 20.

Wendy Herman, 5325 Yorktown Blvd., spoke regarding Item 30.

Scott Leeton, 3122 Leopard St., thanked the Mayor, City Council and City Manager for their community support.

Kathryn Oler, 1400 Ocean Dr., Elisa Gonzalez, 4101 Brett Dr., and Tim Dowling, 8107 Villefranche Dr., spoke regarding the redistricting process.

Errol Summerlin, 1017 Diomedede Dr., Love Sanchez, 6130 Wooldridge Rd., spoke in opposition to extending the desalination funding.

Melissa Zamora, 3917 Brawner Parkway and Christopher Phelan, 3806 Kingston Dr., spoke in opposition to desalination.

The following citizens submitted written public comments which are attached to the minutes: Errol Summerlin, 1017 Diomedede Dr. and Lydia Ponce, Venice, CA.

H. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS:

Mayor Guajardo referred to City Manager's comments.

a. Waterline Infrastructure Improvements Update

Interim Director of Water Utilities Gabriel Ramirez and Assistant Director of Utilities Infrastructure Wesley Nebgen presented information on the following topics: water main break-heat map 2017-2021; water pipe replacement program background; completed to date; leak reduction; water pipe replacement program information; and looking ahead.

Council Members, Interim Director Ramirez, City Manager Peter Zanoni and Chief Operating Officer Mike Murphy discussed the following topics: Council Members' concern of water tasting and smelling "earthy", and looking discolored; this will not affect the City's superior water rating; a Council Member's concern about not having answers for citizens about water issues; chemical testing is being done monthly at the intake sites; and updated technology and capital improvements should address the water issues.

b. SOS² Pothole Repair Initiative Update

City Manager Zanoni reported on the SOS pothole repair initiative update. City Council authorized \$1.4 Million to address potholes. To date, 8,000 potholes have been filled and should be 100% in compliance in 30 to 45 days.

Council Members and Director of Public Works Rolando Mata discussed the following topics: the two jet patchers are expected to be received by March or April; and the jet patchers will be used to augment the labor.

c. Storm Water Fee Update

City Manager Zanoni reported on the storm water fee update. As of January 1, 2022, 17 out of 20 billing cycles have been processed.

Director of Public Works Rolando Mata presented information on the following topics: public works customer service; business plan; storm water improvements; and storm water fee.

Council Members, Director Mata and City Manager Zanoni discussed the following topics: a Council Member's request for clarification about the utility assistance program; and large volume water users are seeing a reduction on their water bill because the storm water fee is based on water consumption.

d. COVID-19/Omicron Variant Update

Health Director Annette Rodriguez presented the following update on COVID-19/Omicron Variant: Omicron "variant of concern" Nueces County COVID-19 cases; age breakdown for January cases; Nueces County COVID-19 deaths; hospitalizations/ICU; total vaccines administered; total boosters administered; Nueces County vaccination rates; COVID-19 drive thru testing; new CDC guidelines; monoclonal antibodies; COVID-19 vaccine additional primary shot and booster shots; indoor COVID-19 vaccine clinics; outdoor COVID-19 vaccine clinics; school vaccine clinics; and free COVID testing sites.

Council Members and Director Rodriguez discussed the following topics: a Council Member's request for the presentation; a request for Mayor and Council to receive an update when vaccine clinic locations change; and the current total amount of vaccine breakthrough cases is 11,200.

I. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: None

J. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:**K. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 2 - 19)****Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Council Members requested that Item 6 be pulled for individual consideration.

A motion was made by Council Member Molina, seconded by Council Member Smith to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 6. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

2. [22-0153](#) Approval of the January 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

3. [22-0038](#) Ordinance authorizing a Wastewater Collection Line Extension Construction and Reimbursement Agreement with IHS Consultants, LP to construct off-site sanitary sewer improvements for a planned commercial development, Park Springs IHS, Blk 1, Lots 1-3, located on River Hill Dr and south of Northwest Boulevard (FM 624), with a completion date of 24 months; transferring \$30,400.30 from the Wastewater Trunk System Trust Fund to the Wastewater Collection Line Trust Fund; and appropriating \$87,463.77 from the No. 4220-21801 Wastewater Collection Line Trust Fund to reimburse the Developer per the agreement. (District 1)

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

Enactment No: 032645

4. [22-0118](#) Ordinance authorizing an amendment of the current contract with Sinister, LLC to maintain the monthly rent rate of \$100 for the first option year of the City owned property located at 1401 Leopard Street for a parking lot.

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

Enactment No: 032646

5. [22-0056](#) Ordinance appropriating \$71,940 from the unreserved fund balance of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 3 Fund for incentives under the Streetscape

and Safety Improvement Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2022 operating budget.

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

Enactment No: 032647

Consent - Public Safety First Reading Ordinances

6. [22-0166](#) Ordinance appropriating \$3,000,000.00 from the General Fund unreserved fund balance for Fire Department equipment funded by the FY 2021 Texas Ambulance Supplemental Payment Program revenue and amending the FY 2022 Operating Budget by increasing expenditures in the Fire Department General Fund by \$3,000,000.00.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 6.

Council Members and Fire Chief Robert Rocha discussed the following topics: Council Members stated that this is a good news item; and the LUCAS device maintains chest compressions for blood circulation during transport.

City Manager Peter Zanoni and Fire Chief Rocha recognized Assistant Fire Chief Kenneth Erben for coordinating the program.

Council Member Lerma made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

7. [22-0041](#) Motion authorizing a one-year supply agreement for the purchase of Emergency Medical Services medications with Bound Tree Medical, LLC. of Dublin, Ohio for a total amount of \$122,222.28, with two one-year options for a total amount of \$366,666.84, effective upon issuance of a notice to proceed, with FY 2022 funding in an amount of \$81,481.52 available in the General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2022-009

8. [21-1449](#) Motion authorizing a one-year supply agreement, with an additional one-year option with Polydyne Inc. of Riceboro, Georgia for an estimated amount of \$963,000.00, with an estimated potential amount not to exceed \$2,016,000.00 if the option period is exercised for the purchase of Liquid Cationic Polymer to be

used for treatment of potable drinking water process at the O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant, with FY 2022 funding in an estimated amount of \$750,000.00 available through the Water Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2022-010

9. [22-0057](#) Resolution authorizing a one-year supply agreement, with one additional one-year option, for the purchase of liquid chlorine in rail car, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00 and a potential cost of \$5,000,000.00 if all options are exercised, with DPC Industries, Inc. of Corpus Christi, Texas, with FY 2022 funding in the amount of \$1,666,700.00 available through the Water Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032648

10. [21-1752](#) Motion authorizing a one-year supply agreement with two one-year option periods, in an amount not to exceed \$142,577.40 and a potential not to exceed \$427,732.20 if option periods are exercised, for non-shear flexible couplings for the City Warehouse with Hajoca Corporation dba Moore Supply Co., of Corpus Christi, Texas, with FY 2022 funding in the amount of \$106,933.05 available in the Stores Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2022-011

11. [22-0045](#) Resolution authorizing the acquisition of 108 vehicles by various departments in the amount of \$4,728,071.49, with such items to be acquired in the manner, at the amounts, and from the sources stated with FY 2022 funding in the amount of \$4,405,875.65 with the remaining balance of \$322,195.84 for the lease purchase items to be funded through the annual budget process.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032649

12. [22-0007](#) Motion authorizing a five-year service agreement with MGT of America Consulting, LLC of Fort Worth, Texas, for annual Cost Allocation Plans that allocate indirect costs to all City Departments, in an amount of \$77,800.00, effective upon issuance of a notice to proceed, with FY 2022 funding in an amount of \$15,000.00 in the General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2022-012

13. [22-0005](#) Motion authorizing a three-year service agreement with Greens & Things Nursery & Landscaping LLC, of Portland, Texas for an estimated amount not to exceed \$198,000.00 for lawncare services for Corpus Christi International

Airport with FY 2022 funding in an amount not to exceed \$49,500.00 available through the Airport Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2022-013

General Consent Items

14. [22-0112](#) Resolution authorizing submission of grant application for \$161,606.73 to the State of Texas for salaries and benefits of three full-time employees and supplies, training, mileage reimbursements under the Victims of Crime Act, with \$4,320.00 for in-kind services.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032650

15. [22-0113](#) Resolution authorizing submission of grant application for \$47,393.76 to the State of Texas for the salary and benefits of one full-time employee under the Violence Against Women Act with City cash match of \$13,351.61 and \$6,960.00 for in-kind services.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032651

16. [22-0114](#) Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application for \$150,000.00 to the State of Texas to cover the cost of a forensic science computer system under the FY 2023 Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032652

17. [22-0036](#) Motion authorizing Amendment No. 5 to the merchant application and agreement for credit/debit card processing with Worldpay LLC, for an amount not to exceed \$1,686,800.00 increasing the total agreement to \$7,196,800.00; and ratifying the effective date of the one-year term of the amendment to August 18, 2021, terminating August 17, 2022, with funding available through various funds using department operational budgets.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2022-014

18. [22-0144](#) Resolution relating to City of Corpus Christi's intention to reimburse itself from future issuances of Utility System Revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed

\$207,789,617 for Utility System expenditures budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Improvement Plan but incurred before the issuance of the bonds.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032653

19. [21-1651](#) Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between Nueces County and the City of Corpus Christi regarding transfer, assignment and conveyance of drainage easement appurtenant and right of way. (District 3)

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032654

L. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:18 p.m. Executive Session Item 31 was held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

M. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEM 20)

20. [22-0058](#) Zoning Case No. 1121-01, L.C. Alty, Ltd.: (District 4) Ordinance rezoning property at or near 4042 Sweet Bay Drive from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5 District and the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend Approval)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 20.

Director of Development Services Al Raymond stated that the purpose of this item will allow for construction of single-family homes.

Director Raymond presented information on the following topics: zoning pattern and adjacent development; public notification; and planning commission and staff recommend approval.

Council Members, Director Raymond and City Manager Peter Zanoni discussed the following topics: if over 20% of the landowners object to a rezoning then a 3/4 vote is required for approval; a Council Member is opposed to rezoning Sweet Bay Drive to RS-4.5 and RS-6; low density is three or less dwelling units per acre; the developer will have to connect Sweet Bay Drive to his development; there is no easement between the power plant and the subject property; the developer would have to build a road which would address drainage, sewer and water; very little taxes are collected on Farm Rural zoning; a Council Member's concern about safety issues with a RS-4.5 District; the developer would not be responsible for improving the existing street; and a Council Member's request for staff to bring back the zoning case as R-15 or R-22.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

Bob Wilson, 3929 Sweet Bay Dr., spoke in opposition to the rezoning on Sweet Bay Drive due to safety issues.

Muhamad Mutaffey, spoke in support of the rezoning on Sweet Bay Drive.

Developer Chris Montalvo, 210 Bayside Dr., stated that he wants to purchase everything on Sweet Bay Drive; and that this is the last parcel in Flour Bluff with city water and sewer.

Engineer for developer, Juan Perales, Jr., 5866 S. Staples St., stated that the developer will provide a full residential street all the way to Yorktown Blvd.

Council Members, Mr. Perales and Mr. Montalvo discussed the following topics: the plan will be to continue RS-6 zoning; and the anticipated tax revenue annually will be about \$725,000 when development is complete.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Pusley made a motion to table this item, seconded by Council Member Hernandez.

Council Member Pusley withdrew his motion to table.

Council Member Martinez made a motion to table this item, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. This Item was tabled with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina and Council Member Pusley

Nay: 1 - Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

N. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 21 - 23)

- 21.** [22-0059](#) Motion awarding a contract to Haas Anderson Construction, Ltd., Corpus Christi, TX, for Ultra-Thin Bonded Wear Course, Milling and Overlays as part of the Street Preventative Maintenance Program in an amount of \$10,040,175.80, located Citywide, with FY 2022 funding available from the Streets, Storm Water, Wastewater, Water, and Gas Funds.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 21.

Director of Engineering Jeff Edmonds stated that this is a construction contract for the FY 2022 street preventative maintenance program.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Hunter made a motion to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina and Council Member Smith

Absent: 3 - Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez and Council Member Pusley

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2022-015

22. [22-0048](#) Resolution authorizing developer participation agreement with MPM Development, LP to reimburse developer up to \$867,649.76 for construction of Off-site stormwater improvements for a planned residential and commercial development, Royal Oak Future Units, located on Rand Morgan Road, south of Leopard Street (District 1).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 22.

Administrator of Development Services Andrew Dimas stated that this is a reimbursement agreement for storm water improvements.

City Manager Peter Zanoni stated that the goal of this project is to help incentivize construction of new housing in the Calallen area.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Hunter made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Absent: 2 - Council Member Lerma and Council Member Martinez

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032655

23. [22-0170](#) Motion authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to request an extension of the funding commitment for the receipt of State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) loan in the amount of \$211,050,000 for one additional year, until 2023, for the design and construction of a desalination plant. This extension would provide additional time for state and federal agencies to issue permits related to a desalination plant and related facilities.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 23.

Council Members, Water Resource Manager Steve Ramos, Director of Finance Heather Hurlbert and Chief Operating Officer Mike Murphy discussed the following topics: two public meetings have taken place for the water rights permitting; there is not a limit of extensions for the permit application; a Council Member is not in favor of the Inner Harbor site; and a Council Member's request for staff to look into other desalination locations.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Nay: 1 - Council Member Lerma

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Enactment No: M2022-016

O. FIRST READING ORDINANCES: (ITEMS 24 - 26)

24. [22-0049](#) Ordinance adopting a local preference policy for the City of Corpus Christi by replacing Council Policy No. 26 and enacting a new Council Policy No. 26 to provide local preference applicable to the procurement of professional services; with local preference for non-professional services, goods / supplies to be addressed in Fiscal Year 2023.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 24.

Assistant Director of Finance-Procurement Josh Chronley presented information on the following topics: Texas City Comparison; and local preference summary.

A Council Member and Assistant Director Chronley discussed the following topics: local businesses may be awarded up to 10 points for being headquartered within the city or

having a local office within the city.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Pusley. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

25. [22-0026](#) Ordinance authorizing license agreements to allow the parking of dockless vehicles in the City's right-of-way with a term ending January 1, 2023 and two automatic one-year renewals upon payment of fees, which license agreements will replace the license agreements approved by Ordinance No. 031652.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 25.

Director of Finance Heather Hurlbert presented information on the following topics: dockless scooter history/timeline; current operators; most frequented areas FY 2020 data; most frequented areas FY 2021 data; FY 2021 scooter deployment; scooter rides per month/day; comparative analysis; recommended ordinance amendments; example of seawall parking limitation; designated parking corrals; estimated revenues and spending plan; licensing; and next steps.

Council Members and Director Hurlbert discussed the following topics: Council Members' concern about the safety of scooters; scooters will be limited to 10 miles per hour on the seawall; there has not been negative feedback from the operators regarding the fee structure; and a Council Member's request to consider scooters as a source of transportation.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Operations Manager Clair Russell responded to the Council Members' concerns.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Pusley made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

26. [22-0095](#) Ordinance Amending Section 13-21 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances to change the membership of the Corpus Christi Building Standards Board from seven members to five members with two alternates.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 26.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

P. RECESS FOR CORPORATION MEETING: (ITEM 27)

Mayor Guajardo recessed the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

27. [22-0164](#) Special Board Meeting of the Corpus Christi Housing Finance Corporation to consider an inducement resolution for \$15,000,000 in Multifamily Revenue Bonds for approximately 152 new affordable multi-family housing units at Greenwood Drive and Gollihar Road.

This Corporation Meeting was held.

Q. RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

R. BRIEFINGS: (ITEMS 28 - 30)

28. [22-0154](#) Briefing for City Council to receive initial assessment regarding whether redistricting is required considering the new 2020 census data; and, if so, consider adoption of criteria to apply to development of new districting plans, and guidelines for public participation in the redistricting process.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 28.

General Counsel with Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado & Acosta and serving as the City's redistricting counsel Cobby Caputo presented information on the following topics:

applicable law three principles, plus; redistricting one person-one vote; example deviation calculation; available census data; what population do you use; section 2 of the voting rights act; 14th amendment; redistricting standards under Shaw-Reno line of cases; section 5 of the voting rights act; benchmark; adopt criteria; steps to balancing conflicting legal obligations in redistricting; plan development elements; draft redistricting timeline; 2011 benchmark with 2020 census data; current districts; City of Corpus Christi overall deviation for current districts using 202 census data; and City of Corpus Christi voting age population for current districts using 2020 census data.

Council Members and Mr. Caputo discussed the following topics: most of the population growth in the past 10 years has been in Districts 4 and 5; the GIS team will draw a plan that balances the numbers and will be recommended to Council Members; Council Members' desire to have open sessions for the public to attend and the importance of community engagement; the plan is to hold town hall meetings in each district; and a webpage will be created for the redistricting process for public comment input.

29. [22-0040](#) Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (CCREDC) Quarterly Update to City Council (The third and fourth quarters of 2021)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 29.

President and CEO of Corpus Christi Regional and Economic Development Corporation Iain Vasey presented information on the following topics: building permits; Corpus Christi local market housing data; unemployment rates by month; November 2021 employment by sector for CCMSA: sales tax collection allocations; ACCRA cost of living index; area projects net taxable value; business development dashboard; CCREDC project pipeline; business attraction activities; charting a new course; CCREDC 2020-2021 projects; Cheniere Corpus Christi facility; Gulf Coast Growth Ventures; and Steel Dynamics Inc. Sinton, Texas.

Council Members and Mr. Vasey discussed the following topics: a Council Member's request to include the labor participation rate; and industrial district agreements are being discussed in the City Manager's office and a briefing will be provided to Council by the end of Spring.

30. [22-0120](#) Infrastructure Design Manual revisions improving the quality of new infrastructure in new subdivisions to become effective March 1, 2022.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 30.

Director of Engineering Jeff Edmonds presented information on the following topics: infrastructure design manual; public infrastructure; and engineering director closing comments.

Council Members, Director Edmonds and City Manager Peter Zanoni discussed the following topics: if there was any discussion with developers regarding the upcoming changes; a geo grid adds stability to the payment structure; homebuilders and

developers do not agree with these changes because it will increase their costs; the main responsibility is to get quality products; Council Members' desire for better communication with the Home Builders Association; and the desire to provide affordable homes to the community.

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 31 - 32)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Executive Session Item 31. The Council went into Executive Session at 2:18 p.m. The Council returned from Executive Session at 4:13 p.m.

- 31. [22-0167](#) 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 Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District, various lawsuits, including, but not limited to, *John F. Smith v. Nueces County Texas and/or Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District*, other legal issues related to the personnel, structure, and/or operation of said district, Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 121, the *Cooperative Agreement to Operate a Public Health District* and amendments, reformations, and attachments thereto, other laws and regulations governing public health districts, members and membership in the public health district, grants to the members of the public health district, other legal issues related to the provision of health services in the local area, and any potential actions that may be performed pursuant to the aforesaid statutes, agreement(s), and regulations.**

This E-Session Item was passed after executive session.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to endorse continued staff Negotiations with Nueces County toward an Amended Cooperative Agreement for a City-Operated Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District.

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2022-017

- 32. [22-0168](#) 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 City Council's redistricting obligations and potential litigation related thereto.**

This E-Session Item was withdrawn.

T. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Mayor, members of the Council, you will find below my prepared comments for the Public Comment period at the Council meeting of January 25. I was prepared to deliver those comments during the 3 minutes allowed the citizens of Corpus Christi.

At the outset of the meeting, it was announced that non-residents of the City would have only 1 minute to make their comments. I can find no notice of such a limitation in the City Secretary's website instructions to make Public Comment or in the posted agenda. It was not mentioned in the City Attorney's instructions on participation in Public Comment.

I would like to voice my objection to this limitation. You manage my water supply and I therefore have a vested interest in the item under consideration by the Council at today's meeting. That vested interest is no different than the interest of residents of Corpus Christi in the management of City affairs. I ask you to re-visit this limitation immediately.

Reserving that objection, I submit the written comments below.

Madam Secretary, Mayor, Members of the Council.

My name is Errol Summerlin and I am a resident of Portland and a member of CAPE.

Today, I would like to address Item 23 on the Council's agenda, and ask you to vote against the request for an extension to commit to the TWDB loan for the building of the desalination facility in the Inner Harbor.

Requiring this extension is just the first indication that this effort is fraught with delays and the many pitfalls the City will face in building and operating the facility, which will result in rising costs over the next 5 years before it will produce the first drop of water for consumption.

With continued opposition through the contested case proceedings, you will likely need another extension from the TWDB as you will not have both the Water Rights and Discharge Permits in hand until the spring of 2023 if at all.

Combine that with the desalination facility at CC Polymers, who today, is seeking its Federal Operating Permit to begin its operations, suitability of the Inner Harbor for an additional desal facility will be a challenge as it will undergo even more environmental scrutiny.

It's time to abandon this project and look at alternatives; not simply alternatives on whether it should be a P3 project, but real alternatives such as groundwater, conservation, and other measures that can create very quickly a cushion against drought for current and future residents.

And don't even think the City will get any permit that may be obtained by the Port. The Port hasn't even applied for Water Rights for the Harbor Island Project yet and its La Quinta facility is in limbo with the TCEQ, just as yours is.

Besides, with the involvement of Exxon, the Linde Corporation, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and the enormous profits to be made by the Port and Industry in hydrogen and carbon capture, the Port will never give you their permit. Because they have now affirmatively stated they will be the owner and operator of the Harbor Island facility, they will apply for their own loan from the TWDB and, in the next 6 months, they will submit a grant request to the DOE to become one of 4 energy hubs in the U S. After all, they are sitting on 3 properties in San Pat County that need a tenant.

You are on your own to fix this problem that was brought on by giving Exxon its 20 MGD. It's time to recognize the mistake and the misguided notion that increasing industrial expansion will lead to greater prosperity. You could have groundwater available in 2 years that will meet the water requirements of those who live in the seven counties you manage, at a fraction of the cost of desal.

Thank you.

Sarah Brunkenhoefer

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FYI.



Thank you,
Aly Berlanga
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Dearest Corpus Christi Mayor and City Council,

I signed up to speak at today's City Council Meeting and I did not get a call back or receive the webex information until 10:38 AM. I did not receive the PASSWORD! Your process is not very user friendly and not transparent.

Your website opens with the Calendar set to 2021 not 2022...
Your public comment registration app is available -

yet its 9:46 and I received log-in information for Webex without the password.

Here is my statement:

Agenda items combined, #14, #15, and #16 = approximately \$381,000.00
these agenda items propose funding for Violence Against Women Act and Forensics
Sciences Improvement Grants combined to
pay for four employees. Funding includes trainings, mileage, in kind services,
all of these should be greatly funded and not so poorly financed.

Father Barrera, you speak of truth and the Lord, well here is the truth, sir.

The Corpus Christi Mayor and City Council are about to provide, Agenda Item #23,
\$211,000,000.00 - millions of dollars as a SWIFT loan for the design and construction
for a proposed Desalination Plant.

Is life precious and priceless?

This is truly an example of truth to power as the City of Corpus Christi is funding a
loan in the name of industry and jobs vs. ending Violence Against Women Act.

It's 2022, the environment and women, both are life giving, both are being further
demoralized and devalued, as we all witness the priorities of the Mayor and City
Council- what about your daughters, your nieces, and your sisters? Are they priceless?
Are they precious? Culturally as Indigenous People we honor, defend and protect
the environment and women as they better connected as nurturers, life givers and healers.

The economic value as a tourist destination, Corpus Christi, in the near future, can
provide toxic tours equipped with oxygen tanks and chemical masks, just like a David Lynch movie.

This is the truth and Corpus Christi is about to fund ecocide, femicide and genocide.

You did not send the log in info until late in the hour - I cannot join the meeting and
yet you put the onus on the public!!!! Shame on your perfunctory and ruse of a process-
City Council meeting!!!!

Lydia Ponce
Society of Native Nations