

City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, February 18, 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 11:40 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Father Darryl D'Souza with Holy Family Catholic Church.

Father Darryl D'Souza with Holy Family Catholic Church gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Rachel Firestone, 12th grader from Por Vida Academy High School.

Rachel Firestone, 12th grader from Por Vida Academy 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, Council Member Everett Roy, Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Eric Cantu, Council Member Mark Scott, and Council Member Kaylynn Paxson

E. <u>CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEMS 1 - 2)</u>

1. 25-0215 North Padre Island Beach Nourishment

Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert presented information on the following topics: Packery Channel excess sand; Parks and Recreation beach operations; by the numbers; Barefoot Mardi Gras Parade-March 1, 2025; and parade route.

2. <u>25-0216</u> Update on Trust Fund, Impact Fees, and Capital Improvement Advisory Committee

Director of Development Services Michael Dice provided an update on Trust Fund,

Impact Fees, and Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) as follows: background; what is the trust fund; what is an impact fee; CIAC role and recommendations; CIAC members; discussion topics; and future timeline.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Director Dice discussed the following topics: Council asked staff to provide the comparison of trust funds versus impact fees, as well as explore improvements to the trust funds; and the three million dollars was also used to update the City's Master Plans.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

John Weber, Corpus Christi, TX, proposed a more efficient way to run the City Council meetings.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) and desalination: Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX and Blanca Parkinson, Corpus Christi, TX.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to Item 17: Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Elena Martinez, Corpus Christi, TX, Isabel Araiza, Corpus Christi, TX, Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Amanda Breland, Corpus Christi, TX, Eli McKay, Corpus Christi, TX, Michael Aradillas, Corpus Christi, TX, Tom Whitehurst, Jr., and Alberto Zertuche, Corpus Christi, TX.

Marilena Garza, Corpus Christi, TX, expressed concern about the City's lack of communication regarding warming centers and needs for the community.

Adam Rios, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about the West Guth Park Skate Games on Saturday, February 22.

Andrea Puyol, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about Adopt a Park and in opposition to the DCP.

Brandon Garis, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about exploring atmospheric water generation for the Coastal Bend.

Cheryl Segrest, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke in support of building a skate park at Billish Park on Padre Island in the near future.

Samuel Fryer, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke in opposition to Item 17 and a desire to remove adult books from the children's section of the libraries.

Laramie Fain, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about adopting Lindale Park and spoke in opposition to Item 17.

Kathryn Oler, Corpus Christi, TX, commended Animal Care Services for their efforts.

Eric Jaramillo, Corpus Christi, TX, asked for a nomination and vote to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

The following citizens submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Cheryl Segrest, Corpus Christi, TX, Janet Newcomb, Corpus Christi, TX, Shawn Flanagan, Corpus Christi, TX, Mariah Boone, Corpus Christi, TX, Pat Craig, Corpus Christi, TX, and Julie Rogers, Corpus Christi, TX.

G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (ITEM 3)

3. 25-0176 Investment Committee

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 3.

Investment Committee:

Appointed: Mayor Paulette Guajardo and Council Member Carolyn Vaughn

H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 4 - 14)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Item 10 was pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Campos moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 10, seconded by Council Member Barrera. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

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

Abstained: 0

4. <u>25-0227</u> Approval of the February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

5. 25-0127 Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant totaling \$5,037.00 from Plains All American Pipeline for the 2024 Plains First Responder Grant Program for the purchase of a Haz-Dust Real-Time Dust monitor for the Corpus Christi Fire Department; and appropriating \$5,037.00 in the FY 2025 Fire Grants Fund.

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

Enactment No: 033582

6. 24-2066 Ordinance authorizing a Revocable Easement on City property at Lake Corpus Christi to allow for City of Mathis placement of 150 kw emergency generator including foundation slab of approximately 20' x 20', together with security fencing, in consideration of \$10; and authorizing a temporary license for use of City property for temporary construction purposes at Lake Corpus Christi.

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

Enactment No: 033583

7. 25-0077 Ordinance authorizing execution of a five-year lease, with 10 one-year mutual renewal options, with Lutheran Social Services of the South, Inc. d/b/a Upbring Head Start for real and personal properties at 1838 Frio Street (Centro de Niños Head Start Preschool), 1311 7th Street (Miramar Head Start Preschool), 3750 South Port Street (La Armada Head Start Preschool), 1402 West Point Road (Cliff Maus Head Start Preschool), 442 Mohawk (Spirit of Hope Head Start Preschool), 5805 Williams Drive (Gulfway Park Head Start Preschool), 2801 Morris Street (Los Pequeños Head Start Preschool), and 120 Nineteenth Street (Navarro Head Start Preschool) in consideration of Upbring operating Head Start Programs for eligible citizens of Corpus Christi and maintaining the properties.

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

Enactment No: 033584

8. 25-0085 Ordinance annexing and rezoning land owned by Anil C. and Vandana A. Patel for the Padma Estates subdivision, a 19.2-acre tract located along the north side of FM 2444, east of CR 43, and west of CR 41 (Gilead Rd) per owner petition; approving the related service plan; adding the annexed area to City Council District 5; and rezoning the 19.2 acres from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "RS-22" Single-Family 22 District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission recommends approval of the rezoning; Staff recommends approval of all actions.)

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

Enactment No: 033585

25-0068 Zoning Case No. ZN8398, Mandel Family Homes, LLC (District 5). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 3501 De Zevala Street, from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 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).

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

Enactment No: 033586

Zoning Case No. ZN8501, Cross Timbers Steakhouse, Inc. (District 1). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 3402 CR-52 (County Road) from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5 District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 10.

Council Member Roy asked to pull this item to abstain.

There were no comments from the Council.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Cantu. This Ordinance was passed on second reading 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: 033587

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

11. 24-1844 Resolution authorizing a one-year supply agreement, with two one-year options, with Neptune Technology Group, Inc., of Tallassee, Alabama, in an amount up to \$750,000.00, with a potential up to \$2,387,700.00 if options are exercised, to purchase water meters and parts for Corpus Christi Water (CCW), with FY 2025 funding of \$750,000.00 from the Water Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033588

Consent - Capital Projects

12. 25-0142 Motion authorizing a professional services contract with LJA Engineering, to provide design, bid, and construction phase services for Corn Products Road from IH 37 to Leopard Street reconstruction project in an amount not to exceed \$985,382.40, located in Council District 1, with FY 2025 funding available from FY2025 certificate of obligation, Storm Water, Wastewater, Water, and Gas Capital funds.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2025-018

General Consent Items

13. 25-0107 Resolution authorizing submission of grant application for \$333,004.16 to the State of Texas under the Victims of Crime Act for salaries and benefits for five existing civilian positions for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Victim Assistance Program, with a City cash match of \$53,803.04 and in-kind services of \$29,448.00.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033589

14. 25-0118 Resolution authorizing submission of a grant application for \$62,060.00 to the State of Texas under the Criminal Justice Grant Program for funding for the purchase of 10 additional Panasonic in-car video systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033590

J. <u>RECESS FOR LUNCH</u>

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:30 p.m. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 15 - 16)

15. 25-0129 Annexation and Zoning Case ZN8474 Braselton Development Company, Ltd. (District 3). Ordinance annexing a 63.239-acre tract of land located along the east side of CR 33 (London Pirate Road), north of FM 43 (Weber Rd) and abutting the southside of the Oso Creek per owner petition; approving the related service plan; adding the annexed area to City Council District 3; and rezoning from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5 District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and staff recommend approval of Zoning Case ZN8474)

This Item was postponed.

Zoning Case No. ZN8539, 2AVH Calallen, LP. (District 1). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 3601 Interstate Highway 69 (IH 69) and 3362 County Road 52 (CR 52) from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "CG-2" General Commercial District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 16.

Director of Development Services Michael Dice presented information on the following topic: zoning and land use.

There were no comments from the Council.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Roy moved approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Cantu. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye:

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

Abstained: 0

L. <u>INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 17 - 18)</u>

17. <u>25-0259</u> Motion to ensure fair and efficient public participation by allocating each person speaking as a public commenter up to 3 minutes, or 75 minutes divided by the number of speakers, whichever is less.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 17.

Council Members, City Secretary Rebecca Huerta, and City Attorney Miles Risley discussed the following topics: concerns with limiting the public comment period; a desire to limit City Council members comments to five minutes; and the importance of streamlining the discussion of the meetings and discussing Robert's Rules of Order.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to Item 17 and a suggestion to manage the agenda more efficiently: John Weber, Corpus Christi, TX, Jim Klein, Corpus Christi, TX, and Conor Rice, Corpus Christi, TX.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Vaughn moved to amend the motion from 75 minutes to 60 minutes from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Barrera. The Motion failed with the following vote: Council Members Barrera, Roy, Scott and Vaughn voting, yes; and Mayor Guajardo and Council Members Campos, Cantu, Hernandez and Paxson voting, no.

Council Member Hernandez moved to amend the motion to allocate each person speaking as a public commenter to three minutes. If there are more than 25 speakers, each person will be allocated up to two minutes. Persons that are residents of the region

that are served by Corpus Christi Water (CCW) are also allotted the same time to speak as residents. Those persons that are outside the service area of CCW are limited to one minute, seconded by Council Member Campos. The Motion failed with the following vote: Council Members Campos, Hernandez, Scott and Vaughn voting, yes; and Mayor Guajardo and Council Members Barrera, Cantu, Paxson and Roy voting, no.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the original motion, seconded by Council Member Vaughn. The Motion failed with the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn and Council Member Scott

Nay: 6 - Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Council Member Roy, Mayor

Guajardo, Council Member Cantu and Council Member Paxson

Abstained: 0

18. <u>25-0105</u>

Motion to award a construction contract to Central Air and Heating Service LLC, headquartered in Tucson, Arizona, with an office located in Harlingen, TX, for the Arena Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Improvements project for the American Bank Center Arena located in Council District 1, in the amount not to exceed \$4,024,972.80 with FY 2025 Capital funding available from the Type A/B Sales Tax funds.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 18.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Members and Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds discussed the following topics: the first phase of this HVAC project only includes chillers and air handlers so it would not generate much condensation until the second phase; and whether it is cost effective to include capture of condensation.

Council Member Hernandez moved to amend the motion to include capture of condensation from HVAC for use in the water features (or landscaping), seconded by Council Member Campos. The motion failed.

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

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

Council Member Paxson

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2025-019

M. BRIEFINGS: (ITEM 19)

19. <u>25-0258</u> Legislative Update, presented by Ryan Skrobarczyk, Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 19.

Director of Intergovernmental Relations Ryan Skrobarczyk presented information on the following topics: House Committees; Governor's emergency items; Lt. Governor priorities; SB 1250 and HB 2877-modifying Corpus Christi's project finance zone; HB 21 and SB 867-Housing Finance Corporations (HFC) reform; SB 4-increase state homestead property tax exemption for school districts; SB 9-bail reform; and legislation filed to date.

Council Members and Director Skrobarczyk discussed the following topics: a concern that the legislative policies regarding taxpayer funded lobbying were not posted on the website; and how to promote film incentives in Texas.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE)

O. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 3:26 p.m.



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Date of Meeting Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Name Cheryl Segrest

Address 14965 Canadian Mist Drive

Corpus Christi, TX, 78418

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 4

Topic Skatepark on Padre Island relocation

Agenda Item Number none

Comment

Bring to council's attention the resolutions that ISAC and PRAC submitted to get skatepark built on Padre Island sooner than later. Relocating plans to have it a part of Commodores Park in Phase III which will take years, and build it instead at Billish Park in near future.

Provide an email to receive a copy of cheryl.segrest@prosperitybankusa.com **your submission.**



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Date of Meeting Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Name Janet Newcomb

Address 1314 Meadowlane Dr.

Corpus Christi, TX, 78412

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 4

Topic Public comment

Agenda Item Number 17

Comment

Please do not shorten public comment to under three minutes. Citizens want to express their opinions on important issues being considered by the council and should be heard. Additionally, if you wish to shorten the time spent on public comment, you should allow a group to stand in support of any idea, as you did with North Beach. This can shorten your meeting while allowing for free expression.

Provide an email to receive a copy of tropwatch36@yahoo.com your submission.



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Date of Meeting Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Name Mariah Boone

710 Ponder Street Address

Corpus Christi, TX, 78404

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 First Amendment

Agenda Item Number 17

Comment

Please vote no on Item 17 due to the impact it would have on our right to political speech. It claims to restrict comments for fairness & efficiency. Restricting our access to the democratic process is not fair and efficiency should never trump democracy. Long meetings are hard but Council procedures already pose significant barriers to participation in the democratic process. Meetings occur when most citizens are at work, they require that citizens endanger themselves by publicly stating their address to comment and in recent years have added the requirement that citizens sign up to comment ahead of time, by a deadline, using electronics. All of these barriers require relief - we do not need more barriers. When large numbers of citizens are causing long comment periods, it should suggest that Council is engaging in governance that is not in line with the will of the people. Council needs to listen in these times rather than suppressing political speech. Please vote no on Item 17.

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



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Date of Meeting Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Name shawn flanagan

Address 4218 herndon st

corpus christi, tx, 78411

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 public comment change

Agenda Item Number 17

Comment

I am ambivalent about this possible change. I can appreciate that large amounts of public comment makes for very long city council sessions. This makes being on the council difficult. I would suggest that you try first try limiting public comment to 2 minutes. Unless more than 40 sign up then limit it to 1.5 minutes. In 1.5 minutes a person can inform the council of their thoughts. Less than that amount of time would make it difficult and would seriously limit our freedom to petition and inform the council.

Provide an email to receive a copy of sfland your submission.

sflanagan55@gmail.com



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Public Comment & Input Form

For City Council Meetings, Board Meetings, & Commission Meetings

Date of Meeting Tuesday, September 18, 1962

Name Pat Craig

Address 5925 Tapestry Dr

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 Limiting Public Comment

Agenda Item Number 17. 25-0259

Comment

Dear Mayor/Council,

Please do not limit your constituents ability and right to address you publicly and on the record. The fact this is even on the agenda speaks volumes about those who placed it there.

We as community and taxpayers have the Constitutional right to be heard in person, in public, and on record.

Vote against this measure. Whether it is driven by arrogance or tyranny, it is not in the best interests of the citizens of Corpus Christi.

From: Norma Duran
To: Sarah Brunkenhoefer

Subject: FW: Public Input: City Council -02-18-2025 - Julie Rogers

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 11:27:08 AM

From: City of Corpus Christi <noreply@formresponse.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 11:17 AM **To:** Norma Duran <NormaD2@cctexas.com>

Subject: Public Input: City Council -02-18-2025 - Julie Rogers

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Date of Meeting	02-18-2025
Name	Julie Rogers
Address	Street Address: 710 Furman Ave Street Address Line 2: Corpus Christi, TX City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78404
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 1

Topic	Public Comment
Agenda Item Number	17
Describe Feedback:	We are signed up for the Reverse Alert system and often receive alerts. Most don't require community action and sometimes they can be very frequent but we listen to them and stay enrolled in the program because there might be a time when there is an emergency and community action is needed. The public comment period is your Reverse Alert. We ask that you treat it with the same respect and seriousness that we do with our Reverse Alerts. When very many community members participate in the public comment period, it's a warning that there's an "emergency" and we want Council action and leadership. Trimming the public comment period doesn't solve the problem of you getting too many reverse alerts. Start solving the problem by asking why you get so many Reverse Alerts. I expect you to also honor the oath you took upon taking office to respect the U.S. Constitution and our First Amendment rights. Curtailing free speech is a violation of your oath.
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submission.	