



City of Corpus Christi

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Corpus Christi, TX 78401
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Meeting Minutes

Special City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

11:30 AM

City Council Chambers

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Deacon Richard Longoria with St. Helena of the True Cross of Jesus Catholic Church.

Deacon Richard Longoria with St. Helena of the True Cross of Jesus Catholic Church gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and the Texas Flag will be led by Zane Preston Badrow, 12th grader from Mary Carroll High School.

Zane Preston Badrow, 12th grader from 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 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 Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

Present: 9 - Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Everett Roy, Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Sylvia Campos, Council Member Eric Cantu, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Mark Scott, and Council Member Kaylynn Paxson

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

1. [25-0474](#) Staff Recognition of Corpus Christi Water employees and Lavaca - Navidad River Authority team who were instrumental in recent Mary Rhodes Pipeline Upgrades to fully leverage the pipeline capacity of a 76 million gallons a day average

City Manager Peter Zaroni and Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water (CCW) Drew Molly recognized CCW employees and Lavaca - Navidad River Authority team who were instrumental in recent Mary Rhodes Pipeline Upgrades to fully leverage the pipeline capacity of an average 76 million gallons a day.

Chief Operating Officer Molly presented information on the following topics: Mary Rhodes Pipeline water for South Texas; condition assessment; and pumping system improvements.

Council Members commended CCW staff for their efforts.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

John Weber, Corpus Christi, TX, presented information regarding far-field modeling for the Inner Harbor.

Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke in support of the far-field model for the Inner Harbor, expressed concern about a malfunctioning water gauge and about Council decorum.

Shawn Flanagan, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about a recent study regarding climate change.

Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about Council decorum.

Blanca Parkinson and Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke in opposition to desalination.

Isabel Araiza, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about the far-field model study.

Jim Klein, Aline Trejo Chavez, Michael Miller, and Jason Hale, Corpus Christi, TX, expressed empathy about the news story regarding a City Council Member's health issues.

Matt Manning, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke about an open Housing and Urban Development (HUD) complaint regarding desalination.

The following citizen submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Amanda Breland, Corpus Christi, TX.

G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (NONE)

H. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEM 2)

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

2. [25-0359](#) Ordinance accepting and appropriating the 2025 Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Homeless Housing and Services Program (HHSP) grant in the amount of \$164,198 for the General Set Aside and \$53,111

for the Youth Set Aside, totaling \$217,309; authorizing agreements with the Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities (MHID) for \$142,309 and Mission 911 \$75,000 for the 2025 funds; authorizing TDHCA to contract directly with MHID for the 2026 and 2027 program years for HHSP and Ending Homelessness Funds (EHF); and authorizing the execution of funding agreements, and other documents necessary to implement the 2025, 2026, and 2027 programs.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 2.

Mayor Guajardo moved to amend the ordinance to strikeout \$167,309 and replace it with \$142,309 and to strikeout the \$50,000 and replace it with \$75,000, seconded by Council Member Hernandez and passed unanimously.

Mayor Guajardo moved to approve the ordinance as amended, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. This Ordinance was passed on second reading as amended and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Everett Roy, Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Sylvia Campos, Council Member Eric Cantu, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Mark Scott, and Council Member Kaylynn Paxson

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033613

I. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 3 - 4)

3. [25-0240](#) Resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of fifteen professional services contracts for Professional Engineering Services in an amount not-to-exceed \$22,022,500.00 with the fifteen engineering consultants who submitted Statements of Qualifications for the Bond 2024 Proposition A-Street Projects, Sales Tax Reauthorization Proposition E-Arterial & Collector Streets, and FY 2025 CIP Streets projects, located Citywide, with funding available from the Streets Bond 2024, Sales Tax Reauthorization Proposition E- Arterial & Collector Streets and Storm Water, Wastewater, and Gas Funds.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 3.

Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds presented information on the following topics: Bond 2024 proposition A-streets; sales tax reauthorization proposition E-purpose #1; FY 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Plan streets; benefits of mass selection; and contract negotiations.

Council Members and Director Edmonds discussed the following topic: a request for the procurement and scoring process of these engineering consultants.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye: 9 - Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Everett Roy, Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Sylvia Campos, Council Member Eric Cantu, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Mark Scott, and Council Member Kaylynn Paxson

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033614

4. [25-0341](#) Ordinance approving the addition of twenty (20) full-time positions and equipment to the Engineering Services Department budget; amending the FY 2025 Operating Budget as required for the last five months of the year with funding coming from the FY 2025 Capital Improvement Budgets as required. The FY 2025 impact is \$2,492,000 including vehicle purchases with an FY 2026 recurring amount of \$2,084,000.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 4.

Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds presented information on the following topics: FY 25 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) summary; about Engineering Services; and tasking, staffing and budget trend.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, Director Edmonds, and Assistant Director of Support Services for Engineering Services Claudia Fernandez discussed the following topics: the 20 additional employees requested were not included in the budget and are needed for construction inspections; the funding for these positions comes out of the General Obligation Bonds which are used for specific services; whether the current contract will be terminated if these employees are hired; concerns about increasing the CIP budget; a desire to reduce the request of 20 employees to 10 employees; and a request from staff to provide additional information regarding contract labor.

Council Member Hernandez moved to postpone this item until April 15, seconded by Council Member Cantu. This item was postponed by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Everett Roy, Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Sylvia Campos, Council Member Eric Cantu, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, and Council Member Kaylynn Paxson

Nay: 1 - Council Member Mark Scott

Abstained: 0

J BRIEFINGS: (ITEMS 5 - 6)

5. [25-0316](#) Briefing Update on the progress of Residential Streets as part of the Rapid Pavement Program

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 5.

Director of Public Works and Streets Ernesto De La Garza presented information on the following topics: 2022 & 2023 RSRP legacy project summary; FY 2025 RPP residential summary; District 1-Moon Light Drive; District 2-Blevins Street; District 3-Green View Drive; District 4-Toben Drive; and District 5-Lomond Drive; and residential RPP timeline.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Director De La Garza discussed the following topics: Council Members complimented street staff for their work; the 311 system receives less complaints regarding potholes; and future funding source for Rapid Pavement Program needs to be determined.

6. [25-0452](#) Briefing on 89th Texas Legislative Session Update, Presented by Ryan Skrobarczyk, Director of Intergovernmental Relations

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 6.

Director of Intergovernmental Relations Ryan Skrobarczyk presented information on the following topics: 89th session filing statistic; Senate passes SB 1; land use mandates and preemption; beach access and space flight; DEAAG Legislation; Intergovernmental Affairs; First Responder Legislation; tax and economic development; debt instruments; and water supply funding.

Council Members and Director Skrobarczyk discussed the following topics: individual bills are not brought back to Council for response consideration due to fast-pace of Legislature; how the State can assist with funding for those impacted by federal budget cuts; Corpus Christi beaches will not be affected by SB 2188; the timeline for standards and guidance of a water supply pipeline network; how the delegation supports certain bills; and no zoning is required for religious owned land.

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 2:49 p.m.



Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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Date of Meeting

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Name

Amanda Breland

Address

11930 leopard st
Corpus Christi, TX, 78410

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

Multiple

Agenda Item Number

NA

Comment

Good morning,

I am writing today to express how appalled I am at the horrible and libelous story written about Councilwoman Campos. It is a clear attempt to embarrass and silence her. Nobody deserves that especially a leader in this community who has dedicated her life to uplifting the voices of citizens and serving her community. The city manager is a joke and a bully and should be removed from his position.

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