



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

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 11:31 a.m

B. Invocation to be given by Pastor Rick Barrera, Believe Church.

Pastor Rick Barrera, Believe Church, gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Arianna Garcia, Senior at Veterans Memorial High School.

Arianna Garcia, Senior at Veterans Memorial 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 Zaroni, 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 Jim Klein, and Council Member Sylvia Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Everett Roy

E. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY APPOINTED MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES

Mayor Guajardo conducted the swearing-in ceremony for Municipal Court Judges Bill Bonilla and George Picha.

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

1. [23-0799](#) 46th Annual Beach to Bay Relay Marathon on Saturday, May 20, 2023

City Manager Peter Zaroni announced the 46th Annual Beach to Bay Relay Marathon on Saturday, May 20, 2023 with over 8,000 participants. This marathon honors those who

have served or who currently serve in the United States Military.

Director of Beach to Bay Doug McBee thanked the City for their support and commented that donations go to the scholarship fund at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

2. [23-0800](#) American Rescue Plan Act Update

Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez presented information on the American Rescue Plan Act as follows: overview; approved infrastructure projects; and spending to date.

Council Members commended City staff for recognizing this plan and giving back to the community.

3. [23-0801](#) Nueces County Hospital District Presentation - John Valls, Board Chairman

Board Chairman of Nueces County Hospital District John Valls and Senior Vice President and Senior Project Manager with Hanson Professional Services John Michael presented information on the following topics: Memorial Hospital demolition; overview of project; introduction; Hector P. Garcia Memorial Family Health Center; service enhancements-HPG; proposed new buildings; Memorial Development Plan-phase 1; and overall site plan.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, Mr. Valls, Mr. Michael, and Board Vice Chair Dr. Reddy discussed the following topics: a Council Member's concern about the lack of mental health services available in the City; the bricks from the demolition will be used for a memorial, and are also available to the community; the County Medical Examiners Office is still an existing building; and access to health care is crucial.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Steve Klepper, 317 Sunset Ave., spoke about storm water fees and the lack of transparency regarding water rates.

Shawn Flanagan, 4218 Herndon St. and Samuel Aundra Fryer, 2222 Cardinales Lane, spoke in opposition to an environmental and sustainability department.

Walter Miller, 3606 Marion St., spoke about regulating the temperature at the Lindale Senior Center.

Melissa Nucete, 6530 Peacock Dr., spoke about the stray animal population.

Silvia Jimenez de la Garza, 3009 Charles Dr., spoke about environmental issues in the City and the need for more mental health professionals.

Victoria Holland, 235 Ohio Ave., spoke in support of industry growth in the City and spoke in opposition to an environmental sustainability department.

John Weber, 609 Naples St., spoke in support of a water conservation plan versus a drought resistance plan and about the lack of communication from City staff.

James Butcher, 3102 Magnolia St., spoke about 911 response times and the lack of communication from the Police Department.

Melissa Zamora, 454 Louisiana Ave., spoke about environmental concerns and spoke in opposition to desalination.

The following citizen submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Jerry Hooper, 3401 Bali Drive.

H. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (NONE)

I. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

J. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 4 - 17)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Council Members pulled Items 8 and 9 for individual consideration.

Council Member Hunter moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 8 and 9, seconded by Council Member Pusley. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

4. [23-0824](#) Approval of the May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

5. [23-0728](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant from the State of Texas, Department of Transportation for the FY 2023 Click It or Ticket Program for the Police Department in an amount of \$10,591.36 with a City cash match of \$2,822.74 for overtime and fringe benefits with funding available from the

General Fund; and appropriating \$10,591.36 in the Police Grants Fund.

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

Enactment No: 033044

6. [23-0672](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of the TX HEAT Scholarship from the Yvorra Leadership Development Foundation for the Corpus Christi Fire Department in an amount of \$2,500.00 for the registration and travel of two Hazmat personnel to the International Association of Fire Chiefs Hazardous Material Response Team Conference; and appropriating funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Fire Department Grants Fund; and amending the operating budget.

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

Enactment No: 033045

7. [23-0734](#) Ordinance authorizing a two-year lease agreement with an automatic renewal of three additional one-year terms with Emerald City Cargo, LLC for office space inside the Airport Terminal building at the Corpus Christi International Airport (CCIA).

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

Enactment No: 033046

8. [23-0471](#) Mid-Year Budget Adjustment Ordinance amending City Code Section 23-42 increasing the fee for birth and death certificate covers; and amending the FY 2023 Operating Budget to transfer and appropriate \$110,789.68 from the unreserved fund balance in the General Fund for judicial salary adjustments, appropriating \$1,250,000.00 in the Visitor Facilities Fund for capital contributions from OVG360 for various improvements at the American Bank Center facility, increasing revenue by \$1,450,000.00 in the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Fund for the estimate of Nueces County funds for TIRZ#2, appropriating \$430,268.00 in the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Fund for TIRZ #2 expenditures, and adding three positions to the Economic Development Department.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 8.

Council Members and City Manager Peter Zanoni discussed the following topics: a Council Member's uncertainty about the funding for the three positions with the Economic Development Department; the challenge of filling the Director position for the Economic Development Department; responsibilities of the Economic Development Department; and a request for an update on the Type A and Type B funding.

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

- Aye:** 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos
- Nay:** 1 - Council Member Hernandez
- Absent:** 1 - Council Member Roy
- Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 033047

General Consent Items

9. [23-0802](#) Resolution supporting the City of Corpus Christi's application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-aside (TA) call for projects for the Holly Road Train Trestle to Tourism Trail Project.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 9.

Council Members, Director of Planning Dan McGinn, and City Manager Peter Zaroni discussed the following topics: this trail system will be using the old railroad structure, in addition to existing trails within Oso Park; the future trail system will be located throughout Flour Bluff connecting various natural areas; and TxDOT will award grants in October.

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

- Aye:** 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos
- Absent:** 1 - Council Member Roy
- Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 033048

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

10. [23-0756](#) Ordinance accepting a grant to combat drug and human trafficking from the State of Texas Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division in the amount of \$145,245.00 for overtime and fringe benefits for the Corpus Christi Police Department; and appropriating \$145,245.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

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

11. [23-0711](#) Ordinance appropriating \$160,905.00 in the Health Grant Fund for an increase in the Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Unit - COVID (IDCU-COVID) Grant Program from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to provide COVID-19 epidemiologic and surveillance response activities and laboratory response network activities for the period September 1, 2022,

through August 31, 2024.

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

12. [23-0727](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of Center for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Grant for \$205,548.00 with an in-kind match of \$20,565.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS); and appropriating \$205,548.00 in the Health Grant Fund to provide Laboratory Response Network (LRN) Level 3 chemical laboratory surge capacity activities for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

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

13. [23-0731](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of Laboratory Response Network Influenza Surveillance and Epidemiology Grant for \$10,000.00 from the Texas Department of State Health (DSHS); and appropriating \$10,000.00 in the Health Grant Fund to provide flu testing program for the period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2025.

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

14. [23-0742](#) Ordinance appropriating \$66,577.00 in the Health Grant Fund for an increase in the Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Grant from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to provide tuberculosis prevention and control services for the period September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.

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

15. [23-0777](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant for \$240,003.00 with a cash match of \$24,000.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS); appropriating \$264,003.00 to provide funding activities in support of the PHEP Cooperative Agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

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

16. [23-0786](#) Ordinance appropriating \$75,000.00 in the Health Grant Fund for an increase in the Health Disparities Grant from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to provide community engagement in communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 for the period June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024.

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

17. [23-0794](#) Ordinance appropriating \$41,865.00 from an increase in the HIV Surveillance Grant Program administered by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the period September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, to provide HIV surveillance and control services.

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

K. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Senior Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator Wendy Herman presented information on the following topics: Bills to Watch-Preemption Bill; American Bank Center Bill; Annexation Bills-SB 369 and SB 2038; Lobbyist Bill; Gambling Bills; and Streaming Bill.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Senior Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator Herman discussed the following topics: the importance of the project finance zone bill for American Bank Center; why the gambling bill did not have support from the House; and in response to a Council Member's question regarding assistance from Council Members for the American Bank Center Bill, staff answered that possible written testimony would suffice.

L. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 1:56 p.m. Executive Session Item 20 was held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

M. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEM 18)

18. [23-0788](#) Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 024270, which created the Reinvestment Zone No. 2, City of Corpus Christi ("TIRZ #2") on Padre Island, by amending the City's contribution amount, which will increase anticipated revenues by \$140,100,000 for total revenue of \$201,000,000; modifying the boundaries to add areas requested for inclusion by Nueces County; and to add approved projects and anticipated expenditures in the amount of \$150,950,000 for total expenditures of \$201,000,000, which will be more fully defined within a future amendment, as recommended by the TIRZ #2 Board on April 18, 2023.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 18.

Director of Finance and Procurement Heather Hurlbert explained that this is the second reading of the ordinance that is amending the project and financing plan to increase revenues and expenditures for the TIRZ #2 extension and amend the TIRZ boundaries.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Suckley moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Pusley. This Ordinance was passed on second reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033049

N. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEM 19)

19. [23-0796](#) Motion awarding a Master Services Agreement for Staff Augmentation Services to AG|CM of Corpus Christi in a total amount not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 with a base year and one renewal option to be administratively authorized supporting projects located Citywide with funding available from the Capital Program and Bond Program.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 19.

Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds stated that this item awards a Master Service Agreement for staff augmentation services. Staff augmentation provides support to City staff under a staffing contract. Engineering Services has a 29 percent vacancy rate. This contract will assist with the Capital Improvement Program which currently consists of over 60 projects with a value of over \$300 million.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, City Attorney Miles Risley, Director of Engineering Services Edmonds, and Assistant Director of Finance and Procurement Josh Chronley discussed the following topics: review of procurement process for this type of agreement; staff augmentation services would allow City staff to supervise entry level positions inspecting critical projects; a Council Member's concern that this was a non-competitive contract and was not listed as professional services; staff desires to manage project sites at least eight hours a day but is unable to do so with current employees; and the significance of following a competitive procurement process.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Absent: 1 - Council Member Roy

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2023-068

O. BRIEFINGS: (NONE)

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEM 20)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Executive Session Item 20. The Council went into Executive Session at 1:56 p.m. The Council returned from Executive Session at 2:53 p.m.

- 20.** [23-0881](#) 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 corporate filings, the Texas Secretary of State, The Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, and/or Port Corpus Christi.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 2:53 p.m

Sarah Brunkenhoefer

From: CitySecretary
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 9:17 AM
To: Sarah Brunkenhoefer
Subject: FW: Public Input: 05-16-2023 - JERRY HOOPER

From: Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>
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Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting	05-16-2023
Name	JERRY HOOPER
Address	Street Address: 3401 BALI DR City: CORPUS CHRISTI State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78418
Topic	Holly Road Train Trestle
Agenda Item Number	23-0802
Describe Feedback:	As a longtime resident of Flour Bluff and Corpus Christi, the Holly Road Train Trestle project is and will be one of the best improvements for the parks and recreation for the area. It is also aligned with the Flour Bluff ADP that included the input and desires of the residents which was adopted by the City and Council a couple years ago. I strongly encourage each council member and the mayor to support this project and approve the item.
Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	jlhooper@stx.rr.com