



# City of Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Minutes

### Special City Council Meeting

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Thursday, August 1, 2024

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**B. 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

Note: Council Member Barrera attended by video conference.

**Present**      9 - Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Everett Roy, Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Mike Pusley, Council Member Dan Suckley, Council Member Jim Klein, and Council Member Sylvia Campos

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

David Loeb, 4771 Ocean Dr., spoke in support of prioritizing streets and storm protection.

Johnny Philipello, spoke in support of reauthorizing the sales tax for the arena and infrastructure downtown.

**D. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

1. [24-1145](#) Motion approving a list of 38 streets, parks and recreation, public safety, and public facilities projects for the 2024 Bond Program totaling \$175 million to be considered by the voters on November 5, 2024, with no property tax rate increase.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 1.

Assistant City Manager Neiman Young presented information on the Bond 2024 Program-project lists as follows: our progress (Bond 2004-Bond 2022); recent G.O. bond programs; Bond 2024 program summary; street projects-citywide; street

projects-Council District 1; street projects-Council District 2; street projects-Council District 3; street projects-Council District 4; street projects-Council District 5; parks and recreation projects-citywide; parks and recreation projects-Council District 1; parks and recreation projects-Council District 2; parks and recreation projects-Council District 3; parks and recreation projects-Council District 4; parks and recreation projects-Council District 5; public safety-fire projects; public safety-police projects; cultural facilities projects; ballot language proposition A (streets); ballot language proposition B (parks and recreation); ballot language proposition C (public safety); ballot language proposition D (cultural facilities); and calendar and next steps.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, and Assistant City Manager Young discussed the following topics: no significant changes to the progress of projects would occur by removing arterial/collector streets; the redline projects would be moved to a different funding source; the properties that would be included in the cultural facilities ballot language; a request for a list of the worst streets in the City; and a request for a grant writer to assist with obtaining grants for the historical homes.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve the proposed Bond 2024 project list (option 2), seconded by Council Member Roy. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Roy, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, and Council Member Klein

**Nay:** 2 - Council Member Hunter, and Council Member Campos

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: M2024-123

2. [24-1146](#) Motion approving a one-eighth of one percent Sales and Use Tax reauthorizing Type A sales tax funding to Type B Sales tax funding for a 20-year term to be considered by the voters on November 5, 2024, for the renovation of City facilities in the Sports, Entertainment, and Arts (SEA) District including the American Bank Center, Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History, Art Museum of South Texas, Texas State Museum of Asian Cultures and Education Center, Harbor Playhouse, and the Water Garden; or, the renovation of the City facilities in the Sports, Entertainment, and Arts (SEA) District including the American Bank Center, Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History, Art Museum of South Texas, Texas State Museum of Asian Cultures and Education Center, Harbor Playhouse, and the Water Garden, and construction and maintenance of industrial streets.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 2.

Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert presented information on the following topics: local sales tax; additional items for consideration; term; allowable uses of Type A/B sales tax; proposed uses for each 1/8 cent; ballot language for proposed project #2; possible capital projects: FM 624; Turkey Creek; Clarkwood Ditch/Oso Tributary; North Beach linear canal phase 2; Corpus Christi Bay; Williams Ditch; Oso Creek; office of economic development survey results; survey results; and calendar and next steps.

Council Members, City Manager Zanoni, Assistant City Manager Hurlbert, and Assistant City Manager Young discussed the following topics: the proposed project #2 for the Downtown Seawall Flood Control can be reauthorized under Type B; a council member spoke in favor of Proposed Project #1D, which effectively moved projects funded from other sources and added residential streets to Bond 2024 for a total of 38 projects; two cents of the Hotel Occupancy Tax is currently used for maintenance of the American Bank Center; a concern that no projects are identified for Flour Bluff or Padre Island; OVG360 is responsible for the naming rights of American Bank Center; a concern that the top three programs citizens prioritized in their surveys are not included in staff's recommended projects; the proposed project #1D project would generate more revenue in one year than Chapter 327 would generate in four years; the American Bank Center and the SEA District deliver economic growth to the downtown area; the importance of fixing potholes; a concern that none of the proposed projects offer permanent funding for residential streets; and to consider reauthorizing the 1/8 cent sales tax to Chapter 327.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve the Proposed Project #1D for a 20-year term, seconded by Council Member Roy. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Roy, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, and Council Member Klein  
**Nay:** 3 - Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, and Council Member Campos  
**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: M2024-124

3. [24-1244](#) Motion approving a one-eighth of one percent Sales and Use Tax reauthorizing Type A sales funding to Type B Sales tax funding for a 20-year term to be considered by the voters on November 5, 2024, for Downtown Seawall and City-Wide Flood Control and coastal resiliency projects.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 3.

Council Members and Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert discussed the

following topics: to ensure citywide stormwater improvements is mentioned on the ballot; and a recommendation to reauthorize this project under Type B.

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve the proposed project #2 reauthorizing Type A sales funding to Type B Sales tax funding for a 20-year term, seconded by Council Member Hunter. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

**Aye:** 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Roy, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Klein, and Council Member Campos

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: M2024-125

#### **E. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 12:00 p.m.