



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Thursday, August 18, 2022

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

FY 2022-2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP - Streets, Stormwater, Water and Wastewater Utilities, Gas, and Capital Improvement Program

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

B. Assistant City Secretary Ruth Bocchino to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.

Assistant City Secretary Ruth Bocchino 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 Assistant City Secretary Ruth Bocchino

Present: 9 - Mayor Paulette 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

C. BRIEFINGS:

1. [22-1372](#) FY 2022-2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP - Streets, Stormwater, Water and Wastewater Utilities, Gas, and Capital Improvement Program

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 1.

Interim Director of Public Works Gabriel Hinojosa presented information on the following topics: streets mission statement; about public works-streets and traffic; organizational chart; FY 2022 achievements; performance measures; 12% increase in streets for FY 2023; street maintenance and reconstruction; funding from 10 different sources; street maintenance fund FY 2023 proposed budget: \$46.4M; residential street reconstruction fund FY 2023 proposed budget: \$20.0M; high-level funding highlights; IMP residential street projects; FY 2021-2022 IMPs snapshot; FY 2024-2027 infrastructure management plan (IMP) planning; industrial roadways improvements; FY 2023 enhancement Ocean Drive sustainability program 10-year scheduled improvements program; FY 2023 enhancement Ocean Drive median improvements program; new right-of-way revenues; right-of-way management team enhancement; FY 2023 enhancement citywide traffic signal battery backup systems; FY 2023 enhancement Corpus Christi vision zero

initiative; traffic infrastructure improvements; Leopard Street improvements; streets personnel improvements; new traffic engineering revenues; public works-development services partnership; staff and crew training initiative; and street maintenance fee revisions.

Council Members, Interim Director Hinojosa, City Manager Peter Zaroni, and Assistant Traffic Engineer Diego Leyva discussed the following topics: a Council Member's concern about spending \$1M on improvements at the intersection of Airline and Ocean Dr.; a Council Member's concern about the timing of traffic lights; the City's goal is to have all traffic lights hard wired; the City manages the school zones; TxDOT is responsible for maintaining traffic lights on Saratoga Blvd.; a Council Member's request to review the traffic lights at Yorktown and Lipes; the City needs to create a protocol with regard to school districts; Council Members' request for staff to look into improving bike lanes on Ocean Drive and throughout the City; Council Members' concerns that other industrial roadways need to be considered through the Type B funding as well; a Council Member's recommendation to build concrete streets as opposed to asphalt for industrial roadways; the City is working on improving the right-of-way management team; and the City is responsible for mowing the medians on Saratoga Blvd., but TxDOT maintains them.

Interim Director of Public Works Gabriel Hinojosa presented information on the following topics: storm water mission statement; about public works-storm water; organizational chart; FY 2022 achievements; performance measures; storm water fund FY 2023 proposed budget: \$23.3M; FY 2023-2027 five-year enhancement forecast fund 4300-storm water fund; FY 2023-2027 service enhancements forecast; FY 2023-2027 five-year forecast; new floodplain management revenue; inlet cleaning and maintenance crew; emergency storm water infrastructure improvements; and staff and crew training initiative.

Council Members, Interim Director Hinojosa, City Manager Zaroni, and Finance Manager for Public Works Nicole Zapata discussed the following topics: if flash rain events will become an impediment to the drainage system; the City is looking into installing debris traps along the channel ditches; in response to a Council Member's concern that some ditches have standing water year-round, staff stated that if public safety is affected, then emergency services will get involved; a Council Member's concern about the non-residential rate; a Council Member's request for storm water revenue prior to the new storm water fees being implemented; and a Council Member's request for Public Works to coordinate with Development Services about elevation certificates.

Director of Gas Department Bill Mahaffey presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about gas department; organization; FY 2022 achievements; performance measures; FY 2023 gas department proposed budget: \$52.7M; FY 2023 enhancement 1; and FY 2023 enhancement 2.

Council Members, Director Mahaffey, and City Manager Zanoni discussed the following topics: Council Members commended the gas department for their great work; a Council Member's request for staff to find out how much the cost of natural gas will increase for taxpayers; a large number of the vehicles are Compressed Natural Gas (CNG); and a Council Member's request for the amount of incentive programs being utilized.

Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds presented information on the following topics: FY 2023 CIP: sources and uses; FY 2023 proposed capital budget: \$617M; prior G.O. bond summary; water CIP; wastewater CIP; streets CIP; public health and safety CIP; storm water CIP; parks and recreation CIP; marina CIP; public facilities CIP; gas CIP; airport CIP; funding our future bond 2022; mission statement; about engineering services; organization; FY 2022 achievements; performance measures; FY 2023 engineering services proposed budget: \$13.0M; FY 2023 proposed budget engineering services: \$13.0M; engineering inspections for private development; public improvement fee-engineering inspections; FY 2023 construction management enhancement and addition of four vehicles; FY 2023 project management enhancement; FY 2023 support services enhancement; and FY 2023 utility project inspection services enhancement and addition of twelve vehicles.

Council Members, Director Edmonds, City Manager Zanoni, and Assistant Director of Construction Management Brett Van Hazel discussed the following topics: the taxpayer has been subsidizing the developer on new construction because the City's engineering team would go in and inspect new construction, but not charge a fee; a directive to the City Manager to determine whether the City needs to increase manpower for inspections and oversight; a Council Member's request to include a construction audit process; and the City does not have enough inspections on road construction projects.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 12:22 p.m.