



# City of Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Tuesday, July 18, 2023

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

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**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 Reverend Claude Axel, Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church.**

Reverend Claude Axel, Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Chloe Delgado, Ninth Grader at London High School.**

Chloe Delgado, Ninth Grader at London 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:** 9 - 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 Everett Roy, Council Member Jim Klein, and Council Member Sylvia Campos

**E. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS:**

1. [23-1172](#) Staff Announcement:  
Manuel Hernandez, Assistant Director of Public Works

City Manager Peter Zaroni announced the new Assistant Director of Public Works, Manuel Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez has over 20 years of civil construction experience. Most of his experience has been in Corpus Christi and he is a certified construction manager.

2. [23-1173](#) Bond Ratings and Recent Bond Sales Update by Victor Quiroga with Specialized Public Finance, Inc.

Victor Quiroga with Specialized Public Finance Inc. presented information on the following topics: overview of the plan of finance; city bond ratings affirmed; rating agency reflections on the city; general obligation debt-bid results; utility system bonds-pricing results; and summary.

Council Members and Mr. Quiroga discussed the following topics: Council Members commended Mr. Quiroga and staff for the City's high bond rating.

3. [23-1183](#) Update on City-owned Cemeteries presented by Heather Hurlbert, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert presented information on the following topics: city owned cemeteries-Old Bayview and New Bayview; history-Old Bay View; history-New Bay View; ordinance; and city maintenance schedule.

Council Members and Assistant City Manager Hurlbert discussed the following topics: the desire to eliminate vandalism to the headstones; and the importance of adding fencing around the cemeteries, along with additional lighting.

4. [23-1120](#) 2023 Hurricane Season Preparedness (June 1 - November 30) presented by Billy Delgado, Emergency Management Coordinator

Emergency Management Coordinator Billy Delgado presented information on the following topics: it only takes one; city operation center; all hazards plan; department operation centers; communicate with local, regional and state agencies; community outreach; agencies involved in past disasters; communication via telephone, email, webex and reverse alert; city emergency teams; planning and exercises; phased evacuation; assisted evacuation; evacuation Hub; phased hurricane reentry; team approach for disaster; and emergency information.

Council Members, City Manager Zanoni, and Mr. Delgado discussed the following topics: the city and the county work together with respect to evacuation centers; the City has one Emergency Operation Center, along with five department operation centers; staff is in the process of determining how many facilities have a generator; staff is in communication with nursing homes with regard to emergency protocols; sandbags are available upon request; and a request to obtain emergency plans from the hospitals.

#### **F. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Stephen Klepper, 317 Sunset Ave., spoke about transparent and fair utility rates.

Sam Smith, 14313 Dorsal St., spoke about having public launches available for kiteboarding.

Shawn Flanagan, 4218 Herndon St., Adalberto Carrillo, 4055 Killarmet Dr., LeeAnne Wheatley, 2314 Greer Dr., Daniel Resley, 2313 Louisville Dr., Chuck Burnett, 4429

Sutton Lane, and Victoria Holland, 235 Ohio Ave., spoke in opposition to an environmental and sustainability department.

Rachel Caballero, 522 Hancock Ave., spoke about the negligence of water usage and voiced her concern that public comment is prohibited during the water rate structure workshop.

Melissa Zamora, 454 Louisiana Ave., spoke about water conservation for high volume water users and in support of an environmental and sustainability department.

Jonathan Martinez, 5745 Skylark and Rukmini Surnedi, 7829 Lovain Dr., spoke about banning smoking in all parks.

Silvia Jimenez de la Garza, 3009 Charles Dr., spoke about the lack of infrastructure in Annville.

John Weber, 609 Naples St., spoke about ethics reports being improperly filled out.

John Bradshaw, 2921 Airline Rd., spoke about the necessity of keeping City Marshals.

Patricia Reinhardt, 317 Clifford St., spoke about trash throughout the city and in support of an environmental and sustainability department.

Adam Rios, 7301 Tangled Ridge Court, spoke in support of the new skate park at West Guth Park and is an advocate for all skate parks.

Armon Alex, 1610 La Joya St., Kimberly Cook, 4718 Mars Hill Dr., and Pamela Woods, 926 Rosedale Dr., spoke in support of an environmental and sustainability department.

**G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

5. [23-1122](#) Airport Zoning Commission / Planning Commission (3 vacancies)  
Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (1 vacancy)  
Ethics Commission (1 vacancy)  
Sister City Committee (1 vacancy)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 5.

Airport Zoning Commission and Planning Commission:  
Reappointed: Cynthia S. Garza, Justin Hedrick, and Brian S. Mandel

Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority:  
Appointed: Arthur Granado

Ethics Commission:  
Appointed: Sulakshana Modak

Sister City Committee:  
Appointed: Mourad Hasbaoui

H. **EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:**

I. **CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 6 - 25)**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Council Members pulled Item 19 for individual consideration.

Council Member Campos moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Item 19, seconded by Council Member Roy. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Abstained:** 0

6. [23-1121](#) Approval of the June 27, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

*Consent - Second Reading Ordinances*

7. [23-0892](#) Ordinance ratifying acceptance of Public Health Infrastructure Grant (PHIG) for \$3,186,443.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS); and appropriating \$3,186,443.00 to make strategic investments to support hiring, retaining, and training the public health workforce, and to strengthen public health infrastructure and systems related to the workforce and foundational capabilities for the period of March 22, 2023, through November 30, 2027

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

Enactment No: 033091

8. [23-1036](#) Ordinance authorizing a Water Distribution Main Construction and Reimbursement Agreement up to \$36,731.71 with Devonshire Custom Homes, Inc. to construct off-site water distribution main improvements for a planned residential development, Westwood Heights Unit 4, located on Sunny Dr, south of Leopard Street, and appropriating \$36,731.71 from the Water Distribution Main Trust Fund to reimburse the Developer per the agreement (District 1).

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

Enactment No: 033092

9. [23-0833](#) Ordinance abandoning and vacating a 20-foot wide portion of a 50-foot wide by 537 feet long utility easement out of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 2, Queens Landing Subdivision, located off of Compton Rd near Bentley Ct.

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

Enactment No: 033093

10. [23-0999](#) Ordinance annexing approximately 10.817 acres of land into the territorial limits of the City of Corpus Christi and rezoning the annexed property at or near 2738 London Pirate Road (County Road 33) from the interim "FR" Farm Rural District to the "RS-6 Single-Family 6 District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication.

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

Enactment No: 033094

11. [22-2110](#) Zoning Case No. 1122-01 Mustang Island Estates, LP, (District 4). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 149 Mustang Island Estates Drive from the "RM-AT" Multifamily Apartment Tourist District to the "CN-1" Neighborhood Commercial District. Providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommended approval).

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

Enactment No: 033095

12. [23-0730](#) Zoning Case No. 0423-01, Corpus Christi Party Hotel, LLC (District 1). Ordinance rezoning property at or near 910 Corn Products Road from the "CG-2" General Commercial District to the "CG-2/SP" General Commercial District with a Special Permit; 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: 033096

*Consent - Contracts and Procurement*

13. [23-0937](#) Motion authorizing the execution of a one-year service agreement with CAP Fleet Upfitters, LLC., of Houston, Texas, through the BuyBoard Cooperative, to outfit seven replacement Chevy Tahoe police vehicles with emergency equipment in an amount not to exceed \$144,851.00, with FY 2023 funding in the amount of \$144,851.00 from the General Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-102

14. [23-0993](#) Resolution authorizing the acquisition of 29 vehicles and equipment by various

departments, of which 15 units will be outright purchases and 14 units will be lease-purchases through JP Morgan, for \$3,093,334.33, with such items to be acquired in the manner, at the amounts, and from the sources stated with FY 2023 funding of \$1,357,171.78 and the remaining balance of \$1,736,162.55 for the lease purchase items to be funded through the annual budget process.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033097

15. [23-0422](#) Motion authorizing execution of a three-year service agreement with Excel Pump & Machine, Inc. of Robstown, for an amount not to exceed \$873,300.00 for pump repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plants, with FY 2023 funding of \$145,550.00 from the Wastewater Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-103

*General Consent Items*

16. [23-1028](#) Motion authorizing execution of Amendment No. 1 to the service agreement with Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, Inc., of Gainesville, Georgia, in an amount not to exceed \$2,144,404.20, and a revised value of \$10,722,021.03 for unleaded gasoline, ultra-low sulfur diesel (TX LED) fuel and red dye diesel delivery service for Asset Management, with FY 2023 funding in the amount of \$1,245,222.00 from the Fleet Maintenance Service Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-104

17. [23-1116](#) Resolution authorizing a grant application for the FY 2024 Beach Cleaning and Maintenance Assistance Program from the Texas General Land Office for \$70,000 to provide beach cleaning and maintenance on North Padre Island and Mustang Island.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033098

18. [23-1118](#) Resolution reaffirming the City of Corpus Christi's Investment Policy and Investment Strategies for fiscal year 2023-2024.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033099

19. [23-1174](#) Motion accepting the report of the City of Corpus Christi's Municipal Court Operations Review and City staff's responses.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 19.

Council Members, Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez, City Manager Peter Zaroni, and Director of Municipal Court Gilbert Hernandez discussed the following topics: the business model is outdated, so staff is recommending the removal of all six City Marshals; the Marshals are licensed peace officers; the Municipal Court Clerk staff reports to the City Manager and the court judges report to the city council; ensure that the City Marshals have an opportunity to remain with the City; and a request that staff address detention center facility concerns.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Amanda Guerra, 2610 Windhollow Dr., stated that Judge Bull's report had misconstrued the role of City Marshals and that no City Marshals talked to the Judge during his visit.

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

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

**Abstained:** 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Enactment No: M2023-105

*Consent - First Reading Ordinances*

20. [23-0918](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$8,843.58 from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for HazMat equipment and training for the City of Corpus Christi-Nueces County Local Emergency Planning Committee; and appropriating \$8,843.58 into the LEPC Fund.

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

21. [23-0919](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$4,608.23 from Howard Energy Partners for Hazmat supplies and equipment for the Corpus Christi Fire Department; and appropriating \$4,608.23 into the Fire Grants Fund.

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

22. [23-0920](#) Ordinance accepting a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Flint Hills Resources 2023 Helping Heroes Program for training for the Corpus Christi Fire Department's Technical Rescue Program; and appropriating \$10,000 to Fire Department Grants Fund.

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

23. [23-0767](#) One-reading ordinance authorizing Change Order No. 1 to a design/build contract with Ranger Fire, Inc. from Saginaw, Texas, for a change in design from a foam pre-action system to a water-based sprinkler system for CCIA Fire Suppression Hangar 3 & 4 project in an amount of \$160,509.00, for a total

contract value not to exceed \$1,104,509.30, located in Council District 3; appropriating \$160,509.00 from Airport Insurance Proceeds to the Airport funds and amending the FY 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets.

This Ordinance was passed on emergency on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033100

24. [23-1062](#) Ordinance authorizing a five-year lease agreement with Berry Contracting, LP for an airport hangar, aviation office space, apron area and vehicular parking area at the Corpus Christi International Airport.

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

25. [23-1191](#) Ordinance amending the description of Project #23052 Sherrill Park Military Monument, as shown in the FY 2023 Capital Improvement Budget, by clarifying that the design of a helicopter pad is included.

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

**J. SPECIAL SESSION LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Special Session Legislative Update.

Senior Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator Wendy Herman presented information on the following topic: The Call.

A Council Member and Senior Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator Herman discussed the following topic: the \$100,000 tax bill for homestead exemption applies to school district taxes only.

**K. RECESS FOR LUNCH**

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:34 p.m. Executive Session Item 30 was held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

**L. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEM 26)**

26. [23-1059](#) Zoning Case No. 0523-02, Diego Vasquez (District 1). Ordinance rezoning property at or near 1113 Comanche Street from the "CI" Intensive Commercial District to the "IL" Light Industrial District; Providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommended denial in lieu thereof, approval of the "CI/SP" Intensive Commercial District with a Special Permit.). (3/4 favorable vote required to overrule Planning Commission).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 26.

Director of Development Services Al Raymond presented information on the following



topics: zoning and land use; public notification; analysis and recommendation; planning commission and staff recommend approval of the CI/SP; and special permit conditions.

Council Members and Director Raymond discussed the following topics: the 7-foot screening fence allows the applicant to secure his property; and a Council Member's concern that surrounding areas should follow the same requirements.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

Applicant Diego Vasquez, 2913 Persimmon St., stated that he is expanding his business and would like to stay at this location. He has cleaned up the lot in question and is in agreement with the special requirements.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

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

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

**Abstained:** 0

**M. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 27 - 29)**

27. [23-1073](#) Resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of four, five-year service agreements for the third-party administration of Medical, Dental, and COBRA with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas in an estimated total annual amount up to \$1,750,140; Pharmacy Benefit Management with Caremark PCS Health, LLC. in an estimated amount up to \$11,121 annually; Life & Accidental Death and Dismemberment with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas in an estimated amount up to \$97,464 annually; and, Long-Term Disability with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas in an estimated amount up to \$106,451 annually, for a total estimated amount up to \$1,965,176 annually for the City's self-funded employee health benefits, with an estimated five-year total value in an amount up to \$9,825,880.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 27.

Council Members and Director of Human Resources Eyvon McHaney discussed the following topics: a Council Member expressed his concern that staff has not explored more insurance options.

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

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

**Nay:** 1 - Council Member Barrera

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 033101

28. [23-1167](#) Resolution amending Council Policy No. 8 of the Code of Ordinances to add requirements for naming transportation-related facilities within City limits.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 28.

Director of Public Works Ernest De La Garza presented information on the following topics: proposed amendment; and staff recommends approval.

Council Members and Assistant Director of Public Works Renee Couture discussed the following topics: this policy would allow the City to work with TxDOT on renaming state owned facilities.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

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

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 033102

29. [23-1147](#) Resolution amending Financial Budgetary Policies adopted by Resolution 033082 on June 27, 2023 to add a section to address the timing for funding of design work for future capital improvement bond projects

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 29.

Director of Management and Budget Eddie Houlihan presented information on the following topics: changes to the financial policies-section 19 Capital Improvement Future Bond Design Funding.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, and City Attorney Miles Risley discussed the following topics: the best use of the verbiage is "can be"; and a Council Member's

concern that when bonds get approved they are not completed in a timely manner.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

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

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 033103

**N. BRIEFINGS: (NONE)**

**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEM 30)**

- 30. [23-1218](#) 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 Interstate 37, State Highway 286, U.S. Highway 181, existing and proposed sewer, water, street, bridge, park, and other public infrastructure in or near said highways, the Four Party Agreement between TxDOT, the Port of Corpus Christi and the Voluntary Resolution Agreement between TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration related to the construction of the Harbor Bridge and related infrastructure, and environmental impact statements and records of decision related to the aforementioned transportation project(s).**

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 4:17 p.m.