



Meeting Minutes

City Council Workshop

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

FY 2027 Budget Workshop: Corpus Christi Water, FY 2027 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Proposed Budget and Water Rates and Wastewater Rates

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

B. 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 Zanoni, City Attorney Miles Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

Note: Council Member Barrera arrived at 9:31 a.m.

Present 7 - Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gilbert Hernandez, Council Member Kaylynn Paxson, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Sylvia Campos, and Council Member Mark Scott

Absent 2 - Council Member Eric Cantu, and Council Member Everett Roy

C. BRIEFINGS

1. [26-1053](#) Overview of Corpus Christi Water, FY 2027 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Proposed Budget and Water Rates and Wastewater Rates

Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water (CCW) Nick Winkelmann, Principal/Managing Director of NewGen Strategies and Solutions Richard Campbell, and Principal Consultant of NewGen Strategies and Solutions Andy McCartney presented information on the following topics: FY 2026-2027 proposed budget schedule; table of contents; mission statement; an enterprise fund; FY 2026 achievements wastewater; FY 2027 proposed budget wastewater fund: \$111.1M; year-over-year expenses; enhancement: reclaimed water program-staff and vehicle additions \$1.1M; wastewater FY 2026 CIP progress; FY 2027 wastewater proposed CIP: \$115M; wastewater FY 2027 proposed CIP; rate setting fundamentals; rate setting process; revenue requirements; transfers; city policies; 2027 rate study goals; 2027 wastewater rate adjustment drivers; 2027 proposed rates; projected wastewater rates-impact on sample utility bill charges; FY 2026 achievements water; FY 2027 proposed budget water fund:

\$229.3M; year-over-year expenses; enhancement: Rockport Gas Acquisition new employee and professional services \$189,792; new positions for utility assistance program \$161,645; additional positions and vehicles to support groundwater program \$982,430; water-FY 2026 CIP progress; water-FY 2027 proposed CIP: \$157M; water-FY 2027 proposed CIP; FY 2027 proposed rates water rate structure; water system functionalization; 2027 study goals; 2027 rate adjustment drivers; new water supply projects; 2027 proposed rates-inside city retail; outside city retail; wholesale treated volumetric rates; non-ratepayer wholesale raw water only volumetric rates; sample monthly utility bill charges-inside city limits; sample monthly utility bill charges-outside city limits; sample monthly utility bill charges; projected water rates-impact on sample utility bill charges; rate comparison; FY 2027 proposed rates; and FY 2020 to FY 2027.

COO Winkelmann, Assistant Director of CCW Finance & Administration Kamil Taras, and Mr. McCartney responded to Council questions.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.