



City of Corpus Christi

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Corpus Christi, TX 78401
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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, March 21, 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 11:34 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by, Pastor Rob Bailey, Southside Community Church.

Pastor Rob Bailey, Southside Community Church, gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Texas Flag to be led by Tiffany Dake, Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

Tiffany Dake, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, 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. [23-0544](#) Train Derailment Protocols

Interim Fire Chief Richie Quintero presented the following information on Train Derailment Protocols: introduction; East Palestine, OH February 3, 2023; hazardous materials in 11 cars; railroad companies operating in Corpus Christi; map of active railways; incident in Corpus Christi responder list; and emergency response.

Council Members, Interim Fire Chief Quintero, City Manager Peter Zaroni, and City Attorney Miles Risley discussed the following topics: can the city enforce a safer process

for the railway cars; the rail system has many computer devices and heat sensors; the federal railroad regulations overrule the City's regulations; in case of an emergency, the public would be notified through reverse alert; and a Council Member's request for staff to work with the railroad companies to repair the tracks that cross Leopard Street.

2. [23-0546](#) "Light Up CC" Update - Tammy Huffman, Utilities Analyst

Utilities Analyst Tammy Huffman presented information on the following topics: purpose; project summary; project map; before and after; and achieved milestones for phase 1.

Council Members, Utilities Analyst Huffman, and City Manager Peter Zanoni discussed the following topics: a Council Member's request for the approximate number of lights in each zone; phase 2 is to add more lights to certain areas; and all of the lights will be LED.

3. [23-0547](#) Community Input Sessions for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant Expenditure - Constance Sanchez, Chief Financial Officer

Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez presented information on the following topics: HUD plans; five-year consolidated plan; determining consolidated plan goals; process schedule; and public input sessions.

A Council Member's request that in the future, public input sessions be held at the Lindale Recreation Center in District 2.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

The following citizens spoke in favor of the reappointment of Judge Young Burkett as Municipal Court Judge: Nathan Burkett, 316 Foster Dr.; Kevin Cochran, P.O. Box 412; James Granberry, 3525 Golden Oak Dr.; Terry Shamsie, 4002 Castle Valley Dr.; Kimberly Rayos, 27 Townhouse Lane; Chris Gale, 14245 Cabo Blanco Dr.; and John D. Garcia, 4133 Woodland Creek Dr.

Greg Smith, 1746 Glenoak Dr., spoke about the drought contingency plan that the Port of Corpus Christi ratified.

Clarissa Mora, 4346 Pontchartrain Dr., asked to be reappointed to the Commission on Children and Youth, and made recommendations for vacant positions.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to Item 15: Blanca Parkinson, 10801 Silverton Dr.; Armon Alex, 1610 La Joya St.; Jessica Palitza, 606 Hopper Dr.; Eli McKay, 1008 Marguerite St.; Mary Carter, 3401 S. Alameda St.; Joe McComb, 5323 St. Andrews Dr.; Melissa Zamora, 454 Louisiana St.; Alyssa Alaniz, 5757 Wooldridge Rd., Errol Summerlin, Portland, TX; Cathy Fulton, Port Aransas, TX; and Lucia Dailey, Port Aransas, TX.

John Weber, 609 Naples St. and Rachel Caballero, 522 Hancock Ave., spoke regarding the Memorandum of Understanding with the Port of Corpus Christi that was negotiated by several City Council Members.

Adam Rios, 7301 Tangled Ridge Court, asked to be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The following citizens submitted a written public comment which are attached to the minutes: Ira Miller, 5656 S. Staples St.; Anita Garza, 7242 Old Brownsville Rd.; John Weber, 609 Naples St.; Sarah DeLeon, 541 Sims Ave.; Sean McFarland, 3902 Cimarron Blvd.; Olga Garcia, 4006 Iturbide St.; Sandra Santana, 7042 Tamarron Ct.; and Geordie Schimmel, 115 Alta Plaza St.

G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

4. [23-0475](#) Board of Adjustment (2 vacancies)
Building Standards Board (4 vacancies)
Construction Trade Advisory & Appeals Board (9 vacancies)
Corpus Christi Commission on Children and Youth (9 vacancies)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 4.

Board of Adjustment:

Appointed: Brandon Crowson (Alternate Member to Regular Member)

Building Standards Board:

Reappointed: Monica Pareso (At-Large)

Appointed: Merced V. Pena (Alternate Member to Regular Member) and Carlos Martinez (At-Large Engineer)

Construction Trade Advisory & Appeals Board:

Council Member Pusley made a motion to postpone these appointments to allow for more time for consideration, seconded by Council Member Hunter.

Corpus Christi Commission on Children and Youth:

Council Member Pusley made a motion to table these appointments to restructure the board, seconded by Council Member Roy.

H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 5 - 10)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Council Members pulled Item 9 for

individual consideration.

A motion was made by Council Member Suckley, seconded by Council Member Barrera to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 9. 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

5. [23-0476](#) Approval of the March 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

6. [23-0330](#) Ordinance authorizing execution of all documents necessary to accept \$199,432 in additional grant funding for the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program (WIC) from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for FY 2022-2023; and appropriating \$199,432 in the Health Grant Fund.

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

Enactment No: 033001

7. [23-0334](#) Ordinance annexing approximately 141.66 acres of land, at or near the northwest end of London Pirate Road (formerly CR 33) and south of Oso Creek, into the territorial limits of the City of Corpus Christi per owner petition.

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

Enactment No: 033002

8. [23-0320](#) Case No. 1121-02, V2 Ventures, LLC: (District 3): Ordinance rezoning property at or near 2601 London Pirate Road (County Road 33), located at the northern end of London Pirate Road (County Road 33) and north of Farm to Market 43, from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

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

Enactment No: 033003

9. [23-0319](#) Case No. 0123-03 Margo Moore Nonexempt Protection Trust: Ordinance rezoning property at or near 7901 South Padre Island Drive from the "RS-4.5" Single-Family 4.5 and the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "RM-1" Multifamily District. Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval.)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 9.

There were no questions from the Council.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Roy. 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 Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Enactment No: 033004

10. [23-0366](#) Ordinance appropriating \$75,492.28 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Retention Grant funds from Nueces County per the Amended Cooperative Agreement for City-Operated Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District.

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

Enactment No: 033005

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 11 - 12)

11. [23-0474](#) **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 the Municipal Court Judges and Texas Government Code § 551.074 (personnel matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment or duties of a public officer or employee (including, but not limited to, the Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court, Division 1 Judge of the Municipal Court, Division 2 Judge of the Municipal Court, Division 3 Judge of the Municipal Court, Division 4 Judge of the Municipal Court, Division 5 Judge of the Municipal Court, Part-Time Judge No. 1, Part-Time Judge No. 2, Part-Time Judge No. 3, Part-Time Judge No. 4, Part-Time Judge No. 5, Part-Time Judge No. 6, Part-Time Judge No. 7 [as appropriate], Part-Time Judge No. 8 [as appropriate], Part-Time Judge No. 9 [as appropriate], Part-Time Judge No. 10 [as appropriate], and Part-Time Judge No. 11 [as appropriate]).**

Mayor Guajardo referred to Executive Session Item 11. The Council went into Executive Session at 1:57 p.m. The Council returned from Executive Session at 2:32 p.m.

Enactment No:

12. [23-0489](#) **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 collaboration with the Port of Corpus Christi Authority on seawater desalination or other water sources, potential business relationships with the Port of Corpus Christi on water issues, and**

matters related to Harbor Island, with possible action.

This E-Session Item was withdrawn.

K. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 13 - 18)

13. [23-0486](#) Ordinance appointing Jacqueline Del Llano Chapa as Presiding Judge, Mike Alaniz as Division 1 Judge, Julianna Siracusa Rivera as Division 2 Judge, David Walsh as Division 3 Judge, William Gregory "Bill" Bonilla as Division 4 Judge, and George Picha as Division 5 Judge of the Municipal Court; appointing Christopher E. Matt as part-time judge #1, Douglas K. DeFratus as part-time judge #2, William Holt Feemster as part-time judge #3, Mariana Garza as part-time judge #4, Mario A. Olivarez as part-time judge #5, Kali Guttman as part-time judge #6, Robert Reyna as part-time judge #7, and Michael White as part-time judge #8 of the Municipal Court; determining salary; providing a two year term of office; and declaring an effective date.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 13.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Judge Young Burkett asked the Council consider reappointing her as Municipal Court Judge.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Members and City Manager Peter Zanoni discussed the following topics: all individuals who were considered were highly qualified; the Municipal Court Committee reviewed statistical information, warrants and number of jury trials; the Municipal Court Committee is proposing to increase the Municipal Court Judges salaries by \$111,000; market study showed that the Municipal Court Judges were 26-31% below the market, while part-time judges were about 5% below market; and the Municipal Court Committee would like to review other candidates for the vacant part-time positions.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinance as presented, seconded by Council Member Pusley.

Council Member Campos moved to amend the ordinance to include Judge Young Burkett as a qualified candidate to be considered for the full-time position, replacing George Picha, seconded by Council Member Klein. The motion to amend failed with the following vote: Council Members Campos and Klein voting-aye; Council Members Suckley, Barrera, Hernandez, Hunter, Pusley, Roy and Mayor Guajardo voting-no.

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

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

Enactment No: 033013

14. [23-0485](#) Ordinance amending Chapter 29 of the Corpus Christi Code to replace terms that are "coterminous with the term of the appointing City Council" with definite two-year terms for Municipal Judge Appointments.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 14.

Assistant City Attorney Buck Brice stated that the state law and city ordinance did not provide sufficient time for the City Council to appoint Municipal Court Judges. A municipal court judge who is not reappointed by the 91st day following the expiration of a term of office shall, absent action by the appointing authority, continue to serve for another term of office beginning on the date the previous term of office expired. This new Ordinance will provide a definite two-year for judges, which will allow future Council Members until June 30 to appoint future judges.

There were no questions from the Council.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Campos. 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

Enactment No: 033007

15. [23-0529](#) City Council discussion on whether the City of Corpus Christi should collaborate with the Port of Corpus Christi on seawater desalination, with possible action.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 15.

Council Members discussed the following topics: building a desalination plant closer to the Gulf of Mexico is better environmentally; a Council Member's concern that desalination is the most expensive way to provide water; a concern that the leadership at the Port of Corpus Christi is problematic; the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was prepared by several Council Members to initiate discussion with the Port; the Council desires a water solution that is in the best interest of the ratepayers; how the Port of Corpus Christi is going to assist the City with providing a water supply system; and Council Members issues with negotiating the contract with the Port of Corpus Christi without consent of all Council Members.

Council Member Pusley moved "to direct the City Manager to work out a framework on how the Port of Corpus Christi can assist the City of Corpus Christi in pursuit of desalination and other water resources for the long-term growth of the City of Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend. Details of this collaboration will be brought back to the full Council at a regularly scheduled meeting on April 18 or April 25. That report will be made to the Council in its entirety for discussion and potential action;" seconded by Council Member Hunter. This Motion was approved with the following vote:

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

Nay: 2 - Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2023-035

16. [23-0231](#) Motion authorizing a six-month service agreement with AM Services, Co., in an amount not to exceed \$84,772.00, for Fire Station #14 renovations, located at 5901 S. Staples Street, with FY 2023 funding from the Bond 2018 Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 16.

Director of Asset Management Charles Mendoza stated that this facility is outdated and needs to be updated. In the last three years, Asset Management has received about 40 service calls for the kitchen and laboratory at this fire station.

A Council Member, Director of Asset Management Mendoza, Assistant Fire Chief Doug Matthijetz, and City Manager Peter Zanoni discussed the following topics: the \$4.2 million dollar improvements were part of the Bond 2018 project, which included generators and replacement of roofs at several stations; and a Council Member's request to breakdown each item by station.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

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

Absent: 2 - Council Member Barrera and Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2023-036

17. [22-1786](#) Motion authorizing execution of a three-year service agreement, with two one-year options, with Tetra Tech, Inc., of Houston, to provide consulting and monitoring services on a contingency basis for storm debris removal for Solid Waste Services in an amount not to exceed \$948,200.00, and a potential of \$1,580,333.33 if options are exercised.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 17.

Director of Solid Waste David Lehfeldt stated that this item provides the city the ability to react after a disaster.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Suckley 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 Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 2 - Council Member Barrera and Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2023-037

18. [23-0363](#) Motion authorizing execution of a three-year service agreement, with two one-year options, with Green Planet, Inc., of Royse City, Texas, to provide household hazardous waste disposal services for Solid Waste Services in an amount not to exceed \$495,543.75, and a potential amount of \$825,906.25 if options are exercised, with FY 2023 funding of \$82,590.63 from the General Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 18.

Director of Solid Waste David Lehfeldt stated that this item will continue to allow the city to provide hazardous household waste disposal services.

A Council Member and Director Lehfeldt discussed the following topic: customers should take their hazardous waste materials to the transfer station.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

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

Aye: 6 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 3 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez and Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2023-038

L. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 1:57 p.m. Executive Session Item 11 was held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

M. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 19 - 20)

- 19. [23-0392](#) Case No. 0223-01 Mehran and Sepideh Vatankhah (District 1):**
Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 12102 Leopard Street, located along the north side of Leopard Street, east of Callicoatte Road, and south of Interstate Highway 37 (IH-37), from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "CG-2" General Commercial District. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval of the rezoning request from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "CG-2" General Commercial District).

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 19.

Director of Development Services Al Raymond presented information on the following topics: zoning and land use; Leopard St. corridor; adjacent grocery stores; public notification; and staff analysis and recommendation.

Council Members and Director Raymond discussed the following topics: in response to a Council Member's concern about the facade of the building, staff stated that there are no design standards or overlay for this rezoning; and a Council Member's request for staff to look into the state statute requirement for an overlay.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) Board Member Erica Maymi stated that this is a high traffic area.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearing.

Council Member Roy moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Pusley. This Ordinance was passed on first reading 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033006

20. [23-0459](#) Ordinance authorizing and approving a Substantial Amendment to the Corpus Christi FY2022/PY2021 Consolidated Annual Action Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and approval of the Corpus Christi HOME-ARPA Allocation Plan.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 20.

Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez presented information on the following topics: HOME-ARP award; HOME-ARP uses; HOME-ARP process; and staff recommends approval.

Council Members, Chief Financial Officer Sanchez, Assistant Director of Enforcement & Administration of Neighborhood Services Tracey Cantu, and Program Manager for Neighborhood Services Leticia Kanmore discussed the following topics: a Council Member's request that the non-profit organizations submit a plan to the City and for the City to send the plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); a Council Member's concern about one homeless shelter receiving more funding than another; service providers will request the amount of money they have the capacity to spend; a Council Member's request that staff explain to the organizations about the allocation of monies; applicants have to meet HUD's threshold for the rental income limit; the area median income thresholds are established by HUD on an annual basis; what the City is doing to market the available money to the organizations; and a Council Member's request for a list of social service agencies contacted by staff.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

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: 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033008

N. BRIEFINGS: (ITEM 21)

21. [23-0488](#) Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to provide information on the organization's Legislative Program for the 88th Legislative Session.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 21.

Legislative Committee Chair Aaron Munoz of the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) presented information on the following topics: background; and general overview.

Council Members, RTA Legislative Committee Chair Munoz, RTA Chairman Dan Leyendecker and RTA Acting Chief Executive Officer Miguel Rendon RTA, Attorney John Bell RTA Board Member, City Appointee Erica Maymi, and Managing Director of Capital Programs and Customer Services Sharon Montez discussed the following topics: RTA is focusing on battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell electric buses; the RTA receives one-half cent sales tax out of the two cents that is allocated to local taxations; hydrogen fuel electric buses have a small hydrogen tank and when the battery depletes, the hydrogen fuels the battery cell and they do not need to be charged overnight; a Council Member's concern about the resale value of the hydrogen fuel electric buses; regulating fares goes through the state legislature; RTA is looking to enhance the criminal penalty if an employee or member of the public is assaulted on RTA property; Bus Rapid Transit is still being discussed; in response to a Council Member's concern that hydrogen fuel is more expensive than the electricity to charge a bus, staff stated that the technology and development of hydrogen fuel is less expensive because there is less infrastructure; RTA is pursuing funding for 70 electric and 30 hydrogen fuel cell vehicles; a Council Member's request for RTA to consider using paper transfer tickets instead of plastic tickets; a Council Member's request for RTA to add shade structures to the bus stops in the northwest area of the City; RTA is in the process of adding 300 new bus stops with solar lighting; the existing bus stops are being addressed for shade structures; a Council Member's challenge for the RTA to add restrooms to the buses; a Council Member's request to add larger bus shelters in the Flour Bluff area; and a single bus fare across the City is 75 cents, while other cities in Texas are charging more than a dollar.

O. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Mariah Resendez

From: Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 8:28 PM
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Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting	03-21-2023
Name	Ira Miller
Address	Street Address: 5656 S Staples, Suite 300 City: Corpus Christi State / Province: Texas Postal / Zip Code: 78413
Topic	23-0486
Agenda Item Number	Young Burkett
Describe Feedback:	I have know Young Burkett for several years. She has served Nueces County honorably and protected the residents as a prosecutor and a judge. I tried several cases against her when she was a prosecutor and she was always well prepared and knew the rules of evidence and the law applicable to the case forward and backwards. Showing her dedication and work ethic in being prepared for trial. When she later became a judge I could tell she worked hard and was well informed of the law. I am hopeful that the city keeps Judge Burkett because she is a great asset to the city and we are lucky to have her. Her hard work and dedication to the residents of Corpus Christi is very apparent in the court room. It would be a huge loss to the city if she is not retained.
Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	izm@iramillerlaw.com

Mariah Resendez

From: Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>
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Date of Meeting	03-21-2023
Name	Anita Garza
Address	Street Address: 7242 Old Brownsville Rd City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78415
Topic	23-0486
Agenda Item Number	23-0486
Describe Feedback:	I have submitted my letter in hopes that Judge Young Min Burkett keeps her position at the City of Corpus Christi Municipal Court.
Uploads:	City Council.pdf
Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.	igigogi4771@gmail.com

Hello,

My name is Anita Garza, I am a former City of Corpus Christi Courtroom clerk. I am here on behalf of Judge Young Min Burkett, I worked with her while I worked at the Municipal Court for the past 1 ½ years. I enjoyed my time working there with other judges but not so much with Judge Jacqueline Chapa and Judge Julianna Rivera, due to the fact that these 2 judges felt that part of their job was to belittle me during courtroom dockets. On 22 Dec 2022, during a juvenile docket, Judge Chapa stopped talking to a defendant during court to ask me what I was doing, even though it was a courtroom policy given by her to print what needed to be printed during court, I explained to her that I was printing extra copies of her judgment to give to the Juvenile Case Manager, she was upset and continued with the docket. After the docket was over, and before I could let my supervisor know what had happened Judge Chapa had already notified my supervisor and had advised her to move me to another department. On another occasion, Judge Rivera made a comment to my supervisor that I was always asking questions and making errors when it was the other way around, Rivera was always asking me to do things out of my control, was constantly late for the dockets, would always be confused and then would tell me to change dates and amounts something we are not allowed to do. Judge Burkett was the exact opposite, always professional, never late, on top of changes and was always mistreated by Chapa and Rivera. I quit my job on 22 December 2022 because I felt bullied by Judge Jacqueline Chapa and Judge Julianna Rivera, on that same day, I was told by my supervisor, Laura Garza, that I was going to be moved to the call center to answer phones because "technically, Chapa's the judge and we don't want to piss her off right"? I am a disabled veteran who served proudly in 2 Iraq wars, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and I was so excited when I got the job at the Municipal Court and left so disappointed because some people think they are entitled to mistreat others just so they can bring their family members in as judges. I am asking that you please reconsider Judge Young Min Burkett as a Municipal Court Judge, the citizens of Corpus Christi deserve to be treated with respect and dignity and not leave feeling belittled when they walk into the courtroom doors. Judge Young Min Burkett is the only positive and friendliest Judge in the Municipal Court.

Sincerely,

Anita Garza

Mariah Resendez

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Topic	Ethics
Agenda Item Number	15
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Date of Meeting	03-21-2023
Name	Sarah De Leon
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Topic	File Number 23-0486-Municipal Court Appointments
Agenda Item Number	13
Describe Feedback:	This comment is in reference to the reappointment of Judge Young Burkett. As a former employee of the Corpus Christi Police Department - Family Violence Unit I can witness to the fact that Judge Burkett was and continues to be an immense help to the citizens of Corpus Christi. She always assisted with Emergency Protective Orders, even if she was walking out the door. When other judges were busy or in court, Judge Burkett would allow us into her office for detention holds to be signed or to get clarification on submitting an EPO. She never once turned us away or made us feel like we were imposing on her time. Her compassion and dedication to the city and its citizens is evident in every interaction with her. This was not just a job, she truly cares about people. When in her office, you have her full and undivided attention. It would be a great loss to the city to not reappoint her for the position. You can't train someone to have the compassion and empathy that she innately has.

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Mariah Resendez

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Date of Meeting	03-21-2023
Name	Sean McFarland
Address	Street Address: 3902 Cimarron Blvd Street Address Line 2: #4108 City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78414
Topic	"File number 23-0486 - Municipal Court appointments."
Agenda Item Number	23-0486
Describe Feedback:	Good morning, I have worked with Municipal Court Judge Young Burkett since she she worked with the District Attorney's office as an Intake Assistant District Attorney while I worked in the Family Violence Unit as a Detective. Then later as she transitioned to Municipal Court, as a Judge. She understood the laws and worked insure the paperwork was in order to file cases or requested additional documents or information if needed. She worked well with detectives to file cases. Then as as a Judge she assisted with Emergency Protective Orders and Holds on Family Violence cases. She helped with warrants on Assault Family Violence cases as well when the offender was not arrested at the scene. More recently I have been back in patrol and have gone to Municipal Court for citations on accidents and Judge Burkett has handled the court room and cases in an efficient manner. I have also seen her deal with upset defendants in a professional manner as well. I believe she is an asset. Thank you.

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Norma Duran

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Date of Meeting	03-21-2023
Name	Sandra Santana
Address	Street Address: 7042 Tamarron Ct. City: Corpus Christi State / Province: Texas Postal / Zip Code: 78412
Topic	Municipal Court Judge
Agenda Item Number	23-0486
Describe Feedback:	<p>My name is Sandra Santana, I used to work for the city for almost 10 years w/MC Judicial Dept</p> <p>I write to support Judge Young Min Burkett. Unless you directly work w/a person you may not have full knowledge of their work ethic. If you hear one side of the story you do not get to make fair opinion for such an important decision. Your decision in this matter affects is extremely important and should not be considered lightly or biased. Judge Burkett always volunteered to work the hard long hours during warrant round up. In the middle of Covid she was often given the graveyard and weekend hours. If you look at the schedule during this time you can see that the Judges work was not equally shared as said in the city ordinance.</p> <p>Judge Burkett often covered for many judges to keep the courtroom going. She was ordered to miss lunch and breaks very often but she always worked. I am asking for you to reconsider not reappointing her. She is an asset to this community.</p>

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Norma Duran

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Date of Meeting	03-21-2023
Name	Geordie Schimmel
Address	Street Address: 115 Alta Plaza St City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78411
Topic	Judge Burkett
Agenda Item Number	23-0486
Describe Feedback:	<p>My name is Geordie Schimmel. I've been a lawyer in the city for more than 20 years. I practice in all the courts of the county, including Municipal Court. Respectfully, I think Judge Burkett's contract should be renewed. All the judges I have dealt with at City Court—Judge Walsh, Judge DeKoch and Judge Burkett—have been professional and a credit to the city. None of them has ever mistreated me or made me feel like they didn't have time for me. Not once. I have never heard from anyone in the local criminal bar that Judge Burkett has been anything except kind and professional—and believe me, lawyers like to complain about things. No one complains about these judges. That is extraordinary. I think the city needs more diversity—of backgrounds and perspectives. But that's not why I think Judge Burkett should continue to be a Municipal Court judge. She's a good judge! We need more judges like her. Please consider allowing her to remain a Municipal Court judge.</p>

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