



# City of Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Minutes

### City Council Workshop

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Monday, May 13, 2024

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

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#### FY 2025 Budget Goal Setting Workshop

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.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

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

**C. FY 2025 Budget Goal Setting**

**1. [24-0744](#) FY 2025 Budget Goal Setting**

City Manager Peter Zanoni stated the revenues starting October 1, 2024 are not going to be as strong as the last two years due to the decrease in property value growth.

Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez presented information on the following topics: budget calendar; financial/budgetary policies; financial overview, revenue forecast, financial outlook- FY 2023 actuals compared to estimated; financial overview, revenue forecast, financial outlook-revenue forecast for FY 2024; financial outlook-our current dilemma; financial outlook-Texas and Corpus Christi impacts; and future mandated increases for maintenance and operations.

A Council Member and CFO Sanchez discussed the following topic: the general funds consist of 30 percent of the budget.

Fire Chief Brandon Wade presented information on the following topic: new Fire Station No. 3.

There were no comments from the Council.

Police Chief Mike Markle presented information on the following topic: police training academy.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Police Chief Markle discussed the following topics: a cost comparison will be done for city crews to handle custodial and mowing services; the police department needs to retain the Corona police training facility; and utility and phone services will be a new expense for this new building.

Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert presented information on the following topics: Bill Witt Aquatic Center; Water Garden; North Beach bathroom facility; Cole Park splash pad; and Northside/Hillcrest aquatic center.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, Assistant City Manager Hurlbert, and Director of Parks and Recreation Robert Dodd discussed the following topics: the anticipated annual costs for the aquatic center are recurring and can increase or decrease depending on usage; to consider charging an entrance fee into the aquatic center to earn revenue; concerns about the proposed cost of security services; to ensure that cleaning services at Cole Park Pier are not done during peak time; a request that the City investigate partnering with the downtown museums and facilities that currently have security services to share costs; a rental fee will be implemented for use of the Water Garden; a request for a report of maintenance costs for all splash pads; and the drought management plan will be revisited regarding swimming pools and splash pads.

Assistant City Manager Steve Viera presented information on the following topics: Code Enforcement year two of CDBG grant transition to general fund; and developer participation agreements.

Council Members, Assistant City Manager Viera, Director of Development Services Al Raymond, and Assistant Director of Public Works Gabriel Hinojosa discussed the following topics: a request for a code enforcement report when a structure is considered a public safety issue; how to improve the 311 services with regard to code enforcement officers; and how effective is the process for adjudicating citations.

Assistant City Manager Neiman Young presented information on the following topic: advance funding agreements with TxDOT.

There were no comments from the Council.

Fire Chief Brandon Wade presented information on the following topic: collective bargaining agreement-Fire.

There were no comments from the Council.

Police Chief Mike Markle presented information on the following topic: collective bargaining agreement-Police; police staffing plan; and police FY 2025 vehicles.

Council Members and Police Chief Markle discussed the following topics: the police department is in need of 40 additional police vehicles; a desire to increase the homeless and crisis unit; and motorcycles and bicycles are also in demand.

Fire Chief Brandon Wade presented information on the following topics: Fire-four person staffing continuance; four person staffing five-year plan; Re-org of Fire Department; Re-org of Fire Department-current; and Re-org of Fire Department-proposed.

Council Members and Fire Chief Wade discussed the following topics: duties would be reorganized and pay structure would change based on promotion; and changes are to increase efficiency and safety.

Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez presented information on the following topics: Corpus Christi Retirement System (CCFRS); history of contribution rates; and funding levels for both pension plans.

Council Members and CFO Sanchez discussed the following topics: a request to revisit the CCFRS in the near future; and to consider exploring health care fund balances to assist with funding the pension plans.

Assistant City Manager Neiman Young presented information on the following topics: streets; and backfilling street maintenance fee.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Assistant City Manager Young discussed the following topics: if the 1/8 cent sales tax is used towards residential streets, can the convention center still be renovated; a request for a citywide breakdown of how many potholes have been filled and how many residential streets have been repaired from a year ago versus three years ago; and to utilize any additional funding sources for a more permanent solution for the worst streets.

Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez presented information on the following topic: animal care services.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, CFO Sanchez, and Interim Director of Animal Care Service Kathleen Chapa discussed the following topics: the importance of increasing funding for Vector Control; Human Resources is reviewing salaries for Animal Care Officers; desires to increase the spay/neuter marketing campaign; and updating animal care ordinances is a goal.

Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert presented information on the following topic: Industrial District Agreements.

There were no comments from the Council.

Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez presented information on the following topics: property taxes-preliminary values; and property taxes.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, and CFO Sanchez discussed the following topics: a request for the City to provide to the community preliminary values for property taxes; and how the most recent legislative change has affected revenues with regard to property taxes.

Assistant Director of Public Works Gabriel Hinojosa presented information on the following topics: fees and rates; storm water fee; and storm water service enhancements.

Council Members and Assistant Director Hinojosa discussed the following topics: how curbs and gutters are assessed from last year versus this year; and how to maximize funding and save taxpayer dollars.

Assistant City Manager Neiman Young presented information on the following topic: solid waste fee.

There were no comments from the Council.

Chief Operating Officer Drew Molly presented information on the following topic: water/wastewater rates.

There were no comments from the Council.

Fire Chief Brandon Wade presented information on the following topic: fire department fees.

Council Members and Fire Chief Wade discussed the following topics: the Lift Assist fee will be \$500 that will be billed to the requesting facility; whether the fire service fee for out of county residents has been adjusted; and a request for staff to provide collectability data.

Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez presented information on the following topic: animal care services proposed fee increase.

Council Members and CFO Sanchez discussed the following topics: a concern about the proposed fee increase for adopting a domestic dog or cat; what other entities charge for adoption; and an owner can be cited for dumping an animal.

**D. Adjournment**

Mayor Guajardo recessed this meeting at 5:19 p.m. See continuation of meeting on the May 21, 2024 City Council Minutes, Item 30.