



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council Workshop Session

Thursday, August 5, 2021

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

FY 2022 Budget Workshop for Police, Fire, and Solid Waste Departments

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m.

B. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.

City Secretary Rebecca L. 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, Senior Assistant City Attorney Lisa Aguilar and City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.

NOTE: Council Member Smith arrived at 10:16 a.m.

Present 8 - Mayor Paulette M. Guajardo, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Billy A. Lerma, Council Member John Martinez, Council Member Ben Molina, Council Member Mike Pusley, and Council Member Greg Smith

Absent 1 - Council Member Michael Hunter

C. BRIEFINGS TO CITY COUNCIL:

1. [21-0964](#) FY 2022 Budget Workshop for Police, Fire, and Solid Waste Departments

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 1.

Police Chief Mike Markle presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about police department; organization; FY 2021 achievements; performance measures; services; FY 2022 police department proposed budget: \$91.3 M; FY 2022 proposed budget general fund: \$72.6 M; FY 2022 proposed budget crime control fund: \$7.5 M; FY 2022 proposed budget metrocom fund: \$8.3 M; FY 2022 proposed budget grants fund: \$2.3 M; FY 2022 enhancement 1; FY 2022 enhancement 2; FY 2022 enhancement 3; FY 2022 equipment replacement; and FY 2022 capital improvement plan.

Council Members, Police Chief Markle and City Manager Peter Zanoni discussed the following topics: a Council Member's request for a cost analysis of repairs to the vehicles versus officers having their own unit; there are currently only 176 police vehicles, so in

order for officers to take units home 300 vehicles will be needed; the new police academy will include classrooms, gymnasiums, simulator room, lockers and showers; a Council Member's request for a police substation in the Northwest area of Corpus Christi; the grant funds are accounted for separately with \$2.3 Million in the budget; a Council Member's request to see the investment of vehicles per police officer versus the investment of substations being built; substations are meant to be community based, and a place for police officers to prepare reports and have briefings; about 8 to 10 police officers may move to another city after going through the police academy; and not only salary, but amenities and benefits are important to keep police officers in our city.

Fire Chief Robert Rocha presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about fire department; fire department command staff; FY 2021 achievements; performance measures; services; FY 2022 fire department proposed budget: \$72.4 M; FY 2022 proposed budget general fund: \$72.2 M; FY 2022 proposed budget LEPC fund: \$.2 M; FY 2022 enhancement 1; fire academy; FY 2022 enhancement 2; FY 2022 enhancement 3; FY 2022 enhancement 4; station 3 CIP budget schedule; and FY 2022 enhancement 5.

Council Members, Fire Chief Rocha and Deputy Fire Chief Richie Quintero and City Manager Peter Zaroni discussed the following topics: the fire academy lasts approximately 22 to 24 months; some of the money is recovered from the training cost that the City pays Del Mar if a cadet leaves the fire academy; it costs \$77,000 to put one cadet through training for a year; a Council Member's request to look into other options other than Del Mar for paramedic and fire training; a Council Member's request to come up with a long-term plan so that the fire department is adequately equipped; Council Members' request for further discussion about the Emergency Services District (ESD); a Council Member's concern that citizens who live in the London area are outside the city limits and are not paying city taxes, but are provided with emergency services; the new fire station will be 13,000 square feet and will include 5 Bays; Certificates of Obligation are being used instead of a Bond to expedite the construction once a design is complete, and to make sure it is fully funded; a Council Member's request for a more specific list in the Capital budget of what needs to be done; and once the fire stations are fully staffed this year, the overtime budget should decrease.

Director of Solid Waste Services David Lehfeldt presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about solid waste services; organization; FY 2021 achievements; performance measures; services; FY 2022 solid waste department proposed budget: \$30.6 M; FY 2022 proposed budget general fund: \$30.6 M in expenditures; proposed rate changes; FY 2022 enhancement 1; FY 2022 enhancement 2; FY 2022 enhancement 3; FY 2022 enhancement 4; and compost facility.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni and Director Lehfeldt discussed the following topics: a compost facility will save about \$400,000 a year; a compost facility will run more efficiently and safely, along with less overtime; the overtime money that is not spent goes back into the general fund; a Council Member suggests that emergency

situations should be budgeted separately; the Solid Waste Department's staffing rate is down about 15 to 20%; and the compost facility will be a supplier to the nurseries.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.