



# Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Minutes City Council Workshop Session

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Tuesday, June 2, 2015

2:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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**A. Mayor Nelda Martinez to call the meeting to order.**

Mayor Martinez called the meeting to order. City Manager Ron Olson gave the invocation.

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

City Secretary Rebecca Huerta called the roll and verified that a quorum of the Council and required Charter Officers were present to conduct the meeting.

(Note: Council Member Riojas arrived at 2:08 p.m.)

Charter Officers:

City Manager Ron Olson, City Attorney Miles K. Risley, and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta.

Senior Project Manager Annika Gunning led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present** 8 - Mayor Nelda Martinez, Council Member Mark Scott, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Lillian Riojas, Council Member Brian Rosas, Council Member Lucy Rubio, Council Member Colleen McIntyre, and Council Member Rudy Garza Jr.

**Absent** 1 - Council Member Chad Magill

**C. BRIEFINGS TO CITY COUNCIL:**

**1. Update on Draft Plan CC 2035 Comprehensive Plan**

Mayor Martinez referred to Item 1. City Manager Olson said that the City has been working for several months on updating the Comprehensive Plan and is currently receiving public comment on the first draft. City Manager Olson stated that the purpose of this workshop is to help clarify a number of questions and misunderstandings regarding the Plan CC Comprehensive Plan 2035. City Manager Olson introduced Executive Director of Utilities, Mark Van

Vleck, who will present a summary of the Comprehensive Plan, address questions and recommend go forward strategies.

Mr. Van Vleck introduced the presentation team consisting of Business Liaison Alyssa Michelle Barrera and Annika Gunning, Senior Project Planner in Development Services. Mr. Van Vleck provided an overview of the agenda and the hierarchy of the plans. Mr. Van Vleck explained the layout of the current Plan CC draft document which included: individual elements, the goals and policies for each element, the challenges associated with the element, and what the community said; the strategies and actions to achieve the goals and implement the Comprehensive Plan; and the strategies identified to implement sooner rather than later. Mr. Van Vleck reported that several comments have been received regarding the action plans, with very few regarding the actual goals and policies. Mr. Van Vleck stated that staff is recommending to separate the Comprehensive Plan, which includes the goals and policies as required by City Charter, and then focus on the Strategic Implementation Plan, background information and studies. If Council supports staff's recommendation, the presentation will be an overview of only the goals and policies for each element of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Van Vleck said the public comment process on the current draft will continue through June 15th and an additional two weeks after staff has reproduced a reformatted Comprehensive Plan document.

Council Member McIntyre made a motion directing the City Manager to separate the Plan CC Comprehensive Plan 2035 into a Comprehensive Plan with the goals and policies, a Strategic Implementation Plan and a background plan, seconded by Council Member Riojas and passed unanimously. The separated Comprehensive Plan will be put out for public comment for two weeks.

Ms. Gunning began the presentation by review the public engagement process; the four key parts of the vision for 2035; the guiding principles; and an overview of the 8 element and goals. Staff was asked to provide the City Council with information on the Citizens Advisory Committee including membership, the number of meetings, minutes, how the group members were considered, and the attendance at each meeting. Ms. Gunning provided a review of the goals and policies on Elements 4 and 5. Element 4 - Natural Systems, Parks and Recreation, focuses on the protection and enhancement of natural assets and parks and the expansion of public access to green space. Discussion topics for Element 4 included: clarification on Oso Creek not being swimmable and concerns that the goals may conflict with protection and requirements that already in place from other entities. Element 5 - Resilience and Resource Efficiency, focuses on the issues of resilience and resource efficiency, particularly energy. Resilience is not only the ability to respond to and recover from hazard events, but also the ability to anticipate hazards and reduce overall vulnerability. Discussion topics for Element 5 included: adding rain events to the policy regarding the promotion of ecotourism as a way to encourage and fund preservation of the natural environment and wildlife habitat to Goal 3 and future discussion on renewable energy strategies and actions.

Ms. Barrera provided an overview of the goals and policies regarding Elements 6 and 7. Element 6 - Housing and Neighborhoods, focuses on a diverse supply of quality housing choices, meeting the needs of households in all income

levels; reduce chronic homelessness; ensure code compliance; move toward resource efficient housing; and sustainable neighborhoods. Discussion topics for Element 6 included: removing the policy to support implementation of a "housing first" policy on Goal 3 and having new public facilities be co-located wherever possible on Goal 7. Element 7 - Economic Diversity & Workforce, focuses on strategies to diversify Corpus Christi's economy and support well-paying jobs built on existing industries and new innovation. Discussion topics for Element 7 included: clarifying the policy on making school completion a high civic priority by adding high school and post secondary work on Goal 6; collaborating and aligning with stakeholders regarding Goal 6; concern with the City being involved in early childhood services and education; supporting the importance of advanced education and/or vocational training in the community and informing children of the economic opportunities that are available; changing the language on the policies for Goal 6 related to early childhood services and career exploration from "provide" to "promote partnerships and encourage"; and concerns with how early childhood services policies would be implemented and funded.

Mr. Van Vleck covered the goals and policies regarding Elements 8 and 9. Element 8 - Transportation and Mobility, focuses on expanding and improving transportation infrastructure and systems including. Staff was asked to provide information about the Airport Master Plan. Element 9 - Infrastructure, Facilities and Services, focuses on long-term water supplies, water security, wastewater treatment, solid waste disposal and drainage systems through strategies that are both cost-effective and environmentally sustainable. Discussion topics for Element 9 included: changing the language on the policy regarding an equitable billing system for storm water services from "support" to "review"; moving this policy from Goal 3 to Goal 4; and divesting of City building.

Ms. Gunning provided an overview of Elements 10 and 11. Element 10 - Future Land Use, Zoning, and Urban Design, focuses on the physical development of Corpus Christi. Discussion topics on Element 10 included: the actions required to develop the Airport Zoning Commission; an explanation of the duties of a city redevelopment authority and the reasons to support its creation as related to Goal 1; and whether the policy on Goal 6 related to annexation would allow the opportunity to re-address previous annexation. Element 11 - Stewardship and Implementation of the Plan, focuses on implementation, monitoring and updating the Comprehensive Plan and providing action plans for each element. The only discussion topic for Element 11 was to include in the policies listed under Goal 1 to address a review the area development plans and specific plans in the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Van Vleck concluded the presentation with reviewing the format in which the strategic implementation plan will be presented. City Manager Olson responded to questions regarding the following topics: the last update of the Comprehensive Plan; the steps that will be taken to ensure routine updates; and cost of the study; the reason a Boston based firm was selected as the consultant for the Comprehensive Plan; public awareness and the continuation of the public comment process.

## D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.