



City of Corpus Christi

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Corpus Christi, TX 78401
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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

Addendums may be added on Wednesday.

A. Mayor Joe McComb to call the meeting to order.

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Mayor Joe McComb.

Mayor McComb gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag.

Mayor McComb led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States and the Texas Flag.

D. 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 Zaroni, City Attorney Miles K. Risley and City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.

Note: Council Members Roland Barrera, Everett Roy and Paulette Guajardo participated by video conference. Council Member Michael Hunter participated by telephone conference.

Present: 8 - Mayor Joe McComb, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Ben Molina, Council Member Everett Roy, and Council Member Greg Smith

- E. PUBLIC COMMENT - AUDIENCE AND PRESENTER SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC HEARING INPUT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.** To reduce the chance of COVID-19 transmission, public meetings will be held in a manner intended to separate, to the maximum practical extent, audience and presenters from personal contact with members of Community, City Staff, and City Council. This meeting will be broadcast at cctexas.com/services/council-meeting-agendas-minutes-video. Public testimony and public hearing input for Public Comment and all items on the agenda at public meetings of the City Council should be provided in written format and presented to the City Secretary and/or designee no later than five minutes after the start of each meeting of the City Council. Testimony and/or public input shall be in accordance with the City Secretary's instructions, which shall be posted on the City Secretary's door and on the City website, and allow for electronic submission. The written public testimony shall be provided to members of City Council prior to voting on measures for that meeting. Written testimony shall be limited in accordance with the City Secretary requirements and shall be placed into the record of each meeting. This testimony shall serve as the required public testimony pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.007 and shall constitute a public hearing for purposes of any public hearing requirement under law. The meeting may be held telephonically or via videoconference. The public may participate remotely by following the instructions of the City Secretary at cctexas.com/departments/city-secretary.

Mayor McComb referred to comments from the public.

The following citizen submitted a written public comment which is attached to the Minutes: Hillary Snedeker, 120 Gulway.

F. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS:

Mayor McComb referred to City Manager's Comments. City Manager Peter Zaroni reported on the following topics: 1) Update on the 2020 bond program. 2) Everhart Road construction project update-April 2021 completion date. 3) Acknowledged the Gas department being recognized by the Texas Municipal League (TML) for 10 years of excellent performance.

A Council Member commended City Manager Peter Zaroni and his team for their work on the 2020 bond program.

a. GOVERNMENT ACTIONS RELATED TO CORONA VIRUS

Director of Public Health District Annette Rodriguez presented the following update on COVID-19: Nueces County COVID-19 cases by months; surveillance of flu illnesses annual comparison of weekly cases; current COVID-19 vaccine facts; different vaccine methodologies; different vaccine methods: biosafety; immune response; RNA vaccine adverse effects in clinical trials: Moderna and Pfizer as of November 20, 2020; typical adverse reactions in vaccines; vaccine plan phase 1 healthcare workers-Tier 1; and phase 1 healthcare workers-Tier 2.

Council Members, Director Rodriguez and City Manager Peter Zaroni discussed the following topics: initially the City will receive about 3,000 to 4,000 vaccinations; hospitals, providers and EMS will receive their vaccines directly; the Health District needs assistance from all providers to provide healthcare to certain communities that are underserved and have limited access to healthcare; dry ice will be needed because vaccine requires ultra-low freezing storage temperature; the CARES money will assist with supplies; the vaccine should be available for seniors at the end of February or early March; and a booster is required 21 days after the COVID-19 vaccination.

G. MINUTES:

1. Regular Meetings of November 10, 2020 and November 17, 2020

A motion was made by Council Member Molina, seconded by Council Member Smith that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

H. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (NONE)

I. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

J. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 2 - 16)

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor McComb referred to the Consent Agenda. Council members requested that Items 12 and 16 be pulled for individual consideration.

A motion was made by Council Member Molina, seconded by Council Member Roy to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 12 and 16. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

2. Ordinance amending Chapter 21 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances to establish the Super Bag Collection Service for residential waste collection, following a successful six month pilot program, and to enact a cost recovery fee of \$135.00 to be paid at time of bag purchase.

This Ordinance was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032294

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

3. Motion authorizing the lease-purchase for the replacement of three ambulances from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC, of Denton, Texas for a five-year total amount of \$824,497.42 to be used by the Corpus Christi Fire Department, with FY 2021 funding in an amount of \$27,500.00 available from the General Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)

Mayor McComb referred to Items 3 and 4.

Council Members, Fire Chief Robert Rocha and Assistant Chief Rick Trevino discussed the following topics: several fire stations will be receiving replacement equipment; the units from the busy stations will be rotated to the slower stations; and there are 14 ambulances available for emergency situations and about seven reserve ambulances.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-228

4. Motion authorizing the lease-purchase for the replacement of one aerial fire apparatus and two pumper trucks from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group LLC of Denton, Texas, for a five-year total amount of \$3,203,502.78 to be used by the Corpus Christi Fire Department, with FY 2021 funding in an amount of \$80,100.00 available from the General Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-229

5. Resolution authorizing a two-year service agreement with Total Protection, Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$322,000.00 for on-call maintenance and repair services for security access control systems at Water, Wastewater and Gas facilities, effective upon issuance of notice to proceed, with first-year funding in an estimated amount of \$161,000.00 available in the FY 2021 Water, Wastewater, and Gas Funds. (Requires 2/3 vote)

Mayor McComb referred to Items 5 and 6.

A Council Member and City Manager Peter Zanoni discussed the following topics: the Information Technology Department (IT) is going to manage the security at all facilities in coordination with the Police Department.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032295

6. Resolution authorizing a two-year service agreement with Total Protection, Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$112,898.00 for on-call maintenance and repair services for security access control systems at City-owned facilities maintained by Asset Management,

effective upon issuance of notice to proceed, with FY 2021 funding in an amount not exceed \$42,500.00 available through the Facility and Property Management Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032296

7. Motion authorizing a three-year master service agreement with MCCi, LLC in the amount of \$388,993.20 for Laserfiche license support, maintenance and services for records management, effective upon issuance of a notice to proceed with FY 2021 funding in the amount of \$129,664.40 available in the Information Technology Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-230

8. Resolution authorizing a purchase with Area Electronics Systems, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$189,257.25 for increased video storage capacity for the Corpus Christi Police Department, with funding in the FY 2021 Corpus Christi Crime Control Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032297

9. Motion authorizing a five-year service agreement with Grande Communications Networks, LLC in an amount of \$90,000.00 for a physical fiber link between the City of Corpus Christi's geographical limits at Oso Creek and Flour Bluff, effective upon issuance of a notice to proceed, with FY 2021 funding in the amount of \$18,000.00 available in the Information Technology Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-231

10. Motion authorizing a one-year supply agreement with Rehrig Pacific Company, for the purchase of refuse and recycling carts for Solid Waste Services in an amount not to exceed \$501,858.00; with funding in an estimated amount of \$460,000.00 available in the FY 2021 General Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-232

Consent - Capital Projects

11. Motion awarding a construction contract with A. Ortiz Construction &

Paving, Inc. for the Residential Street Rebuild Program-Re-Bid Base Bid C in an amount of \$5,513,302.03, located Citywide, with FY 2021 funding available from the Residential Street Reconstruction, Storm Water, Wastewater, Water and Gas Funds. (Requires 2/3 vote)

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2020-233

General Consent Items

12. Resolution relating to City of Corpus Christi's intention to reimburse itself from future issuances of Utility System Revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$120,000,000 for Utility System expenditures budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Capital Improvement Plan but incurred before the issuance of the bonds.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 12.

A Council Member and Director of Finance Heather Hurlbert discussed the following topics: this resolution is needed to allow the City to move forward with incurring capital costs and then reimburse itself for these costs with bond proceeds once issued.

Council Member Hernandez made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Smith. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032298

13. Resolution relating to City of Corpus Christi's intention to reimburse itself from future issuances of General Obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 for expenses related to projects included in the voter approved 2020 Bond Election incurred before the issuance of the bonds.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032299

14. Resolution approving the amended bylaws for the Corpus Christi B Corporation (the "Type B Corporation") as approved by the Board of Directors of the Type B Corporation on March 16, 2020.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032300

15. Resolution approving the amended bylaws for the Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation (the "Type A Corporation") as approved by the Board of Directors of the Type A Corporation on March 16, 2020.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032301

16. Motion approving the 2021 Council Meeting calendar.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 16.

Council Members, City Secretary Rebecca Huerta and Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez discussed the following topics: the September 7th meeting is being requested to comply with Nueces County Tax Assessor's September 10th deadline to provide the City tax rate; and the July 13, 2021 meeting was proposed to be canceled because of the City holiday on July 5th, which is the week that the agenda material is usually provided.

Council Member Hernandez made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Molina. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2020-234

K. RECESS FOR LUNCH

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

M. FIRST READING ORDINANCES: (ITEMS 17 - 19)

17. Ordinance designating Frost Bank as the depository for the City's municipal funds pursuant to Chapter 105, Local Government Code; and authorizing the City's Chief Financial Officer to execute a five-year depository services contract to commence on January 1, 2021. (Requires 2/3 vote)

Mayor McComb referred to Item 17.

Council Members, Director of Finance Heather Hurlbert and City Manager Peter Zaroni discussed the following topics: there were only three respondents to the Request for Proposal (RFP); and the matrix does not include a pricing comparison sheet for the other two banks.

Council Member Barrera made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Molina. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and

approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

- 18.** Ordinance Approving the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #3 (Downtown) Project & Financing Plans approved by the Board of Directors of Reinvestment Zone Number Three, City of Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 18.

Director of Finance Heather Hulbert discussed the following topics: this Ordinance approves the Fifth Amendment to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #3 Amended Project and Financing Plan which will incorporate implementation of programs introduced in FY2020 for more aggressive incentives based upon the remaining rehabilitation hurdles and economics.

There were no comments from the Council.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Molina. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

- 19.** Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55, Utilities, Section 55-50 (a)(2)e regarding Resale Treated Water Rates to wholesale customers outside of City limits; effective January 1, 2021 with no rate increase.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 19.

Director of Water Utilities Kevin Norton presented information on the following topics: Public Agencies for Resale (PAR); wholesale water customers; summary of rate changes; and breakdown of changes.

Council Members, Director Norton, Assistant Director of Support Services Reba George, City Manager Peter Zanoni and City Attorney Miles Risley discussed the following topics: there was a significant increase on raw water, but the treatment cost went down; when you sell more water the rates come down; the drought surcharge does not impact these rates because it is based on actual consumption; the City is not allowed to make a profit on the sale of water; and in the future, this code amendment will be considered during the budget process.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Molina. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and

approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

N. BRIEFINGS:

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEM 20)

Mayor McComb referred to Executive Session Item 20. The Council went into Executive Session at 12:51 p.m. The Council returned from Executive Session at 1:32 p.m.

20. **Executive Session pursuant to Section 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 purchase, exchange, and value of property south of Yorktown near Oso Creek and Oso Bay, property along La Volla Creek, property between Safety Steel Drive, Oso Creek, and a line extending south from the intersection of Yorktown and Rodd Field Road, and Texas Government Code § 551.072 to discuss and deliberate the potential purchase, exchange, and/or value of the aforementioned areas of real property.**

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

P. IDENTIFY COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor McComb referred to Identify Future Agenda Items. No future items were discussed or identified.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Sarah Brunkenhoefer

From: CitySecretary
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 11:00 AM
To: Rebecca Huerta
Cc: Norma Duran; Sarah Brunkenhoefer
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL]Public Input: 11-30-2020 - hillary snedeker

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From: JotForm <noreply@jotform.com>
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Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting	11-30-2020
Name	hillary snedeker
Address	Street Address: 120 gulway Street Address Line 2: 203 City: port aransas State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78373 Country: United States
Topic	Plant Fruit Bearing Trees
Describe Feedback:	It is clear times have changed in a major way and are will continue to do so. The impact of Covid has effected communities all around the world and of all class levels. I have proposed an initiative of fruit bearing trees previously through out the years but due to the issues arising from the Corona pandemic that have befall afore us, some new others tirelessly swept under the proverbial rug, I find this a crucial time to embark on this project.
Uploads:	Fruit Bearing Tree Initiative.docx

Provide an email to
receive a copy of your
submission.

hilarie_claire@yahoo.com

Fruit Bearing Tree Initiative

Hello my name is Hillary Snedeker I am a Corpus Christi native and reaching out to you for information about planting fruit bearing trees for our local residents and tourists. With the current growth of industrial plants seeking to operate in our city, I would like to find a route of partnership between the corporations and our city to develop areas/parks in which fruit bearing trees are abundant and available for all. It is important to protect the balance of nature and industry as well as care for our locals.

From San Francisco to Boston to Seattle and many cities in between, for years now, have erected urban orchards and similar projects that have proven to help with climate control, promote better neighbor and local relations, provide readily available nutrition, encourage a better relationship with nature and help our ground water tables.

With the current state of affairs in the international political realm, I believe it is pertinent to take responsibility of preserving our BEAUTIFUL coastal city and showing the importance of the natural world and the power of community. Perhaps the availability of fresh fruit trees throughout our city will inspire connectivity and shed light on the importance of a more natural diet/lifestyle as well as promote ideals of self-sufficiency to strengthen the core of this city to be able to set an example for other cities as well as flourish to its full potential while promoting protection of the air, land, water and people of this city.

I would like to know your thoughts about this project and the necessary steps we can take to achieve it.

Thank you for your time,

Hillary Snedeker

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