



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Pastor Kevin Jennings with Mt. Olive Lutheran Church.

Pastor Kevin Jennings with Mt. Olive Lutheran Church gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Audrey Cox, senior at Arlington Christian Academy.

Audrey Cox, senior at Arlington Christian Academy, 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: Deputy City Manager Michael Rodriguez, City Attorney Miles Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

Present: 9 - Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Carolyn Vaughn, Council Member Gilbert Hernandez, Council Member Sylvia Campos, Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Mark Scott, Council Member Kaylynn Paxson, Council Member Everett Roy, and Council Member Eric Cantu

E. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEM 1)

1. [26-0764](#) North Padre Island Seawall Update

Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds presented information on the following topics: prior seawall status; important prior actions; next steps; and North Padre Island Seawall Public Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Resort.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment. The following individuals spoke: Robin Sanders, Corpus Christi, TX, Bradley Bartilson, Corpus Christi, TX, Jason Followell, Aransas Pass, TX, Alejandro Chavera, Corpus Christi, TX, Scott Barraza, Nueces

County, TX, Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Eddie Flores, Corpus Christi, TX, Jayden Birdwell, Corpus Christi, TX, Miriam Guerra-Rachidy, Corpus Christi, TX, Fatimah, Guerra-Rachidy, Corpus Christi, TX, Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Jared Suarez, Corpus Christi, TX, Isabel Araiza, Corpus Christi, TX, Adam Rios, Corpus Christi, TX, Melinda De Los Santos, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Sean Merritt, Corpus Christi, TX, Alberto Zertuche, Corpus Christi, TX, Tanya Bergstrom, Corpus Christi, TX, and Karely Leal, Corpus Christi, TX.

G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (NONE)

H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 2 - 9)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Items 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9 were pulled for individual consideration.

Council Member Campos moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson, Council Member Roy and Council Member Cantu

Abstained: 0

2. [26-0759](#) Approval of the May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Council Member Paxson pulled this item to correct page 8.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Council Member Paxson. The Minutes were passed as amended and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson, Council Member Roy and Council Member Cantu

Abstained: 0

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

3. [26-0651](#) Ordinance approving policies to be implemented during Level 1 Water Emergency.

Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann and City Attorney

Miles Risley responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Robin Cox, Corpus Christi, TX, Bradley Bartilson, Corpus Christi, TX, Tom Hollingsworth, Corpus Christi, TX, Melinda De Los Santos, Corpus Christi, TX, Roland Garza, Corpus Christi, TX, and Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Cantu moved to table this item until June 2 after a meeting is held with the Corpus Christi Apartment Association, seconded by Council Member Paxson. This Item was tabled with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson, Council Member Roy and Council Member Cantu

Abstained: 0

4. [26-0536](#) Zoning Case No. ZN9181, America Alfa Group, LLC (District 1). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 12937 Hearn Road from the "RS-6" Single Family District to the "RS-TF" Two Family Zoning District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Council Member Hernandez asked to pull this Item to vote no.

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve this ordinance, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Ordinance was passed on second reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson, Council Member Roy and Council Member Cantu

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033932

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

5. [26-0658](#) Resolution authorizing a One-year Natural Gas Supply Contract with Targa South Tex Midstream Marketing Company Ltd. for an estimated amount of \$360,000.00 for the purchase of the City's natural gas requirement to supply the City of Rockport distribution system.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033933

6. [26-0461](#) Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Department of Education for participation in the Choice Partners Cooperative purchasing program to purchase health benefit services and other goods and services that benefit the City of Corpus Christi.

Deputy City Manager Michael Rodriguez, Director of Finance Sergio Villasana, Director of Human Resources Rebecca Castillo, and City Attorney Miles Risley responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX and Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Barrera moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Scott. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson, Council Member Roy and Council Member Cantu

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hernandez

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033934

General Consent Items

7. [26-0788](#) Resolution to authorize the City Manager to initiate surcharges during a Level 1 Water Emergency.

Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann stated this item should be tabled as it corresponds to the drought contingency plan which was tabled.

Council Member Cantu moved to table this item until June 2, seconded by Council Member Scott. This Item was tabled with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson, Council Member Roy and Council Member Cantu

Abstained: 0

8. [26-0326](#) Resolution authorizing a 16-month agreement, with four one-year options, with Front Line Mobile Health, PLLC, of Georgetown, Texas, in an amount up to \$503,600.00, with a potential up to \$2,782,708.00 if options are exercised, for annual physical exams, cancer screenings, and related medical tests for Corpus Christi Fire Department and Airport firefighting personnel, with FY 2026 funding

of \$397,350.00 from the General Fund, \$97,000.00 from the Employee Health Benefits Fund, and \$9,250.00 from the Airport Fund.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033935

9. [26-0674](#) Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Parks & Recreation Department to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, for the FY 2024 & 2025 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant program for funding in the amount of \$2,017,500.00 with a cash match of \$672,500.00 for the South Bay Park Erosion & Flood Mitigation Project and \$295,900.00 for engineering services that will be funded by the Type B Corporation.

Interim Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Jonathan Atwood stated staff pulled this Item to amend the Resolution to add Section 5 as approved during the Type B meeting on May 18, 2026.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Paxson moved to amend the resolution to add Section 5, seconded by Council Member Barrera and passed unanimously.

Council Member Paxson moved to approve the resolution as amended, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Resolution was passed as amended and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson, Council Member Roy and Council Member Cantu

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033936

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

J. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:09 p.m. Executive Session Item 14 was held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (NONE)

L. RECESS TO THE CORPUS CHRISTI HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION MEETING: (ITEM 10)

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting to hold the Corpus Christi Housing Finance Corporation meeting at 2:06 p.m.

10. [26-0777](#) Special Board Meeting of the Corpus Christi Housing Finance Corporation (CCHFC) to elect officers, approve minutes, and consider for action a Resolution reaffirming the Corpus Christi Housing Finance Corporation's Investment Policy and Investment Strategy for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

This Corporation Meeting was held.

M. RETURN TO THE CORPUS CHRISTI CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Guajardo reconvened the Council meeting at 2:09 p.m.

N. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEM 11)

11. [26-0763](#) Resolution to adopt the 2025 Water Conservation Plan

Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann presented information on the following topics: background; water conservation advisory committee; conservation plan goals; major updates to the 2025 plan; proposed amendments; and staff recommendation.

COO Winkelmann and Assistant Director of Water Supply Management Esteban Ramos responded to Council questions.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Michael Miller, Corpus Christi, TX and Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Hernandez moved to amend the Water Conservation Plan as follows: add the amendments as presented by staff on page 8 of the PowerPoint presentation, include all the current projects staff is working on, and remove Appendix D (pages D-1 and D-2), seconded by Council Member Barrera and passed unanimously.

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve the resolution as amended, seconded by

Council Member Paxson. This Resolution was passed as amended and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson, Council Member Roy and Council Member Cantu

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 033637

O. BRIEFINGS: (ITEMS 12 - 13)

12. 26-0687 FY 2027 General Fund Financial Forecast Briefing

Director of Management and Budget Amy Rodriguez presented information on the following topics: general fund budget overview - overview of budget development process; FY 2026 general fund budget: \$346.7 million; revenues - property tax revenue (general fund); property valuation timeline; property tax: existing vs. new; property tax rate; property tax relief; payment in-lieu of tax (PILOT) assumptions; sales tax received by year (general fund); expenses - cost assumptions for FY 2027; reserves - general fund financial reserves; forecast - general fund forecast for FY 2027 - revenues; general fund forecast for FY 2027 - expenses; general fund forecast for FY 2027; looking forward; FY 2027 budget development timeline; and FY 2027 general fund budget outlook.

Director Rodriguez responded to Council questions.

13. 26-0688 Water Supply Update

Chief Operating Officer of Corpus Christi Water Nick Winkelmann presented information on the following topics: discussion topics; dashboard update; National Weather Service update-past 7 days observed rainfall; rainfall forecast; surface water supply; Evangeline Groundwater Project permit and contractual update; Nueces Groundwater Program project overview; Brackish Groundwater Treatment project overview; Seven Seas Water Group project overview; wastewater reuse project overview; Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination project overview; Harbor Island Seawater Desalination project overview; Barney Davis Seawater Desalination project overview; CC Polymers/Aquatech Seawater Desalination project overview; and AXE H2O project overview.

COO Winkelmann responded to Council questions.

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEM 14)

14. 26-0689 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 rules and regulations of state of Texas, EPA, TCEQ, TWDB, Texas Railroad Commission, San Patricio County Groundwater Conservation District, and legal rights, property rights, and/or

contracts related to purchase and/or sale of groundwater, including water rights in property accessing the Evangeline Aquifer in San Patricio County adjacent and/or near US Highway 181, US Highway 77, US Highway 77 Business, Highway 89, and/or the Aransas River, and other sources, and **Texas Government Code § 551.072** to discuss and deliberate the purchase or value of the aforementioned rights to real property because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, including, but not limited to, potential consideration of authorization to enter agreement(s) for professionals for services related to these property rights, interlocal agreements and other agreements with government entities near the aforementioned property(ies) and/or the purchase of the property or property(ies) at and/or adjacent to locations (if any) described herein and/or modified groundwater rights purchase and sale agreement(s) with Evangeline Laguna, L.P. and related entities for groundwater rights in San Patricio County.

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

Q. PRETRIAL HEARING FOR THE REMOVAL ACTION OF THE MAYOR: (ITEM 15)

15. [26-0760](#) Pretrial Hearing for the Removal Action of the Mayor, with discussion and possible action regarding preliminary and procedural matters for removal proceedings, including motions, witness lists, issuance of subpoenas, appointment of special counsel, and all other related matters for the Removal Action, and scheduling of additional pretrial hearings and the Hearing for the Removal Action of the Mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn opened public comment.

Susie Saldana, Corpus Christi, TX, Rachel Caballero, Corpus Christi, TX, Sandy Fernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Melinda De Los Santos, Corpus Christi, TX, Michael Miller, Corpus Christi, TX, Julian Hernandez, Corpus Christi, TX, Tony Reyes, Corpus Christi, TX, Laramie Fain, Corpus Christi, TX, and Mark Muenster, Corpus Christi, TX, spoke.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn closed public comment.

Council Member Hernandez moved to appoint Terry Shamsie as special counsel for the removal proceedings to advise on procedural, admissibility, or evidentiary issues, seconded by Council Member Barrera and passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn recessed the Council meeting for Executive Session at 4:45 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn reconvened the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

The following motions were considered:

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn moved that a pretrial hearing on disqualification and other

motions before the City Council be scheduled for 9:00 a.m. at the May 27, 2026 and June 2, 2026 City Council meetings, seconded by Council Member Scott and approved with the following vote: Council Members Barrera, Campos, Cantu, Paxson, Scott, and Vaughn voting "yes," and Council Member Hernandez voting "no."

Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn moved to allow for proper calendaring and efficient proceedings, Motion to have Petitioners' Counsel and Mayor's Counsel confer with each other, and then with City's Legal Counsel for scheduling proposed dates of the hearing concerning the Removal Proceeding prior to the June 2nd pretrial hearing. Additionally, the Petitioners and Mayor file with the City Secretary prior to June 2nd a list of all witnesses to be called, including the scope of testimony, the anticipated duration of questioning for each witness, designation of expert witnesses, and labeled exhibits intended for the Removal Action hearing, seconded by Council Member Scott. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Council Member Barrera, Council Member Vaughn, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Campos, Council Member Scott, Council Member Paxson and Council Member Cantu

Abstained: 2 - Mayor Guajardo and Council Member Roy

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R. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Vaughn adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.