

City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 11:30 AM Council Chambers

Addendums may be added on Friday.

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Father Richard Gutierrez, Corpus Christi Fire Department Chaplain, Diocese of Corpus Christi.

Father Richard Gutierrez, Corpus Christi Fire Department Chaplain, Diocese of Corpus Christi, gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Isaiah Gomez, Senior at Mary Carroll High School.

Isaiah Gomez, Senior at Mary Carroll High School, 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: City Manager Peter Zanoni, City Attorney Miles K. Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

Present:

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

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

Mayor Guajardo referred to City Manager's comments.

a. Presentation of the City of Corpus Christi's FY 2022 Proposed Annual Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program Budget

City Manager Peter Zanoni presented the FY 2023 proposed Annual Operating and Capital Budget as follows:

FY 2023 proposed budget summary; FY 2023 proposed budget community input sessions; FY 2023 proposed budget workshops; budget development process; City of

Corpus Christi Economic Outlook; FY 2023 total city budget \$1.4 Billion; FY 2023 proposed budget general fund (with transfers); FY 2023 general fund budget: \$331.5 Million; general fund revenue growth over FY 2022 adopted budget; property taxable value growth and rate; general fund reserves and financial rating; City of Corpus Christi awarded \$67.55M; police-25 police officer positions; fire; street maintenance and reconstruction; 12% increase in streets for FY 2023; funding from 10 different sources; streets; Ocean Drive and Shoreline Blvd.; \$8M downtown Water Street improvements; light up CC initiative; new gateway signage; industrial/commercial area enhancements; parks and recreation; North Beach initiatives; new Gulf Beach restroom facility; economic development; health department; vital statistics; library; neighborhood services; municipal court; communications; auditor; tourism; airport; development services; water; wastewater; gas; storm water improvements; storm water fee; solid waste; city rates; FY 2023 Capital Budget \$617 Million; employee compensation in FY 2023; employee health benefits paid by City in FY 2023; employee health benefits paid by employees in FY 2023; \$770k employee training and career development; FY 2023 budgeted positions; and next steps.

Council Members and City Manager Zanoni discussed the following topics: request for admin. support for Council; the status of hiring a health director; staff is working on implementing a leadership change plan and a business process change; a car allowance increase is in the proposed budget for Council Members; and a Council Member's request for a copy of the line item budget for each department.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened the public comment period.

Zahra Shafiel, 14266 Natal Plum, spoke regarding concerns that staff was providing misinformation on a zoning case.

Sylvia Campos, 4410 Fir St. and Cliff Schlabach, 122 Whiteley Dr., spoke regarding Item #13 and alternative water sources.

Carrie Meyer, 4401 Gulfbreeze Blvd., asked that the City move forward with North Beach Bond 2018 projects.

Isabel Araiza, 326 Poenisch Dr., spoke regarding issues with the drought report presentation from last week.

Ron Graban, 202 Surfside Blvd., asked that the North Beach Community Association be included in discussion regarding the Bond 2022 program.

Joe McComb, 5323 St. Andrews Dr., spoke regarding inaccuracies in a 7/24/22 Caller Times article regarding desalination.

Shirin Delsooz, 6030 Tapestry Dr., spoke regarding protected bike paths.

Melissa Zamora, 3917 Brawner Parkway, spoke regarding issues with desalination, local impacts of climate change and social justice concerns.

Christopher Phelan, 3806 Kingston Dr., spoke regarding water, desalination and protected bike lanes.

The following citizens submitted written public comments which are attached to the minutes: Julie Rogers, 710 Furman Ave.; Dora Benavides, 633 Villa Dr.; and Zahra Shafiel, 14825 Granada.

G. BUDGET RELATED ITEMS: (ITEMS 1 - 2)

1. 22-1288 Resolution to consider a proposed ad valorem tax rate of no more than \$0.646264 per \$100 valuation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, taking a record vote, and setting the date for the City of Corpus Christi's proposed FY 2023 budget and proposed FY 2023 ad valorem tax rate public hearing and first reading ordinances on August 30, 2022 with adoption of the FY 2023 budget and FY 2023 ad valorem tax rate on September 6, 2022.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 1.

Director of Finance Heather Hurlbert stated that this item is a procedural step required by state law. The action will set a maximum rate to be considered for adoption and set the public hearing dates of August 30 and September 6 for adoption of the tax rate in the budget. This does not set the tax rate, it just sets the maximum tax rate that the Council could adopt.

Council Members and Director Hurlbert discussed the following topics: the revenues included in the budget are within the 3.5% cap; this budget assumes a tax rate of \$0.646264; the carryover from last year is about 0.8%; and a Council Member's request for staff to provide Council the numbers from last year.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Council Member Barrera 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 Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and

Council Member Smith

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032813

Public Hearing with Resolution approving the Corpus Christi Crime Control and Prevention District Budget for FY 2023 with revenues in a total amount of \$8,529,157.00 and expenditures in a total amount of \$9,585,147.00 to fund 78 authorized police sworn positions, five replacement vehicles, three additional vehicles, and equipment; and appropriating \$9,585,147.00 in the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund for Fiscal Year 2023.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 2.

Mayor opened public comment.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

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

Aye:

 Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032814

H. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (NONE)

I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 3 - 16)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda and asked if a Council Member would like to pull an item for individual consideration. Council Members pulled Items 10, 12, 13 and 15.

A motion was made by Council Member Lerma, seconded by Council Member Molina to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 10, 12, 13 and 15. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

3. <u>22-1281</u> Approval of the July 19, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

4. 22-1142 Case No. 0422-01, Robert Dominiquez (District 1): Ordinance rezoning property at or near 4040 Violet Road (Located along the east side of Violet Road, north of Sunny Drive, south of Leopard Street, east of Brendel Lane, and west of Leonard Drive) from the "RS-6" Single Family 6 District to the "CG-2" General Commercial District. (Planning Commission and Staff recommended Denial of the "CG-2" General Commercial District and in lieu thereof "RS-6/SP" Single-Family 6 District with a Special Permit) (3/4 vote required to approve due to public opposition).

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032815

Ordinance adopting the City of Corpus Christi Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program Year 2021-2022 Consolidated Annual Action Plan (CAAP) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget in the amount of \$2,680,058, the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) budget in the amount of \$234,034, and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) budget in the amount of \$1,355,913 for a total of \$4,270,005 annual HUD funding; authorizing the execution of all necessary documents to submit the CAAP; authorizing a staff complement of 12 positions; accepting and appropriating funding for the approved CAAP projects and authorizing the execution of funding agreements, amendments and other documents necessary to implement the FY 2022-2023 PY 2021-2022 CAAP.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032816

Zoning Case No. 0322-02 Elizabeth and Edelmiro Garza: (District 1). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 11110 Interstate Highway 37 (AKA Up River Road) from the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District to the "CN-1" Neighborhood District. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend denial and in lieu of a Special Permit) (Tabled on 4/19/2022)

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032817

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

7. 22-1180 Motion authorizing a two-year service agreement with three additional one-year options with Garner Environmental Services, Inc., of Deer Park, Texas, to secure required equipment and services in the event of an emergency or disaster, through the General Services Administration's Cooperative, in an amount up to \$2,000,000.00, or an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 if all options are exercised, subject to future appropriations.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2022-121

8. 22-1081 Motion authorizing the purchase of network hardware, maintenance, and support from Great South Texas Corp dba Computer Solutions of San Antonio for \$141,712.23, through the DIR cooperative for the Public safety radio system, of which the City will pay \$106,284.18 based on 75% ownership, Nueces County will pay \$26,925.32 based on 19% ownership, and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) will pay \$8,502.73 based on 6% ownership, in accordance with the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Public Safety P25 Radio System, with FY 2022 funding from the Police Bond 2018 Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2022-122

9. Motion authorizing the purchase of a one-year software license renewal with TelePro Communications, of Mission, through the TIPS Cooperative, in an amount of \$61,914.75 for the license renewal of Veeam backup and replication software to support the City's Data Backup solution for the Information Technology Department, with FY 2022 funding from the Information Technology fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2022-123

10. 22-1284 Resolution authorizing execution of purchase orders for Corpus Christi Water up to a cumulative total of \$4,000,000.00, pursuant to the public health and safety exception in State law, for various purchases of water and wastewater infrastructure parts and materials due to continuing supply chain disruption issues and the need to have sufficient emergency supplies readily available, with FY 2022 funding of \$1,000,000.00 from the Water and Wastewater Funds.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 10.

Council Members, Assistant Director of Finance and Procurement Josh Chronley, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and City Attorney Miles Risley discussed the following topics: in response to a Council Member's question regarding the issue with purchase orders, staff stated that due to supply issues, the vendors have been unable to provide the City with the items on the contract; vendors won't hold pricing for more than 30 days; and any contract over \$50,000 has to go to Council for approval.

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032818

11. 22-1182 Resolution ratifying execution of a three-year service agreement, with two one-year options, with Hach Company, of Loveland, Colorado, in an amount not to exceed \$648,413.66 and a potential amount not to exceed \$1,058,909.70 if all options are exercised, for preventative maintenance, parts, and repair services for Corpus Christi Water and the Public Works Department, effective as of April 1, 2022, with FY 2022 funding of \$174,972.00 from the Water Fund and \$3,915 from the Storm Water Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032819

Consent - Capital Projects

12. 21-0770 Motion authorizing a professional services contract with Ardurra Group, Inc, Corpus Christ, Texas, to provide design, bid, and construction phase services for Broadway Wastewater Treatment Plant Third Clarifier in an amount not to exceed \$845,575.00, located in Council District 1, with FY 2022 funding available from Wastewater Capital Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 12.

A Council Member, City Attorney Miles Risley, Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds and Interim Director of Water Utilities Gabriel Ramirez discussed the following topics: why this project requires further design work when a design already exists; and staff will provide more detailed information at the next meeting.

Council Member Hernandez made a motion to postpone this item until August 9, 2022, seconded by Council Member Smith. This Item was postponed with the following vote:

Aye:

9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina,
 Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Motion awarding a construction contract to JM Davidson, Inc., Aransas Pass, Texas, for the Bay Water Quality Improvements Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) project in an amount up to \$400,000.00 for a one-year term, with a two one-year renewal options to be administratively authorized for a total amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00, located in Council District 1 and 2, with FY 2022 funding available from Storm Water Capital Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 13.

A Council Member pulled this item to highlight that this project will prevent debris from

going into the Corpus Christi Bay.

Mayor Guajardo made a motion to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Smith. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye:

9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2022-124

General Consent Items

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the FY 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$206,608.00; and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for the distribution of Justice Assistant Grant Program funds in the amount of \$103,304.00 to Nueces County and \$103,304.00 to the City of Corpus Christi should the grant be awarded.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032820

15. 22-1269 Resolution amending and reaffirming the City of Corpus Christi's Investment Policy and Investment Strategies for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as annually required by State of Texas law.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 15.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni and Director of Finance Heather Hurlbert discussed the following topics: a Council Member's request that staff consider having Council Members serve on the Investment Committee; and a Council Member's request to look into using a local bank for the escrow.

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

Aye:

 Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032821

16. 22-0667 Resolution authorizing a grant application for the FY 2023 Beach Cleaning and Maintenance Assistance Program from the Texas General Land Office for \$70,000 to provide beach cleaning and maintenance on North Padre Island and Mustang Island.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032822

J. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:01 p.m. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 17 - 18)

Ordinance authorizing a Wastewater Collection Line Extension Construction and Reimbursement Agreement for up to \$252,213.49 with MPM Development, LP to construct off-site Wastewater improvements for a planned residential and commercial subdivision, Royal Oak Unit 3, located on Rand Morgan Road, south of Leopard Street, with a completion date of within 24 months; transferring \$153,836.09 from the Wastewater Trunk System Trust Fund to the Wastewater Collection Line Trust Fund; and appropriating \$252,213.49 to reimburse the Developer per the agreement.(District 1)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Items 17 and 18.

Director of Development Services Al Raymond presented information on the following topics: reimbursement agreement; aerial overview; location map; proposed improvements; trust fund balance as of May 2022; and staff's recommendation.

Corpus Christi Water Engineering Manager Nick Winkelmann stated that the request was due to known contamination in the area of the Master Plan alignment, which is documented. There is a TCEQ deed restriction on that property that documents the contamination. Staff recommends the amendment because of issues with installation and future maintenance of that line.

Council Members, Director Raymond and discussed the following topics: Council Members' concerns with flooding on Rand Morgan Road and extreme traffic issues; and the area that is contaminated is along the length of the original Master Plan, but it does not extend into the development.

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

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

18. 22-1184 Ordinance amending the Wastewater Collection System Master Plan for the Allison Service Area, a public utility element of the Comprehensive Plan of the

City of Corpus Christi, by modifying the alignment of an influent line to Clarkwood North Lift Station located at 2001 Clarkwood Road.

See Item 17.

Ave:

9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

L. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (NONE)

M. FIRST READING ORDINANCES: (ITEM 19)

19. 22-1106 Ordinance amending the FY 2021/22 Capital Budget and authorizing a professional services contract with LJA Engineering, Inc, Corpus Christi, Texas in the amount of \$1,510,500 for the London Area Wastewater Collection System Improvements project, located in Council District 3 and outside the city limits, with FY 2022 funding available from the Wastewater Capital Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 19.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

A Council Member, City Manager Peter Zanoni and City Attorney Miles Risley discussed the following topics: the goal is for the developer to voluntarily annex the London area to the City; and the City can withhold wastewater to incentivize annexation.

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

Aye:

 Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Lerma, Council Member Martinez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Pusley and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

N. <u>BRIEFINGS: (NONE)</u>

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE)

P. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 3:21 p.m.

Written Public Comment 7-26-2022

Date of Meeting

7/26/2022

Name

Dora Benavides

Street Address: 633 Villa Drive

Address

City: Corpus Christi

State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78408

Topic

Reduced hrs/days for free COVID testing at County Health Dept

Agenda Item Number

Health District COVID 19 Testing Hrs/Days - need to increase

Called 7/11/22 about COVID testing thru Health Dept on Horne Road. Was told that testing was now done only on Mondays, 9-11

am, drive thru basis. As COVID cases are reportedly on the rise in Corpus Christi and Nueces County, want to know why testing days & hours were cut back, on who's authorizaton (name/dept), can addl help from Nursing Programs from Del Mar

Describe Feedback:

College/TXA&M-CC be used as clinical hrs for nursing students, reinstate Natl Guard assistance with testng,can addl funding be

added to Nueces County health budget due to increase of COVID cases due to different strains - who would authorize addl

funding/manpower? Please advise

Provide an email to receive a

copy of your submission.

dora.benavides.1948@gmail.com

Date of Meeting

7/26/2022 Shirin Delsooz

Name Topic

Bike Path

Agenda Item Number

Describe Feedback:

Please see pdf of a petition I have for protected bike paths. Please provide this to city council members and the mayor during my

city council public comment.

Provide an email to receive a

copy of your submission.

shirin.delsooz@gmail.com

Mariah Mannino

From:

Jotform <noreply@jotform.com> Tuesday, July 26, 2022 11:18 AM

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CitySecretary; Norma Duran

Subject:

Public Input: 07-26-2022 - Julie Rogers

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Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting

07-26-2022

Name

Julie Rogers

Address

Street Address: 710 Furman Ave

City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78404

Topic

Budget/Bond

Agenda Item Number

N/A

Describe Feedback:

Thank you for your leadership in moving our Corpus Christi Public Libraries towards the 21st Century. The Capital Improvements for La Retama in the Bond 2022 certainly is a big step. Included in that project is a generator, which is quite notable since the Library is often used for a cooling or warming center. None of the libraries have generators and will need them in the future though especially since the community depends on the computers. I look forward to the FY2022-23 Budget Proposal and hope to see more funding for operations of the Public Libraries. They have a history of being chronically underfunded. TX State Library & Archives Commission reports that our Operating Revenue per Capita is \$13.35 while the Average for Cities over 250,000 is \$22.51. Many cities have social workers as part of staff. la Retama had volunteer social workers for some months but there is no stability with a volunteer role. A full-time

social worker at La Retama would be another good addition.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.

rogersjuliet@gmail.com

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zahra shatiei khorasgani
Danial Home LLC

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