



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Monday, August 8, 2022

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

FY 2022-2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP - Police, Fire, Solid Waste, and City Council Constituent Relations Support

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

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

Note: Council Member Hernandez arrived at 10:29 a.m.

Present: 7 - Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Billy A. Lerma, Council Member John Martinez, Council Member Ben Molina, and Council Member Mike Pusley

Absent: 2 - Council Member Michael Hunter, and Council Member Greg Smith

C. BRIEFINGS:

**1. [22-1357](#) City Council Workshop on Police, Fire, Solid Waste, and City Council
Constituent Relations Support for the FY 2023 Proposed Budget**

Philip Ramirez with Turner Ramirez Architects presented information on the FY 2023 Capital Improvement Plan of the design and construction regarding a new police academy complex at Del Mar South campus.

Council Members, Mr. Ramirez, and City Manager Peter Zaroni discussed the following topics: this building will not be an Emergency Operations Center (EOC), but it is designed as an emergency backup center, if necessary; the construction time frame for this project is about 14 to 18 months and should fall within the \$22M budget; most of the site work for this project has been done and paid for by Del Mar College; and this building is designed to have an emergency generator.

Police Chief Mike Markle presented information on the following topics: mission

statement; about police department; organization; FY 2022 achievements; performance measures; FY 2023 police department proposed budget: \$100.1M; FY 2023 proposed budget general fund: \$79.9M; FY 2023 proposed budget crime control fund: \$9.6M; funding 25 police officer positions; FY 2023 proposed budget Metrocom fund: \$8.3M; FY 2023 proposed budget grants fund: \$2.3M; FY 2023 enhancement 1; FY 2023 enhancement 2; FY 2023 enhancement 3; FY 2023 enhancement 4; FY 2023 enhancement 5; FY 2023 enhancement 6; FY 2023 enhancement 7; FY 2023 enhancement 8; and Bond 2022-public safety projects.

Council Members, Police Chief Markle and City Manager Peter Zanoni discussed the following topics: the 15 new police officer positions are funded from the Crime Control District fund balance; the financial impact is \$1.4M per year with \$5M in fund balance; the proposed budget increase for overtime is \$250,000 for shift augmentation; a Council Member's concern about the lack of lighting at the downtown police station; Council Members are in support of the Calallen Police Sub-station; 22 SWAT officers service the whole region; and a Council Member's request for Council and City Manager to add a crime prevention unit to the budget to offer services for school districts.

Fire Chief Robert Rocha presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about fire department; fire department command staff; FY 2022 achievements; performance measures; services; FY 2023 fire department proposed budget: \$79.2M; FY 2023 proposed budget general fund: \$79.0M; FY 2023 proposed budget LEPC fund: \$.2M; increase contributions firefighter's retirement system; FY 2023 enhancement 1; FY 2023 enhancement 2; FY 2023 enhancement 3; FY 2023 enhancement 4; FY 2023 enhancement 5; FY 2023 enhancement 6; FY 2023 enhancement 7; and FY 2023 enhancement 8.

Council Members, Fire Chief Rocha, Deputy Fire Chief Richie Quintero, and City Manager Peter Zanoni discussed the following topics: a Council Member thanked Chief Rocha for taking care of the Annville/Calallen area; a Council Member's concern that the fire department has a ten percent overtime increase while fully staffed; a Council Member's request for the City Manager to review this overtime budget; the reason for the budget increase for vehicle maintenance and repairs is due to the price increase of parts, services, etc.; a Council Member's concern about traffic issues on Rand Morgan Road for the new medic unit; a Council Member's request that the City work through issues with the Emergency Services District (ESD) that operate within the city limits; and a Council Member's concern about adequate staffing at Station 18.

Director of Solid Waste Services David Lehfeldt presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about solid waste services; organization; services provided to our customers; future service-compost facility; FY 2022 achievements; FY 2023 solid waste services proposed budget: \$33.4M; FY 2023 proposed budget general fund: \$33.4M; FY 2023 enhancement 1; FY 2023 enhancement 2; FY 2023 enhancement 3; FY 2023 enhancement 4; proposed solid waste fee increase; average monthly residential rate by City; and services funded by fees.

Council Members, Director Lehfeldt and Assistant City Manager Neiman Young discussed the following topics: there is a nationwide shortage of CDL drivers, so the Solid Waste Department is working with Del Mar College to provide free CDL training for employees; in response to a Council Member's question regarding fleet vehicles, staff stated that diesel trucks are better for the environment with a greater cost benefit; and a Council Member's concern about waste fee increases for commercial customers.

Chief of Staff Michael Rodriguez presented information on City Council Constituent Relations Support.

Council Members and Mr. Rodriguez discussed the following topics: the two support staff positions would assist Council Members with scheduling, responding to emails, returning phone calls and providing responses to the public; the average assistance needed for each Council Member is about five to ten hours per week; a Council Member's concern about the City Manager hiring staff for Council Members; and Council Members spoke in support of placing the Council support positions in the City Secretary's Office.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 1:31 p.m