



Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council Workshop Session

Thursday, May 18, 2017

3:00 PM

1201 Leopard Street
Basement Training Room

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

Mayor Joe McComb called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

B. Assistant City Secretary Paul Pierce to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.

Assistant City Secretary Paul Pierce 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 Margie C. Rose, City Attorney Miles Risley, and Assistant City Secretary Paul Pierce.

Present 8 - Mayor Joe McComb, Council Member Rudy Garza Jr., Council Member Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Ben Molina, Council Member Lucy Rubio, Council Member Greg Smith, and Council Member Carolyn Vaughn

Note: Council Member Michael Hunter arrived at 3:11 p.m.

C. BRIEFINGS TO CITY COUNCIL:

1. Creation of Airport Zoning Commission

Mayor Joe McComb referred to Item 1. City Manager Margie C. Rose provided opening remarks regarding the creation of an Airport Zoning Commission.

Director of Aviation Fred Segundo presented information on the following topics relating to the establishment and implementation of an Airport Zoning

Commission (AZC): background; definitions; authority to establish an AZC or Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB); the attributes of an AZC versus a JAZB; an AZC's proposed structure; airport zoning regulations; a description of controlled compatible land use area; the AZC's boundaries; and an implementation schedule.

Council Members Greg Smith, Joe McComb, Lucy Rubio, Michael Hunter and Ben Molina stated they would abstain from discussing Item 1. City Attorney Miles Risley and Assistant City Secretary Paul Pierce clarified that, although a majority of city council members were abstaining due to a conflict of interest, Texas' conflict of interest laws do not prevent discussion or voting on the item if a majority of the members of city council have similar conflicts of interest on this item. Thus, all council members remained in the meeting and the discussion continued.

Council members and staff discussed the following additional topics: the reasons for establishing an AZC; the AZC's authority in the City's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ); that the AZC will give the City land use regulatory authority outside the corporate limits; encroachment issues at local military airfields; protecting the U.S. Navy's mission; height issues; lighting concerns; that the Planning Commission is intended to serve as the AZC; concerns that a new commission adds more bureaucracy; private property rights; additional regulations on property owners; the AZC requiring additional review by the Development Services Department; how and by whom were the proposed AZC's boundaries defined; protecting the U.S. Navy by regulating development in areas adjacent to military air fields; protecting the Corpus Christi International Airport from development encroachment; that the applicable law allows an AZC's regulatory authority to apply only to the area outside the airport/Navy airfields; restrictions relating to the use of farmland near airfields; grandfathering existing structures; and reasons that past efforts to establish a JAZB were not successful.

Council Member Garza made a motion directing the City Manager to move forward in setting up the Airport Zoning Commission (AZC), seconded by Council Member Rubio and passed unanimously.

2. Solid Waste Services Recycling Program and Contract

Mayor Joe McComb referred to Item 2. City Manager Margie C. Rose provided a brief introduction to the City's Solid Waste Services recycling program and contract.

Director of Solid Waste Operations Lawrence Mikolaczyk presented information on the following topics: history of recycling in Corpus Christi; a summary of the current recycling contract; historical recycling volumes; key benefits of recycling since 2011; the terms of the current recycling contract; annual net recycling contract proceeds (rebate minus processing fee); pros and cons for the City and Contractor of the proposed contract amendment; and that it is recommended that the recycling contract be amended as proposed.

General Manager of Republic Services (recycling contractor) Robert Bradley provided a summary of the proposed contract amendment, discussed educating residents regarding what is recyclable and enforcement issues.

Council members and city staff discussed the following topics: net revenue received by the City from the recycling contract; a reduction in contamination of recyclables being in the City's financial best interest; the contractor's need to recoup costs; the City's annual cost to collect recyclables; the City tagging trash and recycling carts as a means of reducing contamination of recyclables; educating residents; that the contractor will make a capital investment in an optical plastic bottle sorter should the proposed contract amendment be approved; that the current contract expires in 2021; the term of the proposed contract amendment; the recycling program's positive net revenue includes revenue from the monthly fee paid by residents for the recycling program; the reasons to keep the recycling program that is subsidized by fees paid by residents; landfill and quality of life considerations; total annual revenue realized from fees paid by residents for the recycling program; the total annual cost of the recycling program; the annual tonnage of regular garbage and the percentage that recycling is of that amount; the cost per ton the City pays its contractor for push-and-pack services; alternatives for turning trash into an energy source; and how other communities operate their recycling programs.

Council Member Smith made a motion directing the City Manager to proceed with amending the recycling contract as proposed, seconded by Council Member Rubio and passed unanimously.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.