



Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council Workshop Session

Thursday, June 1, 2017

3:00 PM

Basement Training Room
1201 Leopard Street

Public Notice - - ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. COUNCIL MAY GIVE DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER, BUT NO OTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AND NO PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE SOLICITED.

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

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

B. 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 Margie C. Rose, City Attorney Miles Risley, and City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.

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 Vaughn arrived at 3:12 p.m.

C. BRIEFINGS TO CITY COUNCIL:

Proposed Bond 2018

Mayor McComb referred to Item 1. City Manager Margie C. Rose provided opening remarks regarding Proposed Bond 2018 and provided information on the streets, by city council district, included in the proposed Proposition 1, totaling \$52,450,000, excluding utility costs, and which will not require an increase in property taxes; and a summary of: Proposition 2 - Harbor Bridge Roadway Mitigation, Proposition 3 - Economic Development, Proposition 4 -

Public Facilities; and Preliminary Feasibility Reports totaling \$2 million.

Council members and staff discussed the following topics: the City's total debt capacity; the percentage of debt capacity needed for the proposed propositions; drawing down reserves to fund projects; that, as proposed, Propositions 2, 3, and 4 include an increase in ad valorem taxes, without drawing down reserves; a 1:1 match is required for utility work in relation to street work; the additional cost of utility work for Proposition 1 resulting in an increase in utility rates; determining which street projects will require utility construction; inclusion of curb-and-gutter in street construction; how the proposed street projects were selected, including traffic counts and number of accidents; prioritization of street projects; Junior Beck Drive, including flooding issues, its Pavement Condition Index (PCI), traffic volume and number of traffic accidents; selecting the top 3 or 4 street projects in each city council district is what is proposed; the Bond Street Assessment Criteria Matrix; the City's legal obligations relating to Harbor Bridge Roadway Mitigation; construction on existing streets on North Beach; consideration to re-connect streets on North Beach once the new Harbor Bridge is completed; addressing sidewalk construction by schools in the Unified Development Code (UDC) as part of the building permitting process; the validity of PCI measurements; taking a new look at the matrix system used to rank the priority of street projects; the frequency with which bond projects are taken to the voters; the total annual cost of debt service; that additional debt capacity is created as existing debt is paid off; the positive affect of currently low interest rates; the purpose of past bond projects; the cost of Maintenance and Operations and Interest and Sinking; the City's total indebtedness; spending money where "people feel it"; that the street projects in the proposed Propositions include arterials and collectors - not residential streets; the importance of timely completing required street construction on North Beach in conjunction with the construction of the new Harbor Bridge; and deleting certain street projects and replacing them with North Beach/new Harbor Bridge-related street projects on North Beach.

MOTION OF DIRECTION

Council Member Smith made a motion directing the City Manager to present to the City Council, a \$52 million bond proposal, which includes improvements on North Beach related to the new Harbor Bridge, seconded by Council Member Guajardo.

Council members and staff discussed the following topics: whether Proposition 1, as clarified in the above-stated motion of direction, was the only proposition that would be put before the voters; that current state statute requires three years to pass before a proposition that is put before the voters and fails, can be put before the voters again; that residents and business owners are "fed up" with street conditions; residents have communicated to council members that they are willing to pay higher taxes if it means getting streets repaired; which street projects could be removed from Proposition 1 to accommodate street projects that need to be completed in conjunction with construction of the new Harbor Bridge; proposing Propositions 2 and 3, detailing projects to be completed for a one-cent increase and another one-cent increase, respectively; the rideability of streets; providing an explanation to city council detailing what factors are included in calculating a PCI score; and future indexing of waste water, storm water and water infrastructure similar to the PCI used for streets.

RE-STATED MOTION OF DIRECTION

Council Member Smith re-stated his motion of direction to the City Manager, to present to the City Council the following: Proposition 1 - a \$52 million bond proposal, which includes improvements on North Beach related to the new Harbor Bridge; Proposition 2 - projects to be funded by a one-cent increase in ad valorem taxes; and Proposition 3 - projects to be funded by another one-cent increase in ad valorem taxes, seconded by Council Member Guajardo.

Council members and staff discussed the following additional topics: the location of the new Harbor Bridge and connecting roadways; whether Propositions 2 and 3 are to consist solely of street projects; and ADA improvements.

AMENDED MOTION OF DIRECTION

Council Member Smith amended his previously re-stated motion of direction to the City Manager, to present to the City Council the following: Proposition 1 - a \$52 million bond proposal, which includes improvements on North Beach related to the new Harbor Bridge and no increase in ad valorem taxes; Proposition 2 - street projects to be funded by a one-cent increase in ad valorem taxes; and Proposition 3 - projects to be funded by another one-cent increase in ad valorem taxes, seconded by Council Member Guajardo, and passed unanimously.

Council members and staff discussed the following additional topics: other projects to be funded through the City's capital improvement plan; and revisiting, in a workshop session, amending the UDC to address the construction and funding of sidewalks by schools.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.