



# City of Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Minutes

### City Council Workshop Session

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Thursday, June 21, 2018

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

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

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**B. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.**

**Charter Officers present: Interim City Manager Keith Selman, City Attorney Miles K. Risley and City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.**

**Present** 7 - Mayor Joe McComb, Council Member Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Debbie Lindsey-Opel, Council Member Ben Molina, Council Member Everett Roy, and Council Member Lucy Rubio

**Absent** 1 - Council Member Greg Smith

Council Member Lindsey-Opel arrived at 9:15 a.m.

**C. BRIEFINGS TO CITY COUNCIL:**

**1. Review of the Corpus Christi Firefighters' Retirement System**

Mayor McComb referred to Item 1.

Matt Wood, Board Chairman, Corpus Christi Fire Fighters' Retirement System (CCFFRS), presented information on the following topics regarding the CCFFRS: history; board members; membership / retirement eligibility; benefit formula; funding basics; a comparison among other Texas Local Fire Fighters Retirement Act systems; and contributions / distributions from 2006-2017.

A council member and Mr. Wood discussed the following topics: the mayor's appointee to the CCFFRS's board of directors; qualifications for retirement and

how benefits are calculated.

Mark Fenlaw of Rudd and Wisdom, Inc., consulting actuaries for the CCFFRS, presented information on the following topics regarding the CCFFRS ("system"): benefit increases for retirees; system soundness; December 31, 2016 actuarial valuation results; steps taken to strengthen the system; requirements for benefit increases; retiree benefit data; monthly benefit amounts; data relating to active employees; and the City's vested interest in the system.

Mr. Wood presented information on the following topics regarding the CCFFRS: recognition of the system's practices; the system's investment best practices and investments; actuarially determined contributions by the City; and a summary of the system's goals.

Mayor McComb read a prepared statement from absent Council Member Smith. Council members and the presenters discussed the following topics: number of years required to pay the unfunded liability; amount of the unfunded liability over the years; the investment rate assumption; past performance estimates versus actual past performance; the assumed rate of return and how it is calculated; the national average for each of the following: age of fire fighter retirees, fire fighters' life span, and age of fire fighters at hire; the benefits formula; past versus current year asset allocations; beneficiary designation; best practices; peer reviews; past system losses and efforts to make up said losses; and retiree benefit increases.

## **2. United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Recommendations for Funding of Residential Streets**

Mayor McComb referred to Item 2.

Alan Wilson, Chairman of the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce's Residential Streets Committee (Committee) presented information on the following topics: a summary of the presentation; funding of residential streets; the Committee's goals and recommendations; and final comments.

Council members and Mr. Wilson discussed potholes. Council members thanked Mr. Wilson and the Committee for their work.

## **3. Budget Workshop 5 - Overview of Fiscal 2018-2019 Budget**

Mayor McComb referred to Item 3.

Director of Management & Budget Eddie Houlihan presented information on the status of the FY 2019 budget.

Council members and staff discussed the following topics: the departments in the General Fund that will not experience budget cuts, as presented today; potentially cutting city council members' business accounts; funding public safety; eliminating a full-time equivalent (FTE); council members paying out-of-pocket for their lunches during council meetings and being provided a one-hour lunch break; that improvements in the Police and Fire Departments are needed to realize cost efficiencies; and doing more with current staffing levels versus reducing staff levels.

Interim City Manager Keith Selman presented information on the following topics: the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce's Residential Street Committee's recommendations; a property tax review, including potential adjustments to the Maintenance & Operations (M&O) and Interest & Sinking (I&S) portions; a residential street rebuild funding proposal; staff's proposal regarding the budget shortfall and residential streets; and a M&O strategy and five-year outlook, including tax rate scenarios and utility impact.

Council members and staff discussed having the next budget workshop on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. and the Texas Ambulance Supplemental Payment Plan (TASPP) revenues and their uses.

#### **D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.