



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council Workshop Session

Thursday, May 9, 2019

9:00 AM

City Hall Basement Training Room

**THIS IS A JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE CORPUS CHRISTI
BUSINESS AND JOB DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

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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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PROHIBITED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS DURING MEETINGS OF THE CITY
COUNCIL.**

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

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**B. President Scott Harris to call the Corpus Christi Business and Job Development
Corporation to order.**

President Scott Harris called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**C. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta to call the roll of the required Charter Officers
for City Council.**

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.

(Mr. Hernandez arrived at 9:31 a.m. and Mr. Hunter arrived at 9:56 a.m.)

Present 9 - Mayor Joe McComb, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member
Rudy Garza, Council Member Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Gil
Hernandez, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Ben Molina,
Council Member Everett Roy, and Council Member Greg Smith

**D. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta to call the roll of the Corpus Christi Business
and Job Development Corporation Officers.**

City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta called the roll and verified that a quorum of
the Board was present to conduct the meeting.

**Present: 5 - President Scott Harris, Board Member Gabriel Guerra, Board
Member Randy Maldonado, Board Member Leah Pagan Olivarri,**

Board Member Robert Tamez, Board Member Lee Trujillo and
Board Member John Valls

E. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION:

1. Use of Type A Seawall Funds

Business Liaison Arlene Medrano presented information on the following topics: Seawall Type A funds; the purpose of the meeting, how City Council wants to spend Seawall funds moving forward; is City Council interested in using Seawall sales tax funds for economic development projects or only floodplain management projects; questions that were asked at the May 18, 2019 joint meeting; ballot language; type A sales tax use; and Special Election Ordinance #024188 including the following provisions: 1. the Seawall is a facility and improvement which promotes new and expanded business development 2. Seawall meets the section 4B criteria of promoting or developing new or expanded business enterprise, including a project to provide public safety facilities, streets, drainage, general municipally owned improvements, related improvements and other projects determined to promote or develop new or expanded business enterprise and 3. meets the section 4B purpose of being required or suitable for use for entertainment, tourist, convention, and public park purpose and events.

Bond Counsel Clay Binford with Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP discussed the following topics: legal authorization on how funds can be spent; create factual predicate that is easily defensible for Council to adopt regarding projects we wish to proceed on; resolution provides findings of fact to support the use of the funds for the Sea District Water features repairs; Water Garden Resolution findings; and the definition of what is the Seawall.

Council Members, Board Members and Mr. Binford discussed the 1/8 cent sales tax; travel lane boundary; funds for operating and maintaining the museum; and whether the water gardens can be funded with Type A funds.

Ms. Medrano reported on the HDR 2009 Report; FEMA FIRM update; HDR 2016 Vulnerabilities Assessment; FY19 Adopted Seawall CIP; Seawall Fund Cash Flow.

Council Members, Board Members, Ms. Medrano and Ms. Sanchez discussed the remaining balance if the City were to retire the debt early and what happens to the balance of the Type A and Type B funds when they expire.

Floodplain Manager Yvette Dodd and Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds presented the following topics: flood protection system; salt flats levee; flood walls; drainage pumping stations; FEMA Path Forward; System accreditation; proposed improvements will help reduce the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) downtown.

Council Members, Board Members, Ms. Dodd and Mr. Edmonds discussed what can be done to reduce our flood risk; will the wave study include the museum area; and maintaining our assets.

Mayor McComb proposed a possible election to authorize the use of a portion of the sales tax for street maintenance.

Council Members, Board Members discussed the need for a dedicated fund to keep money available for the Seawall; and that the Watergarden is a qualified project for use of the Type A funds.

Mr. Selman summarized the key points of the meeting as follows: to identify the projects going forward; prepare a path for a possible 2020 election that would identify when and how the City will retire the debt and how a portion of the sales tax could remain in the Type A for maintenance while the other portion goes to street maintenance for residential street maintenance and to bring the Watergarden project back to City Council.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McComb adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

President Harris adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.