



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

Public Notice - - THE USE OF CELLULAR PHONES AND SOUND ACTIVATED PAGERS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS DURING MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE WILL BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 P.M. CITIZEN COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES. Please speak into the microphone located at the podium and state your name and address. If you have a petition or other information pertaining to your subject, please present it to the City Secretary. Any electronic media (e.g. CD, DVD, flash drive) that the Public would like to use while they speak to the City Council MUST be submitted a minimum of 24 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact the Public Communications department at 361-826-3211 to coordinate.

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

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

- B. Invocation to be given by Deacon Jesse Hinojosa, Diocese of Corpus Christi.**

Deacon Jesse Hinojosa gave the invocation.

- C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Lisa Oliver, Community Relations and Engagement Superintendent, Parks and Recreation Department.**

Lisa Oliver led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States and the Texas flag.

- D. 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 Peter Zaroni, City Attorney Miles K. Risley, and City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.

Council Member Guajardo arrived at 11:38 a.m.

Present: 8 - Mayor Joe McComb, 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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Roland Barrera

E. Proclamations / Commendations

1. Proclamation declaring June 18, 2019, "Dr. Gloria Dean Randle Scott Day".
Proclamation celebrating, "500th Anniversary of the Discovery of Corpus Christi Bay".
Swearing-In Ceremony for Newly Appointed Board, Commission, Committee and Corporation Members.
Swearing-In Ceremony for Newly Appointed Municipal Court Judges.

Mayor McComb presented the proclamations and the swearing-in ceremonies were conducted.

- J. **PUBLIC COMMENT FROM THE AUDIENCE ON MATTERS NOT SCHEDULED ON THE AGENDA WILL BE HEARD AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 P.M.** A recording is made of the meeting; therefore, please speak into the microphone located at the podium and state your name and address. If you choose to speak during this public comment period regarding an item on the agenda, you may do so. You will not be allowed to speak again, however, when the Council is considering the item. Citizen comments are limited to three minutes. If you have a petition or other information pertaining to your subject, please present it to the City Secretary. Any electronic media (e.g. CD, DVD, flash drive) that the Public would like to use while they speak **MUST** be submitted a minimum of 24 hours prior to the Meeting. Please contact the Public Communications department at 361-826-3211 to coordinate. All items on this agenda are considered public hearings.

Mayor McComb deviated from the agenda and referred to comments from the public. City Attorney Miles K. Risley read the Rules of Decorum for the Council Chambers. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta conducted the public comment period.

John Holmgreen, 520 S. Chaparral St., Richard Rosa, 4302 Ocean Dr., and Mary Alvarado, 4302 Ocean Dr., spoke regarding speeding on Ocean Drive near Water's Edge Park. Ken Baker, 7421 Idle Hour Dr., thanked the City Council for the progress being made throughout the city; and regarding concerns relating to new homes being built with narrow lot lines. Susie Luna Saldana, 4710 Hakel, spoke regarding the poor condition of sidewalks on Churchill Dr. Margareta Fratila, 3606 Tripoli Dr., spoke regarding water billing issues. Melba Pacheco, 2722 Niagara, spoke regarding irresponsible pet owners in relation to animals suffering abuse and neglect in the city. John Medina, 4931 Mokry Dr., provided his telephone number; and spoke regarding drainage issues on Mokry Dr. and concerns, in general, in City Council District 3. Jarvis Amaya,

4413 Mt. Vernon, spoke regarding the pet adoption event that was taking place outside city council chambers. Linda Gibeaut, 410 Southern, spoke regarding fostering animals; the wolfpack reading program; and the live release program.

F. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS:

Mayor McComb referred to City Manager's Comments. City Manager Peter Zannoni reported on the following topics:

c. OTHER

1) Dogs in the Hall event taking place today outside city council chambers and the mission of Animal Care Services. 2) The Texas Gang Investigators Association's Annual Conference taking place in Corpus Christi this week. 3) As of this week, every Corpus Christi Police Department officer on duty has a body camera. 4) Due to thefts, the City Manager encouraged citizens to not leave firearms in their vehicles. 5) Collective bargaining negotiations with the Corpus Christi Police Officers' Association have begun, the meetings of which are open to the public. 6) The executive appointments of Dr. Dante Gonzalez to the position of Assistant Director of the Public Health District and of Sarah Munoz, P.E. to the position of Assistant Director of Street Operations.

a. UTILITY BILLING UPDATE

Interim IT Director Peter Collins reported on the following topics: the number of delinquent residential and commercial utility accounts; phone, delinquency and community agency outreach; a request that delinquent account holders contact the city to make arrangements to pay their delinquent utility accounts; and addressing inaccurate utility bills.

Council members and Interim Director Collins discussed the following topics: the impending disconnection of utility services for customers who do not make payment arrangements; a plan to implement Maximo city wide to ensure that preventive maintenance takes place; preventive versus reactive maintenance; and that disconnections of utility customers for non-payment begins July 1, 2019.

G. MINUTES:

2. Regular Meeting of June 11, 2019 and Joint Workshop with the Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation of May 9, 2019.

Mayor McComb referred to approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Council Member Rudy Garza, seconded by Council Member Michael Hunter, that the Minutes be passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote (Council Member Barrera - absent).

H. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

**3. Building Code Board of Appeals (4 vacancies)
Citizens Advisory Health Board (2 vacancies)**

Corpus Christi Convention & Visitors Bureau (1 vacancy)

Mayor McComb referred to board and committee appointments. The following appointments were made:

Building Code Board of Appeals

Council Member Hunter made a motion to reappoint Garry M. Camp (General Contractor), seconded by Council Member Garza and passed unanimously (Council Member Barrera - absent).

Council Member Guajardo nominated Victoria Reyes (Not Connected with Building Industry). Mayor McComb nominated Hilary R. Davis (Re-Alignment to Not Connected with Building Industry). Hilary R. Davis (Not Connected to Building Industry) was appointed with Mayor McComb and Council Members Garza, Hunter, Smith, Molina, Roy and Hernandez voting for Hilary R. Davis and Council Member Guajardo voting for Victoria Reyes (Council Member Barrera - absent).

Council Member Molina made a motion to appoint Pete G. Cavazos (Building Industry), seconded by Council Member Garza, and passed unanimously (Council Member Barrera - absent).

Citizens Advisory Health Board

Mayor McComb made a motion to appoint Claudia Raybuck and Ryan Hanisch, seconded by Council Member Hunter, and passed unanimously (Council Member Barrera - absent).

Corpus Christi Convention & Visitors Bureau

Council Member Molina made a motion to appoint Lisa Hinojosa (Port of Corpus Christi Authority - Ex-Officio Advisory, Non-Voting Member), seconded by Council Member Garza, and passed unanimously (Council Member Barrera - absent).

I. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

K. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 4 - 12)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor McComb referred to the Consent Agenda. A council member requested that Items 9 and 10 be pulled for individual consideration. There were no comments from the public.

A motion was made by Council Member Garza, seconded by Council Member Hunter, to approve the Consent Agenda. The consent agenda items were passed and approved by one vote as follows:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

4. Ordinance authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of a grant contract for the Texas Epidemiology Capacity Expansion Grant in the amount of \$204,855.00, from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the Health Grants Fund, to perform surveillance and epidemiology activities for infectious diseases September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.
This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.
Enactment No: 031787
5. Ordinance authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of a grant for the Immunization/Locals Grant Program in the amount of \$241,637.00, from the Texas Department of State Health Services to provide immunization services and appropriating related program income September 1, 2019, through August 31, 2020.
This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.
Enactment No: 031788
6. Ordinance authorizing an amendment to a grant contract for the Community Preparedness Section - Laboratory Response Network - Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant in the amount of \$201,123.00 with a City match of \$20,113.00 to provide continued emergency preparedness and response laboratory activities July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.
Enactment No: 031789
7. Ordinance authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of a grant contract for the Laboratory Response Network Influenza Surveillance and Epidemiology Activities (LRN/FLU-LAB) grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the Health Grants Fund to provide flu testing September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021.
This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.
Enactment No: 031790
8. Ordinance authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of a grant

contract for the Tuberculosis Prevention and Control-State (TB/PC-STATE) grant in the amount of \$61,645.00, from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the Health Grants Fund with a City match of \$12,329.00, to provide tuberculosis prevention and control services September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 031791

- 11.** Resolution authorizing a purchase for Wedeco quartz sleeves and wiper holders for the ultra violet lamp system at Broadway Wastewater Treatment Plant from Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina, for a total amount not to exceed \$77,013.00, funded through the Wastewater Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 031792

- 12.** Motion authorizing an amendment to an existing contract for unleaded gasoline & ultra-low sulfur diesel (TX LED) fuel delivery service with Petroleum Traders Corporation of Fort Wayne, Indiana for a total amount not to exceed \$1,279,712.44, and a revised value of the service agreement to not exceed \$6,398,562.20 funded through the Fleet Maintenance Service Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2019-095

Mayor McComb referred to Item 9.

A council member and Director of Water Utilities Kevin Norton discussed: contract stipulations addressing preventive maintenance data; and the current maintenance program.

Council Member Hernandez made a motion to approve Items 9 and 10, seconded by Council Member Molina.

- 9.** Motion authorizing a one-year service agreement for the purchase, installation oversight and warranty for the replacement of two mechanical bar screens at Allison Wastewater Treatment Plant from Vulcan Industries, Inc. of Missouri Valley, Iowa for a total amount not to exceed \$128,280.00 funded through the Wastewater Fund.

This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2019-093

- 10.** Motion authorizing a one-year service agreement for the purchase, installation oversight and warranty for the replacement of one mechanical bar screen at Laguna Madre Wastewater Treatment Plant from Lakeside Equipment of Bartlett, Illinois for a total amount of \$80,519.00 funded through the Wastewater Fund.

This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2019-094

L. RECESS FOR LUNCH

The recess for lunch was not held.

M. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (NONE)

N. REGULAR AGENDA: (ITEM 13)

- 13.** Resolution authorizing the purchase of a thirty-day supply of three coagulant chemicals for a pilot program (with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality concurrence) aimed at reducing the overall cost of water treatment; with Brenntag Southwest, Inc. of Houston, Texas for \$72,161.28; with Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC of Parsippany, New Jersey for \$69,662.00; and with Geo Specialty Chemicals for \$49,999.00 for a total of \$191,822.28 funded through the Water Fund.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 13. Director of Water Utilities Kevin Norton stated that the purpose of this Item is to purchase and evaluate coagulant chemicals, used to make drinking water safe and palatable, for a pilot program aimed at reducing the overall cost of water treatment.

Director Norton presented information on the following topics: purpose; anticipated annual savings; goals; turbidity; next steps; and staff's recommendation to approve the resolution as presented.

A council member commended the Water Utilities Department for their efforts.

Council Member Garza made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Molina. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 031793

O. FIRST READING ORDINANCES: (ITEMS 14 - 21)

Mayor McComb referred to First Reading Ordinances. There were no comments from the public. A council member requested information on Item 18.

18. Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances Section 49-12 to require applicant(s) to provide a current fair market value appraisal for the closure of improved streets, alleys, or rights-of-way, to remove payment exemption for improved alleys, and to update outdated terms or language.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 18.

Council Members and Director of Development Services Nina Nixon-Mendez discussed the following topics: the financial burden of this Item on property owners; only requiring an appraisal for improved streets and alleyways versus unimproved streets and alleyways; what constitutes, "improved"; the potential burden this Item may place on redevelopment efforts in the community; the need to define the term, "improved" within the ordinance; the reason(s) this Item is on the agenda today; that this Item is procedural in nature and is necessary to meet the provisions in the Code of Ordinances requiring an appraisal; and ascribing a value to the street or alleyway, above which an appraisal would be necessary.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Molina. This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Nay: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 031798

Council Member Roy made a motion to approve Items 14-17 and Item 19-21, seconded by Council Member Molina. These Ordinances were passed on first reading and approved with one vote.

- 14.** Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 031751 to comply with grant requirements of the FY2018 Department of Homeland Security Grant Program by adding sections which assure in the event of loss or misuse that the funds will be returned in full by the City of Corpus Christi and authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant.

This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 031794

- 15.** Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from Maddie's Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 to develop a pilot program to determine the feasibility for implementation of an Animal Care Foster Program; and appropriating the grant amount in the Police Grants Fund.

This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 031795

- 16.** Ordinance authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of a grant contract for the Regional Local Services System/Local Public Health System (RLSS/LPHS) grant in the amount of \$328,736.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services in the Health Grants for the contract period September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021, to provide essential public health services.

This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 031796

- 17.** Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 029958 by expanding the boundary of the City's Industrial District No. 2 to add approximately 213 acres to the current approximately 4,157 acres, with new acreage generally located between Callicoate Road and Rand Morgan Road and between State Highway 44 and the City Limit Boundary near Mallard Drive, which includes an existing industrial district facility.

This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 031797

- 19.** Ordinance granting an easement and a temporary construction easement to Southwestern Bell Telephone, LP (SWB) across Ben Garza Park for SWB's existing facilities so that SWB can update its fiber cable system as part of the Harbor Bridge Project.

This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 031799

- 20.** Ordinance approving the sale of 0.161 acres at 5205 Edinburg Circle for the highest cash offer received by real estate broker of \$22,000.00 to B.B.M.M. Homes, Inc., a Texas Corporation.

This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 031800

- 21.** Ordinance approving the sale of 0.1431 acres at 7101 Edgebrook Drive for the highest cash offer received by real estate broker of \$20,000.00 to Rebecca Christine Brandauer.

This Ordinance was passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Garza, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Barrera

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 031801

P. BRIEFINGS: (ITEM 22)

- 22.** The FY20 & 21 Corpus Christi Summer Games of Texas is a sanctioned event supported by the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation. The event is patterned after the Olympic Games providing athletes the opportunity to compete in over 10 sporting events held in venues across the City of Corpus Christi for athletes of all ages and skill levels.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 22. The presentation team consisted of Director of Parks and Recreation Jermel Stevenson, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Becky Perrin, and Chief Executive Officer of the Corpus Christi Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) Paulette Kluge.

Director Stevenson presented information on the following topics regarding the Games of Texas: background; economic benefits; events that took place during the 2012-2013 Games of Texas held in Corpus Christi; and the proposed events during the 2020-2021 Games of Texas to be held in Corpus Christi.

Council members and presentation team members discussed the following topics: sufficiency of housing; attendees' duration of stays; venues for proposed events; the wheelchair competition component; and commending the Parks and Recreation Department and the CVB for their efforts.

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (NONE)

R. IDENTIFY COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor McComb referred to Identify Council Future Agenda Items. The following items were identified: presenting to the City Council the results of the needs assessment completed by Texas A&M University Corpus Christi relating to the City's boards, commissions and committees; developing a Council policy on concrete versus asphalt streets; an update on the city-wide preventive maintenance initiative; and an update on vagrancy and homelessness.

S. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.