



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council Workshop Session

Thursday, August 15, 2019

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

Streets, Engineering/Bond Program/CIP Budget, Solid Waste, Gas and Water Utilities

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

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.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 Peter Zanoni, Senior Assistant City Attorney Lisa Aguilar and City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.

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

**Council Members Paulette Guajardo and Michael Hunter arrived at 9:05 a.m.
Council Member Roland Barrera arrived at 9:18 a.m.**

C. BRIEFINGS TO CITY COUNCIL:

1. FY 2019-2020 Budget Workshop for Streets, Engineering/Bond Program/CIP Budget, Solid Waste, Gas and Water Utilities Departments.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 1.

City Manager Peter Zanoni stated that the purpose of this item is to present the FY2019-2020 proposed budgets for Streets, Engineering/BondProgram/CIP Budget, Solid Waste, Gas and Water Utilities. City Manager Zanoni discussed upcoming public budget input and Council workshop sessions.

Director of Street Operations Albert Quintanilla presented information on the following topics related to the Street Operations Department: mission statement; about the Street Operations Department; organization; FY2019 achievements; performance measures; services; annual funding and funding sources for street maintenance and residential street reconstruction; FY2020 street maintenance proposed budget; the FY2020 proposed street fund and residential street rebuild program budget; and FY2020 enhancements.

Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds presented information on the following topics related to the Street Engineering Department: mission statement; about the Engineering Services Department; organization; FY2019 achievements; performance measures; services; FY2020 Engineering Department Fund budget; FY2020 enhancements; capital improvement program (CIP) highlights; FY2020 total capital budget and available resources distributed over major spending areas; funding sources versus funding uses; and examples of CIP projects.

Interim Director of Solid Waste Services David Lehfeltdt presented information on the following topics related to the Solid Waste Services Department: mission statement; about the Solid Waste Services Department; organization; FY2019 achievements; performance measures; services; FY2020 Solid Waste Department proposed revenue and General Fund budget; and FY2020 enhancements.

Council members and Directors Quintanilla, Edmonds and Lehfeltdt discussed the following topics: street maintenance and repair funding; funding and staffing resources for project management; developing work plans and providing Council with quarterly reports; developing monthly work plans for all departments; how the increased costs to operate the landfill and the cost of proposed enhancements will be funded and the effect on utility rates; appreciation for the stormwater basket program; the reason for overtime in Traffic Signals; overtime targets; ways to reduce overtime; interconnecting all traffic signals in the city; the equipment used to do ultra thin applications to roadways; the equipment used for seal coating; how streets are selected to be worked on and the factors used in the selection process that may lead to increased costs; what comprises the amounts in professional and temporary services in the Engineering Services budget; the purpose of lease payments and rentals in the Solid Waste Services budget; if rentals are short- or long-term in nature; the reasons for overtime at the J. C. Elliott Landfill; the reasons for over time department-wide in Solid Waste Services; that City Manager Zanoni has directed directors in each city department to monitor and manage overtime; the status of advance-engineering Bond 2020 projects in the proposed FY2020 Engineering Services Department budget and bringing a plan to Council for same; expanding asphalt recycling; the number of traffic lights that are currently integrated and that were integrated in past years and its relationship to reducing traffic congestion; the actual number of graffiti cases remediated; having increased the efficiency with which potholes are

addressed by focusing on geographic location; the type of asphalt used for potholes and cracks; the effect rain has on pothole repairs; efforts made to improve pothole repairs to better withstand the effects of rain; a request that quarterly reports be provided to Council on street operations; the quality of asphalt used in relation to the effects of rain on pothole repairs; a request to provide Council with data on the areas of the city where graffiti and illegal dumping are prevalent; reasons for increases in graffiti; and measures that are being taken and that can be taken to curb illegal dumping.

Director of Gas Operations Bill Mahaffey presented information on the following topics related to the Gas Operations Department: mission statement; about the Gas Department; organizational structure; FY2019 achievements; performance measures; services; FY2020 Gas Department Fund proposed budget; and FY2020 enhancements.

Director of Water Utilities Kevin Norton presented information on the following topics related to the Water Utilities Department: mission statement; about the Water Utilities Department; regional water supplier information; FY2020 organizational structure; FY2019 achievements; performance measures; services; FY2020 Water Utilities Department proposed budget; and FY2020 enhancements for water, wastewater, and storm water.

Assistant Director of Support Services for the Water Utilities Department Reba George presented information on the following topics related to the Water Utilities Department: a summary of the proposed 2020 and 2021 water and wastewater rates; proposed 2020 and 2021 water and wastewater rates; sample residential and commercial water and wastewater charges; and the storm water utility fee.

Chair of the Rate Advisory Group J. J. Hart presented information on the following topics: the Group's membership; meetings held; that the group toured the O. N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant; and the Rate Advisory Group's recommendations.

Council members and staff discussed the following topics: separating water and wastewater rates and related timeline; the purpose of temporary services in the Gas and Water Utilities' FY2020 proposed budgets; policy regarding use of monies in reserve appropriation funds; who the executive director and director of Water Utilities oversee; not correlating wastewater rates to water usage in summer months; the automated meter reading (AMR) process in the Gas Department; meter transmission unit (MTU) replacement efforts by the Gas Department; potential savings from installing gas-fueled/air-cooled chillers, like the one in use at the Gas Department, at other City facilities; returning to winter-quarter averaging; efforts in place to maintain meters and MTUs; if the Rate Advisory Group should remain active; continued public involvement; the average life of gas meters; the material from which gas meters are made; the origins of the Rate Advisory Committee; and identifying the cost of operating the storm water function and the method by which that cost is to be allocated across utility customers.

The Commercial Representative on the Rate Advisory Group David Loeb discussed the following topics: legal concerns regarding the setting of utility rates; past consultant-created utility rates; and the effect of changes in the utility rate model on high- and low-volume users.

A council member questioned if the City's Infor system can accommodate a return to winter-quarter averaging.

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.