



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council Workshop Session

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

FY 2022 Budget Workshop for Parks & Recreation, Libraries, Neighborhood Services, Asset Management, and Aviation Departments

A. Mayor Paulette M. Guajardo to call the meeting to order.

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 9:14 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, City Attorney Miles Risley and City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.

Note: Council Member Michael Hunter participated by telephone conference.

Present 8 - Mayor Paulette M. Guajardo, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Billy A. Lerma, Council Member Ben Molina, Council Member Mike Pusley, and Council Member Greg Smith

Absent 1 - Council Member John Martinez

C. BRIEFINGS TO CITY COUNCIL:

1. [21-1092](#) FY 2022 Budget Workshop for Parks & Recreation, Libraries, Neighborhood Services, Asset Management, and Aviation Departments

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 1.

Interim Director of Parks and Recreation Dante Gonzalez presented information on the following topics: FY 2022 enhancements-additional improvements; park planning; parks and recreation resources; marina planning and positions; marina replacement projects; and 3 year proposed marina capital improvements.

Council Members, Interim Director Gonzalez, City Manager Peter Zanoni, Assistant City Manager Neiman Young, Community Relations & Engagement Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Lisa Oliver, and Marina Manager Jonathan Atwood discussed the following topics: for clarification purposes, swim lessons are available at \$50 per person for 8 classes; lighting will be enhanced for Miradors and seawall; a Council Member's

request for a helicopter to be added to Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park; the marina is looking into bringing a fuel station in-house; a Council Member encouraged development of more restaurants at the marina; a Council Member's request for cost comparisons and amenities that will be included at the dog parks; a Council Member's request for information about the \$100,000 in professional services for the TIRZ #3 district budget; the \$55,000 in the budget for the master planning will help with restaurants at the marina; the importance of repairing parking lots at North Beach and that they are not ADA accessible; PALS, the Parks and Recreation department, foundation has not raised any revenue in the past two years and the fund balance was used for the Games of Texas; the marina is an underutilized City asset which can be an economic generator; a Council Member's request for a master plan at Sherrill Park; funds for the Games of Texas are in the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) fund; a Council Member's request for better planning for pool renovations; and a request for specifics on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Director of Libraries Laura Garcia presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about library services; organization; FY 2021 achievements; performance measures; services; FY 2022 library proposed budget: \$5.2M; FY 2022 proposed budget general fund: \$5.2M; and FY 2022 enhancement 1 and 2.

Council Members, Director Garcia and Chief of Staff Michael Rodriguez discussed the following topics: 17 individuals have graduated from the Success for Life Program ranging in ages 18 to 50; a Council Member is in favor of improvements at the La Retama Library; the IT department verified that the broadband increase to 10 Gbps is ideal for libraries; a Council Member's request that the proposed \$250,000 budget for consultants and improvements be broken out separately; and Certificates of Obligations are being used because the libraries are in need of immediate improvements.

Interim Director of Neighborhood Services Tracey Cantu presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about neighborhood services; organization; FY 2021 achievements; performance measures; services; FY 2022 neighborhood services department proposed budget: \$13M; FY 2022 proposed budget general fund: \$8.1M; FY 2022 proposed budget grant fund: \$4.9M; FY 2022 enhancements 1&2; FY 2022 enhancement 3; FY 2022 enhancement 4; FY 2022 enhancement 5; FY 2022 enhancement 6; FY 2022 enhancement 7, 8 & 9; and FY 2022 enhancement 10.

Council Members, Interim Director Cantu, and Assistant Director of Neighborhood Services Jennifer Buxton discussed the following topics: a Council Member's concern about the disabled and elderly citizens that have been on a waiting list for minor home repairs; Neighborhood Services is working on increasing the number of contractors to complete the work in a more timely manner; all the money for the minor home repair is federally funded; and a Council Member's request for Council Members to receive a list of fundraising groups (501C3) for city departments.

Mayor Guajardo recessed the meeting at 11:23 a.m. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Director of Asset Management Charles Mendoza presented information on the following topics: mission statement; about asset management; organization; facilities organization; FY 2021 achievements; performance measures; services; FY 2022 asset management proposed budget \$46.2M; asset management fund \$46.2M; and FY 2022 enhancement 1.

Council Members, Director Mendoza, City Manager Peter Zanoni, General Operations Manager Kimberly Galan-Flores, Interim Assistant Director of Asset Management Erlinda Klubertanz and Fleet Replacement Program Manager Tambra Milot discussed the following topics: the fire department manages their own purchases, but asset management manages the replacement fund for their equipment; the \$17.9M for expenditures and the \$14.2M for revenues comes from allocations for repairs to the fleet; the reason for the \$300,000 increase for facilities maintenance at City Hall is based on upcoming projects for FY 2022; a Council Member's request to move some of the projects from Certificates of Obligations to General Obligation Bonds; and a Council Member's request for improvement and maintenance of gazebos at parks.

Director of Aviation Kevin Smith presented information on the following topics: mission statement; Board Members; about aviation department; organization; FY 2021 achievements; performance measures; services; FY 2022 aviation department proposed budget: \$14.0M; FY 2022 proposed budget airport fund: \$11.6M; FY 2022 revenue enhancement 1; proposed parking rate adjustments; ground transportation rate adjustments; FY 2022 enhancement 1; and FY 2022 enhancement 2.

Council Members, Director Smith, Deputy Director of Aviation Tyler Miller and Finance Manager Kimberly Miller discussed the following topics: the possibility of nonstop flights from Corpus Christi to cities other than Houston or Dallas is only a matter of time; grants are received from Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); the beginning fund balance of 2021 is \$5.634 million; and over 200 security cameras are in place at the airport.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.