



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

Addendums may be added on Friday.

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

B. Invocation to be given by Reverend, Claude Axel, Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church.

Reverend Claude Axel, Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Megan Taylor, Senior at Miller High School.

Megan Taylor, Senior at Miller High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Texas Flag.

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

City Secretary Rebecca 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 Risley and City Secretary Rebecca Huerta

Present: 9 - Mayor Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Roland Barrera, Council Member Gil Hernandez, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Mike Pusley, Council Member Dan Suckley, Council Member Everett Roy, Council Member Jim Klein, and Council Member Sylvia Campos

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

1. [23-0245](#) Acknowledgement of 81st Police Academy Graduation

City Manager Peter Zaroni congratulated the 25 cadets who graduated from the 81st Police Academy. The mission is to work as an equal partner with the community to reduce crime, to reduce the fear of crime and enhance public safety.

Police Chief Mike Markle thanked Council for their support for public safety.

2. [23-0247](#) Appointment of Interim Fire Chief Richie Quintero

City Manager Peter Zanoni appointed Deputy Fire Chief Richie Quintero as Interim Fire Chief. Chief Quintero has been a member of the Corpus Christi Fire Department for 29 years. He maintains his Master Fire Certification and is a licensed Paramedic.

3. [23-0249](#) Corpus Christi Water Permanganate Supply

City Manager Peter Zanoni stated that permanganate is used in the City's water supply to improve the taste, odor and color of the water. There is only one producer of permanganate in the western hemisphere.

Director of Water Utilities Drew Molly stated that the City uses four sources of raw water with two chemicals, chlorine dioxide and permanganate. There is a 13 day supply of permanganate on-hand.

Council Members and Director Molly discussed the following topics: the water could start tasting earthy or musty, but will still be safe to drink; and Carus Corporation is hopeful that they will be able to supply permanganate within 90 days.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Alissa Mejia, 41 Camden Place, presented information on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee strategic action plan.

Melissa Zamora, 3917 Brawner Parkway, spoke regarding capturing rainwater and HVAC condensation.

Jay Gardner, 3922 Sweet Bay Dr., spoke in support of Item 23, a second vehicular causeway to and from the island.

Carrie Meyer, 4401 Gulfbreeze Blvd., spoke regarding recruitment efforts for the community representative vacancy on the North Beach TIRZ board, and a request for Council to appoint a resident from the North Beach Community Association.

Eli McKay, 1008 Marguerite St., spoke regarding her love for the City of Corpus Christi, and a request to do more for city employees.

Armon Alex, 1610 La Joya St., spoke regarding his credentials that qualified him to be appointed to the Watershore and Beach Advisory Committee.

Maggie Peacock, 7037 Islander Way and Taylor Thorpe, 7037 Islander Way, spoke regarding climate action change.

Ted Mandel, 15306 Key Largo Court, spoke in support of Item 23.

John Weber, 609 Naples St., spoke regarding Item 5.

Adam Rios, 7301 Tangled Ridge Court, spoke regarding BMX skate park lighting.

Rachel Caballero, 522 Hancock, spoke regarding the drought contingency plan and industrial use of water versus residential use.

Julie Rogers, 710 Furman Ave., spoke regarding increasing public input efforts for the drought contingency plan.

Blanca Parkinson, 10810 Silverton Dr., spoke regarding public input for the drought contingency plan and the need for water at West Guth Park.

Paul Jack, 3600 Ocean Dr., spoke regarding Item 16 and asked for Council to consider keeping Estrada Hinojosa as their financial advisor.

Cathy Fulton, PO Box 457, Port Aransas and Jo Krueger, 1220 Sea Secret, Port Aransas, spoke in support of appointing Joe McComb to the Port of Corpus Christi Commission.

Errol Summerlin, 1017 Diomedea, Portland, spoke regarding the need for change at the Port of Corpus Christi and the drought contingency plan.

G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

4. [23-0191](#) Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (1 vacancy)
Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, TX (1 vacancy)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 4.

Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation:
Appointed: Robert Rocha

Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas:
Reappointed: David P. Engel

H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:

I. DROUGHT CONTINGENCY AND CONSERVATION INITIATIVES BRIEFING:

5. [23-0225](#) Briefing by CCW (Corpus Christi Water) on recommended changes to the current Drought Contingency Plan and reviewing the new Water Conservation 365 Plan including conservation initiatives for 2023 and beyond.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 5.

Chief Operations Officer of Corpus Christi Water Michael Murphy presented the following information on the drought contingency plan: overview; water restrictions and lake levels;

water sources; Nueces River Choke Canyon Reservoir and Nueces River Lake Corpus Christi; recharge zones; ongoing drought in Texas; drought contingency plan (DCP); revising the DCP; proposed changes; and staff recommendation.

Chief Operations Officer of Corpus Christi Water Michael Murphy presented the following information on the Corpus Christi Water Conservation Initiatives: program overview; implementation; organizational chart; resources and outreach.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, Chief Operations Officer Murphy, Water Resources Manager Esteban Ramos, Strategic Business Manager Adrianna Escamilla, Director of Water System Infrastructure Wesley Nebgen, and City Attorney Miles Risley discussed the following topics: industry drought exemption surcharge funds are used for alternative water supply; the importance of educating the public about water restrictions; the conservation plan applies to large volume users; a Council Member's request for council to meet with the plant managers; the City can enforce San Patricio County's drought plan, but not their conservation plan; Council Members' concerns about a \$500 fine being charged to citizens who use sprinkler systems; the fines do not go on the utility bill, they come from municipal court; municipal fines pay for general fund services; a Council Member's request to redirect municipal fines to a water conservation fund; reusing water is not restricted in the drought contingency plan; municipal court fines are not required to be paid in person, they can be paid online or by mail; whether washing machine water can be reused for irrigation; a Council Member's request to exclude December 2022 as part of winter averaging; a Council Member's request for staff to look into solar water panels for Choke Canyon to prevent evaporation and to produce power; a request for an update on the Texas superior water rating; if the City received permits to sell effluent to the public; reuse water can only be sold to commercial customers; a Council Member's request for the City to partner with development services to incentivize water collection systems for new homes; and the importance of providing more public outreach opportunities.

J. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 6 - 25)

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Council Members pulled Items 7, 8, 16, 18, 21, 23 and 25 for individual consideration.

A motion was made by Council Member Klein, seconded by Council Member Suckley to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 7, 8, 16, 18, 21, 23 and 25. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Abstained: 0

6. [23-0198](#) Approval of the January 24, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

- 7. [22-2026](#) Case No. 1022-05 Cypress Point Capital, LLC. (District 5): Ordinance rezoning a property at or near the southeast corner of County Road 43 and Farm to Market Road 2444 (South Staples Street) from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "RS-22" Single-Family 22 District. Providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication.(Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 7.

A Council Member's concern about the expansion of the City into undeveloped areas because it puts strain on our infrastructure.

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

- Aye:** 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos
- Absent:** 1 - Council Member Hunter
- Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 032967

- 8. [23-0077](#) Ordinance amending Chapter 14 of the Corpus Christi Code to adopt with local amendments, the International Code Council's 2021 editions of the International Building Code, International Existing Building Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, International Residential Code, and International Swimming Pool and Spa Code; amending Chapter 14 of the Corpus Christi Code to adopt with local amendments, the National Fire Prevention Association's 2020 edition of the National Electrical Code; Providing for a penalty not to exceed \$500 and publication.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 8.

A Council Member's concern that the City incentivizes installation of natural gas appliances in new construction homes.

Council Member Hernandez made a motion to amend the Plumbing Code for the City of Corpus Christi to delete subsection 2 of Section 403.1.1 and subsection 6 of Section 403.2 of the International Plumbing Code to eliminate multiple user facility exceptions, seconded by Council Member Pusley and passed unanimously.

Council Member Hernandez made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Ordinance was passed on second reading as amended and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032968

9. [23-0078](#) Ordinance amending Chapter 18 of the Corpus Christi Code to adopt with local amendments, the International Code Council's 2021 editions of the International Fire Code; Providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication.

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

Enactment No: 032969

10. [23-0202](#) Ordinance appropriating \$1,342,418.83 from Debt Service Fund Balance for the payment of debt and amending the FY 2023 operating budget.

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

Enactment No: 032970

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

11. [23-0009](#) Motion authorizing the purchase of one additional 2023 Ford F-450 Medic Unit for the Corpus Christi Fire Department from Sterling McCall Ford, of Houston, in the amount of \$303,899.00, with FY 2023 funding available from the General fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-012

12. [22-1461](#) Motion authorizing a one-year supply agreement, with two one-year options, with Waller County Asphalt, Inc., of Hempstead, Texas, for all-weather asphalt for the Public Works Department, in an amount not to exceed \$557,760.00 and a potential amount of \$1,692,480.00 if options are exercised, with FY 2023 funding of \$371,840.00 from the Street Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-013

13. [22-1761](#) Motion authorizing the purchase of 24 battery backup systems for City traffic signals from Paradigm Traffic Systems, Inc. of Houston, for \$127,200.00, through the BuyBoard Cooperative, for Public Works, with FY 2023 funding

available from the Streets fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-014

14. [23-0011](#) Resolution authorizing the additional expenditure of \$57,247.63 to acquire by lease-purchase, through JP Morgan, a transfer trailer for the Solid Waste Services Department, with FY 2023 funding of \$24,247.60 from the General Fund and the remaining lease payments of \$121,237.93 in future fiscal years, subject to appropriation.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032971

15. [23-0189](#) Resolution authorizing two three-year service agreements for uniformed security guard services in a combined amount not to exceed \$6,644,145.34, with Universal Protection Service, LP, dba Allied Universal Security Services of Santa Ana, California, with an office in San Antonio, for \$5,161,476.00 and TriSec, LLC, dba Signal 88 Security of Corpus Christi for \$1,482,669.34, with FY 2023 funding of \$1,151,945.96 from various funds.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032972

16. [23-0158](#) Motion authorizing a three-year service agreement with two one-year options with Specialized Public Finance, Inc., of San Antonio, for financial advisor services, for an estimated amount of \$1,770,846.00, with an estimated potential amount not to exceed \$2,500,000.00 if the options are exercised, with FY 2023 funding of \$600,000.00 from bond proceeds.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 16.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, and Director of Finance Heather Hurlbert discussed the following topics: a Council Member's concern about the selection process for a financial advisor; staff recommends hiring Specialized Public Finance because they solely focus on financial advising; and Specialized Public Finance is a highly reputable business among the state.

Council Member Barrera made a motion to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Suckley. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos
Nay: 1 - Council Member Pusley
Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter
Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2023-015

Consent - Capital Projects

17. [23-0157](#) Resolution authorizing execution of an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Highway Safety Improvements Program to install advanced warning signals, signs, raised median, and school zone improvements at Everhart Road from Holly Road to South Shea Parkway, Gollihar Road from Helen Street to Green Grove Drive, McArdle Road from Clare Drive to Nile Drive, and South Staple Street from Dody Street to Driftwood Street, located in Council Districts 2, 3 and 4, with a City required funding match of 10% in an amount of \$37,448.70 for the reimbursement of direct costs with FY 2023 funding available from 1041 Street Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032973

18. [23-0089](#) Motion awarding a construction contract to Clark Pipeline Services, LLC, Corpus Christi, Texas, for Citywide Water Line Repair/Replace-Small Diameter Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) project in an amount of \$5,000,000.00, located Citywide, with FY 2023 funding available from the Water Capital Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 18.

This Item was pulled to allow Council Member Suckley to abstain.

There were no comments from the Council.

Council Member Barrera made a motion to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Roy. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Suckley

Enactment No: M2023-016

General Consent Items

19. [23-0139](#) Resolution authorizing submission of grant application for \$367,441.52 to the State of Texas under the Victims of Crime Act for salaries and benefits for four civilian positions for the Corpus Christi Police Department's Victim Assistance Program, with \$18,080.00 in-kind services.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032974

20. [23-0140](#) Resolution authorizing submission of grant application for \$59,609.00 to the State of Texas Criminal Justice Division under the Violence Against Women Act Fund for the salary and benefits of one civilian position in the Corpus Christi Police Department's Family Violence Unit, with a City cash match of \$20,810.00 cash and \$6,960.00 for in-kind services.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 032975

21. [23-0160](#) Motion authorizing a Small Business Incentive Agreement between the Corpus Christi B Corporation and LiftFund, Inc., in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, for the loan buy down program from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 21.

Council Members, Interim CEO of Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation Mike Culbertson, LiftFund Market Manager Laura Estrada, and Director of Finance Heather Hurlbert discussed the following topics: LiftFund is used to loan money to small businesses that are turned down by banks; the grant money pays down the interest; LiftFund takes risks that a traditional lender will not take and partners with multiple banks; LiftFund covers 15 states and is the largest non-profit in the United States; LiftFund has repaid the City \$853,000 out of \$1.2 million; and the City is buying down 7 percent interest for small businesses.

Council Member Pusley made a motion to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2023-017

22. [23-0200](#) Motion authorizing the termination of the TIRZ #5 developer reimbursement agreement with South Padre Investment, Inc., by agreement of the parties.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-018

23. [23-0205](#) Resolution urging the 88th Texas Legislature to support and prioritize the study, design, and construction of a second vehicular causeway to facilitate traffic to and from North Padre Island, Mustang Island, and the City of Port Aransas across the Laguna Madre to the mainland, as endorsed in concept by a prior

City Council approving the causeway to be included in the Cities Urban Transportation Plan.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 23.

Council Members and Director of Planning Dan McGinn discussed the following topics: a Council Member's concern about adding a second causeway due to increasing traffic on the island, and a concern about development on barrier islands; this would have to be a state funded project; the island and Flour Bluff community is requesting a second route on and off the island; and a Council Member's request to add regional parkway language to the resolution.

Council Member Hernandez made a motion to amend the resolution to include "via the Regional Parkway sections A and B," seconded by Council Member Pusley and passed unanimously.

Council Member Hernandez made a motion to approve the resolution as amended, seconded by Council Member Pusley. This Resolution was passed as amended and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy and Council Member Campos

Nay: 1 - Council Member Klein

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032976

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

24. [23-0156](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$154,059.50 from the State of Texas under the FY 2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant for the purchase of 49 additional bullet-resistant shield for the Corpus Christi Police Department and appropriating \$154,059.50 in the Police Grants Fund.

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

25. [23-0166](#) One-reading ordinance amending the FY 2023 Capital Budget to include Bond 2022 Propositions for Streets, Parks, Public Safety, and Library; appropriating \$66,181,900 to the FY 2023 Capital Budget, and amending the FY 2023 Capital Improvement Program by adding 32 Bond 2022 Program projects.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 25.

Council Members and City Manager Peter Zanoni discussed the following topics: a residential street package can be added to the 2024 bond; and bond projects with leftover funding was put into residential streets.

Council Member Klein made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Pusley. This Ordinance was passed on emergency and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032977

K. RECESS FOR LUNCH

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:43 p.m. Executive Session Items 32 and 33 were held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

L. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 26 - 28)

- 26. [22-2002](#) Case No. 1022-01 Sun George Contracting and Development Company (District 4): Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 2626 Rodd Field Road, located along the east side of Rodd Field Road, south of Wooldridge Road, and north of Saratoga Boulevard (SH-357), from the "FR" farm Rural District to the "CN-1" Neighborhood Commercial District (Planning Commission and Staff recommend denial of the change of zoning from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "CG-2" General Commercial District, and in lieu thereof, approval of a change in zoning to the "CN-1" Neighborhood Commercial District).**

Mayor Guajardo referred to Items 26 through 28.

Mayor Guajardo opened the public hearings for Items 26-28.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed the public hearings.

Council Member Pusley made a motion to approve Items 26-28, seconded by Council Member Klein. These Ordinances were passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 1 - Council Member Roy

27. [23-0075](#) Case No. 1222-01 ADR Investments (District 4): Ordinance rezoning properties at or near 810 Naval Air Station Drive, located at the southeast corner of Naval Air Station Drive and Claride Street, from the “CG-1” General Commercial District to the “CG-1/SP” General Commercial District with a Special Permit; Providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval of the rezoning request from the “CG-1” General Commercial District to the “CG-1/SP” General Commercial District with a Special Permit).

See Item 26.

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

28. [23-0076](#) Case No. 1222-02 ADR Investments (District 4): Ordinance rezoning properties at or near 936 Waldron Road, located along the west side of Waldron Road, and north of Fawn Drive, from the “CG-1” General Commercial District to the “CG-1/SP” General Commercial District with a Special Permit; Providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval of the rezoning request from the “CG-1” General Commercial District to the “CG-1/SP” General Commercial District with a Special Permit with Conditions).

See Item 26.

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

M. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (NONE)

N. BRIEFINGS: (ITEMS 29 - 31)

29. [23-0129](#) Developing Our Future: Corpus Christi Master Planning and Impact Fee Study Update Briefing

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 29.

Director of Development Services Al Raymond presented information on the following topics: how did we get here; master planning and impact fee study contract; capital improvement advisory committee; Pape Dawson Engineers; project schedule; why is this project needed; how does this solve the funding issue; and what are the benefits to

Corpus Christi.

Council Members and Director Raymond discussed the following topics: a Council Member's issue with impact fees because the government will be in charge of investments; the Master Plan is developed by the City for a ten year period; the master plans are lead by land use assumptions; the Capital Improvement Plan will deliver a list of projects; impact fees will support bringing infrastructure to a development; a developer can get credits for the impact fees; impact fees will have to be spent in the service area where it was created; if there is no development, there will be very little impact fees; the developer will no longer be reimbursed by the city; and a comparison analysis for trust funds versus impact fees will show that impact fees cover all utilities, while a trust fund only covers water and wastewater.

30. [23-0025](#) Quarterly briefing update to City Council on operations at the American Bank Center

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 30.

General Manager of OVG360 Daniel Melise presented information on the following topics: about Oak View Group; unmatched regional resources; background; meet the team; new events/announcements; fourth annual Coastal Christmas; successful events; marketing; community outreach; new business initiatives; current projects; current local food and beverage partnerships; food and beverage revenue; partnerships; and facility assessment.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, Mr. Melise, and Assistant Director of Aviation Elsy Borgstedte discussed the following topics: the landscaping includes landscape lighting, but not stairway lighting; Council Members concerns about the long lines inside and outside the American Bank Center during a recent sold-out event; the plan is to expand and redesign the sale area; receiving more notifications about event cancellations and security issues; the roof and HVAC system are the primary concerns; prioritization and funding are the next steps; and if an event is canceled, promoters pass along information through social media and Ticketmaster sends out an email.

31. [23-0165](#) Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (CCREDC) Quarterly Update to City Council (Fourth Calendar Quarter of 2022)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 31.

Interim CEO of Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (CCREDC) Mike Culbertson presented information on the following topics: mission statement; Corpus Christi M/A housing report; sales tax collection allocations; MSA unemployment rates; November 2022 employment by Sector for CC MSA; CCREDC project pipeline; area projects net taxable value; 2022 business retention and expansion report; CCREDC 2021-2022 projects; and business attraction trade shows.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, and Mr. Culbertson discussed the

following topics: staff is in the process of recruiting a new director for the City's Economic Development Department; this data was compiled in November 2022; the City contributes \$700,000 annually to CCREDC; the process of recruiting high tech companies; the need to diversify the economy; the importance of focusing on education; a Council Member's request for the EDC to look into being a permanganate supplier; and Valero Refinery pays less than 63 percent of the tax bill.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 32 - 33)

Mayor Guajardo referred to Executive Session Items 32 and 33. The Council went into Executive Session at 2:43 p.m. The Council returned from Executive Session at 4:05 p.m.

- 32. [23-0194](#) Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to the case of *Annette Rodriguez v. City of Corpus Christi, et al.* including potential consideration of settlement offers and/or fees for attorneys, engineers, other expert witnesses assisting in this case, deposition fees, and court costs, and updates on litigation in other cases.**

This E-Session item was passed after executive session.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to authorize the execution of amendments, agreements and encumbrance of funds for legal and other professional consulting and expert witness services and associated court reporter, copy, travel, data, and other costs for the lawsuit of Annette Rodriguez v. City of Corpus Christi in a total added amount of up to \$161,385 with the law firm of Royston, Rayzor, Vickery & Williams, LLP and other providers of services relevant to said lawsuit.

Council Member Barrera made a motion to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Pusley. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos

Absent: 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: M2023-019

- 33. [23-0250](#) Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 and Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.05 to consult with attorneys concerning legal issues related to the case of *City of Ingleside v. City of Corpus Christi*, including potential consideration of settlement offers and/or**

fees for attorneys, engineers, other expert witnesses assisting in this case, deposition fees, and court costs, and updates on litigation in other cases.

This E-Session item was passed after executive session.

The following motion was considered:

Motion to authorize the City Manager or his designees to execute an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Chaves Obregon & Perales LLP to provide for up to \$15,000 additional funds for representation in the lawsuit of City of Ingleside v. City of Corpus Christi.

Council Member Pusley made a motion to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Barrera. This Motion was passed and approved with the following vote:

- Aye:** 8 - Mayor Guajardo, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Pusley, Council Member Suckley, Council Member Roy, Council Member Klein and Council Member Campos
- Absent:** 1 - Council Member Hunter
- Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: M2023-020

P. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 6:54 p.m.