



# City of Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Tuesday, May 23, 2023

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

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**Addendums may be added on Friday.**

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

Mayor Guajardo called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m

**B. Invocation to be given by Chaplain Rodney Appleby, Corpus Christi Fire Department.**

Chaplain Rodney Appleby, Corpus Christi Fire Department, gave the invocation.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Arnoldo Duran, Junior at Harold T. Branch Academy.**

Arnoldo Duran, Junior at Harold T. Branch Academy, 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 Zanoni, 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. [23-0889](#) 2023 Top Cop Award Winner for the State of Texas - Police Officer Gustavo A. Medina  
2023 Top Cop Honorable Mention for the State of Texas - Senior Officer Brandon Cordell and Senior Officer Paul Lisowski

City Manager Peter Zanoni announced that the National Association of Police Organization recognizes ten officers from the country for the Top Cop Award and the Top Cop Honorable Mention. Police Officer Gustavo A. Medina was awarded the 2023 Top Cop Award for the State of Texas, and Senior Officer Brandon Cordell and Senior Officer Paul Lisowski were awarded the 2023 Top Cop Honorable Mention for

the State of Texas.

Police Chief Mike Markle thanked the Mayor, Council Members, and the City Manager for their support.

2. [23-0894](#) 82nd Police Academy Cadet Graduation

City Manager Peter Zanoni recognized the 82nd Police Academy Cadet Graduation that took place on May 19. The 82nd Police Academy began in October of 2022 with 22 cadets. 20 of the cadets were sworn into the Corpus Christi Police Department.

A Council Member mentioned that a police substation was also approved in the budget for the Northwest area.

3. [23-0890](#) "Safe, Fun, Fit - Endurance Fest", June 2 - June 4, 2023

City Manager Peter Zanoni stated that the Safe, Fun, Fit Endurance Fest will take place June 2-4, 2023. The Endurance Fest is a celebration of the 3rd anniversary of Safe, Fun, Fit. The schedule is as follows: 5K Glow Run on Friday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m.; 10K and half marathon relay on Saturday, June 3 at 7:00 a.m.; and the Bike Tour on Sunday, June 4 at 7:30 a.m. The goal is to have 1,200 participants register for these events.

4. [23-0840](#) Water Supply Projects Update presented by Chief Operating Officer Mike Murphy

Chief Operations Officer Mike Murphy presented information on the following topics: Corpus Christi water; water sources; conservation 365; water supply improvement projects; and diversified water portfolio planning.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni, Chief Operations Officer Murphy, Water Resource Manager Esteban Ramos, Director of Water Utilities Andrew Molly, Strategic Business Manager Adrianna Escamilla, and Assistant Director of Waste Water Dr. Deng discussed the following topics: the total investment for water supply improvement projects is \$143 million; the design capacity of Mary Rhodes Pipeline is 75 million gallons of water per day (MGD), but it is best to not go above 55 to 60 MGD; the engineering report could take up to nine months to complete; whether an incentive can be implemented for water conservation devices; a request that staff provide in future reports the amount of water consumed by large volume water users; large volume users consume about 50 MGD; the Mary Rhodes Pipeline is operating around 55 percent efficiency; a request for a breakdown of consumption for all water users; the approximate timeline to complete construction is three years; the City is exploring the idea of possibly having two pipelines for the Mary Rhodes Pipeline; rain barrels will be available again in March or April of 2024; the City would be the largest user of Evangeline Groundwater; a Council Member's request that the City consider using rainwater capture; staff is researching effluent reuse and aquifer storage, along with the EV Ranch project as an alternate water source; 30 MGD of effluent water is available to sell; staff is in contact with Valero Refinery about obtaining their design plans for purchasing effluent water from the City; and the City is supplying about

700,000 gallons of effluent water per day to golf courses.

#### **F. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

Steve Klepper, 317 Sunset Ave., spoke about storm water fees and the lack of transparency regarding water rates.

Shawn Flanagan, 4218 Herndon St., Lynn Woods, 926 Rosedale Dr., Adalberto Carrillo III, 4055 Killarmet Dr., Victoria Holland, 235 Ohio Ave., and Pamela Woods, 926 Rosedale Dr., spoke in opposition to an environmental and sustainability department.

Patricia Reinhardt, 317 Clifford St., spoke about litter throughout the community and at retail stores.

Michael Rittgers, 5918 South Oso Parkway and Catherine Barnes, 520 South Chaparral St., stated their concern about how Certificates of Obligation are utilized.

Maggie Peacock, 1773 Ennis Joslin Rd. and Armon Alex, 1610 La Joya St., spoke in support of an environmental sustainability department.

Rachel Caballero, 522 Hancock St., spoke about issues with the high cost of water bills.

Melissa Zamora, 454 Louisiana Ave., spoke about environmental concerns and spoke in opposition to desalination.

Isabel Araiza, 326 Poenisch Dr., spoke about issues with items placed on the agenda for the crime control and prevention district board and about her concern with council transparency.

Eli McKay, 1008 Marguerite St., spoke in support of an environmental sustainability department and her experience with better amenities in bigger cities.

Melissa Nucete, 6530 Peacock Dr., spoke about animal care service concerns and the stray animal population.

Dustin Cronan, 5026 Yorktown Blvd., spoke about the progress on autism awareness.

John Weber, 609 Naples St., spoke in opposition to Item 18 regarding the purchase of a modular building for Engineering Services.

Brian Keeble, 4350 Ocean Dr., praised Police Chief Mike Markle for his quick response to a constituent's concern regarding an issue with the Police Department and expressed his opinion that a council member and the City Manager are good prospects for the CEO of the Port of Corpus Christi.

Jack Gordy, 3913 Montego Dr., spoke about a political sign being posted illegally.

The following citizens submitted a written public comment which is attached to the minutes: Christian Cabazos, 457 Dolphin Place; Brittnei Young, 6018 Williston Dr.; Sarah Rodriguez, 3535 Santa Fe St.; and Judith Gonzalez-Rodriguez, 333 Santa Monica Place.

**G. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (NONE)**

**H. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:**

**I. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 5 - 20)**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor Guajardo referred to the Consent Agenda. Council Members pulled Items 17, 18 and 19 for individual consideration.

Council Member Hunter moved to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Items 17, 18 and 19, seconded by Council Member Pusley. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Barrera

**Abstained:** 0

**5. [23-0846](#) Approval of the May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The Minutes were approved on the consent agenda.

*Consent - Second Reading Ordinances*

**6. [23-0756](#) Ordinance accepting a grant to combat drug and human trafficking from the State of Texas Governor's Homeland Security Grants Division in the amount of \$145,245.00 for overtime and fringe benefits for the Corpus Christi Police Department; and appropriating \$145,245.00 in the Police Grants Fund.**

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

Enactment No: 033050

**7. [23-0711](#) Ordinance appropriating \$160,905.00 in the Health Grant Fund for an increase in the Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Unit - COVID (IDCU-COVID) Grant Program from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to provide COVID-19 epidemiologic and surveillance**

response activities and laboratory response network activities for the period September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 033051

8. [23-0727](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of Center for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Grant for \$205,548.00 with an in-kind match of \$20,565.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS); and appropriating \$205,548.00 in the Health Grant Fund to provide Laboratory Response Network (LRN) Level 3 chemical laboratory surge capacity activities for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 033052

9. [23-0731](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of Laboratory Response Network Influenza Surveillance and Epidemiology Grant for \$10,000.00 from the Texas Department of State Health (DSHS); and appropriating \$10,000.00 in the Health Grant Fund to provide flu testing program for the period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2025.

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

Enactment No: 033053

10. [23-0742](#) Ordinance appropriating \$66,577.00 in the Health Grant Fund for an increase in the Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Grant from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to provide tuberculosis prevention and control services for the period September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 033054

11. [23-0777](#) Ordinance authorizing acceptance of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Grant for \$240,003.00 with a cash match of \$24,000.00 from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS); appropriating \$264,003.00 to provide funding activities in support of the PHEP Cooperative Agreement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 033055

12. [23-0786](#) Ordinance appropriating \$75,000.00 in the Health Grant Fund for an increase in the Health Disparities Grant from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to provide community engagement in communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 for the period June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024.

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

Enactment No: 033056

13. [23-0794](#) Ordinance appropriating \$41,865.00 from an increase in the HIV Surveillance Grant Program administered by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the period September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, to provide HIV surveillance and control services.

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

Enactment No: 033057

*Consent - Contracts and Procurement*

14. [23-0694](#) Motion authorizing the purchase of a one-year software license renewal with CDW-G, LLC, of Vernon Hills, Illinois, in an amount of \$65,926.77 for Veeam backup and replication software for disaster recovery and business continuity, with FY 2023 funding from the Information Technology Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-069

15. [23-0769](#) Motion authorizing the purchase of network hardware equipment from Great South Texas Corp., dba Computer Solutions, of San Antonio, for \$203,477.15, with FY 2023 funding from the Information Technology Fund.

This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: M2023-070

16. [23-0582](#) Resolution authorizing an eight-month service agreement with Andritz Separation, Inc., of Alpharetta, Georgia, with an office in Arlington, Texas, for \$111,371.00 to upgrade the SCADA centrifuge system for the Broadway Wastewater Treatment Plant, with FY 2023 funding from the Wastewater Fund.

This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.

Enactment No: 033058

17. [23-0570](#) Resolution authorizing a three-year service agreement, with two one-year options, with 2Chainz Brush Clearing LLC, of Lolita, Texas, with an office in Corpus Christi, in an amount not to exceed \$1,314,325.08 and a potential amount of \$2,190,541.80 if options are exercised, for mowing of storm water and street right of way areas for the Public Works Department, with FY 2023 funding of \$146,036.12 from the Storm Water Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 17.

A Council Member and Assistant Director of Public Works Gabriel Hinojosa discussed the following topic: whether it is more affordable to increase in-house staffing versus contracting out.

Council Member Klein moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Pusley. This Resolution was passed and approved with the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 2 - Council Member Barrera and Council Member Hunter

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 033059

*Consent - Capital Projects*

18. [23-0670](#) Motion authorizing the purchase of a modular building from Sustainable Modular Management, of Frisco, Texas, for \$225,530.00 to add 1,680 square feet of administrative space to be occupied by Engineering Services staff, with FY 2023 funding from the Engineering Services Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 18.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni, Assistant Director of Finance and Procurement Josh Chronley, and Assistant Director of Engineering Services Brett Van Hazel discussed the following topics: the specifications of this facility were nearly similar as to the original installation; a modular building will be more efficient to accommodate personnel; and this building will have ADA compliant access.

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Hunter. This Motion was passed and approved with 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

Enactment No: M2023-071

*General Consent Items*

19. [23-0872](#) Resolution approving the addition of Estrada Hinojosa and Cabrera Capital Markets, LLC, to the City's pool of financial underwriters to be used on an as needed rotational basis for issuance of bonds with compensation to firms through the bond proceeds at the time of sale.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 19.

A Council Member and Interim Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert discussed the following topic: the financial underwriter is chosen from a pool based on the type of bond and size of issuance.

Council Member Klein moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Hernandez. This Resolution was passed and approved with 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

Enactment No: 033060

*Consent - First Reading Ordinances*

20. [23-0842](#) Ordinance appropriating \$858,584.84 from the unreserved fund balance in the PEG Cable Fund; authorizing execution of Amendment #1 to the service agreement with The Personal Computer Store, Inc., dba Avinext to complete the second phase of the audio and video media renovation to the City Council Chambers; and amending the FY 2023 Operating Budget.

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

**J. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Senior Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator Wendy Herman presented information on the following topics: SB 1117-bill would prohibit cities from collecting franchise fees from cable companies; Bills to Watch: HB 5012-American Bank Center Bill; SB 369-Disannexation Bill; Dead Bills: HB 2018-Land Bill; SB 2037-prohibit cities from applying subdivision regulations in the ETJ; SB 175-Lobbyist Bill; Gambling Bills; HB 1132; and beach bills. Lobbyist Snapper Carr will provide a report to Council on June 27.

A Council Member and Senior Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator Herman discussed the following topic: SB 369 needs to be voted out of the House today in order to stay alive.

**K. RECESS FOR LUNCH**

Mayor Guajardo recessed the Council meeting for lunch at 2:02 p.m. Executive Session Item 30 was held during the lunch recess. Mayor Guajardo reconvened the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

**L. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (NONE)**

**M. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 21 - 29)**

21. [23-0891](#) One-Reading Ordinance appropriating \$6,500,000.00 from the unreserved fund balance of the Type A Arena Fund; transferring such funds to the Arena Capital Improvement Fund for urgent mechanical improvements at the Arena and for capital improvements and enhancement of the Arena; transferring

\$1,911,000.00 from the HOT Fund to the Convention Center Capital Improvement Fund for urgent mechanical improvements at the Selena Auditorium and for capital improvements and enhancement to the Convention Center and Selena Auditorium; and amending the FY 2023 Operating & Capital Improvement Budget.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 21.

A Council Member and Assistant Director of Aviation Elsy Borgstedte discussed the following topic: a Council Member's desire to implement xeriscape practices at the American Bank Center.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo close public comment.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Suckley. This Ordinance was passed on emergency and approved with 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

Enactment No: 033061

22. [23-0843](#) Motion authorizing the approval of Change Order No. 3 with Bay Ltd., Corpus Christi, Texas in an amount of \$10,000,000.00 for a total amount not to exceed \$60,150,000.00 for overlays as part of the Street Preventative Maintenance Program, and consistent with the Council approved Pavement Only approach, located city-wide with work starting upon notice to proceed and funding available through Streets Preventative Maintenance Program, Residential Street Reconstruction Fund, Storm Water, Wastewater, Water and Gas Capital Funds.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 22.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the Council or the public.

Mayor Guajardo close public comment.

Council Member Hunter moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Pusley. This Motion was passed and approved with 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

Enactment No: M2023-072

23. [23-0629](#) Motion awarding a construction contract to Bridges Specialties, Inc., Robstown, Texas, for Storm Water Infrastructure Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) FY 23-25 program, which includes Bridge Rehabilitation, Channel Ditch Improvements, and Citywide Storm Water Infrastructure Rehabilitation, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.00 for one-year term with two renewal options to be administratively authorized for a total amount not to exceed \$18,000,000.00, located Citywide, with FY 2023 funding available from Storm Water Capital Fund.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 23.

A Council Member, Assistant Director of Project Management Engineering Services Ratna Pottumuthu, and Assistant Director of Public Works Gabriel Hinojosa discussed the following topic: a request to include a list of projects in future presentations.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve the motion, seconded by Council Member Roy. This Motion was passed and approved with 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

Enactment No: M2023-073

24. [23-0714](#) Resolution awarding a construction contract to Mako Contracting of Corpus Christi, Texas, for reconstruction of Lipes Boulevard from Staples Street to Sunwood Drive with new asphalt pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalks, ADA compliant curb ramps, signage, pavement markings, and utility improvements, located in Council District 5, in an amount of \$8,129,921.29 with FY 2023 funding available from the Bond 2020 Proposition A, Storm Water, Wastewater, Water Capital Funds and Gas.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Item 24.

A Council Member and Assistant Director of Project Management Engineering Services Ratna Pottumuthu discussed the following topic: this project was delayed

due to the substantial drainage improvement study.

Council Member Hernandez moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Council Member Roy. This Resolution was passed and approved with 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

Enactment No: 033062

25. [23-0828](#) Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Corpus Christi, Texas authorizing the issuance of its utility system senior lien revenue improvement and/or refunding bonds in one or more series (as designated by purpose and series) for water, wastewater, and stormwater utility improvements in an amount not to exceed \$114,000,000 and refinancings in an amount not to exceed \$186,645,000, within set parameters and according to the plan of finance set by the City's financial advisors; making provisions for the payment and security thereof by a first and prior lien on and pledge of the net revenues of the City's utility system on a parity with certain currently outstanding utility system revenue obligations; delegating the authority to the City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Finance and Procurement to execute documents relating to the sale of each series of bonds; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Guajardo referred to Items 25-29.

Interim Assistant City Manager Heather Hurlbert presented information on the following topics for Items 25-29: financing capital projects; delegation parameters; steps for issuance; 2023 financing plan; general obligation financing overview per approved budget; and combined utility system financing overview per approved budget.

Council Members and Interim Assistant City Manager Hurlbert discussed the following topics: a Council Member does not support the use of Certificates of Obligation for all these projects; ad valorem tax is included in the current tax rate; the City is committed at the point of sale in June and the sale will fund in August; if Certificates of Obligation are not used, the only other option is to use fund balance or cash funding; the 3.5 percent cap applies to maintenance and operation only; and consider exploring a policy for how Certificates of Obligation should be utilized.

Mayor Guajardo opened public comment.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Guajardo closed public comment.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve Items 25, 26 and 29, seconded by Council

Member Roy. These Ordinances were passed on first reading and approved with 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

26. [23-0829](#) Ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Corpus Christi, Texas, General Improvement Bonds, Series 2023" for improvements to streets and parks and recreation facilities in an amount not to exceed \$35,750,000 within set parameters and according to the plan of finance set by the City's financial advisors; levying a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax for the payment of the bonds; delegating authority to the City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Finance and Procurement to execute documents relating to the sale of the bonds; enacting other provisions incident and related thereto; and providing for an effective date.

See Item 25.

**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

27. [23-0831](#) Ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Corpus Christi, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023A" for improvements to public safety facilities in an amount not to exceed \$6,300,000, within set parameters and according to the plan of finance set by the City's financial advisors; providing for the payment of said certificates by the levy of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the City and further securing said certificates by a lien on and pledge of the pledged revenues of the solid waste system; delegating authority to the City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Finance and Procurement to execute documents relating to the sale of the certificates; enacting other provisions incident and related thereto; and providing an effective date.

Council Member Pusley moved to approve Items 27 and 28, seconded by Council Member Suckley. These Ordinances were passed on first reading and approved with the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 2 - Council Member Hernandez and Council Member Klein

**Abstained:** 0

28. [23-0830](#) Ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Corpus Christi, Texas Combination Tax and Limited Pledge Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Taxable Series 2023B" for parks and recreation and solid waste

improvements in an amount not to exceed \$8,700,000, within set parameters and according to the plan of finance set by the City's financial advisors; providing for the payment of said certificates by the levy of an ad valorem tax upon all taxable property within the City and further securing said certificates by a lien on and pledge of the pledged revenues of the solid waste system; delegating authority to the City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Finance and to execute documents relating to the sale of the certificates; enacting other provisions incident and related thereto; and providing an effective date.

See Item 27.

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

**Nay:** 2 - Council Member Hernandez and Council Member Klein

**Abstained:** 0

29. [23-0911](#) Ordinance authorizing the issuance of "City of Corpus Christi, Texas Limited Tax Notes, Series 2023", for street improvements in an amount not to exceed \$3,500,000; levying an annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the obligations; delegating authority to the City Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Director of Finance and Procurement to execute documents relating to the sale of the notes; enacting other provisions incident and related thereto; and providing an effective date.

See Item 25.

**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

**N. BRIEFINGS: (NONE)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEM 30)**

Mayor Guajardo referred to Executive Session Item 30. The Council went into Executive Session at 2:02 p.m. The Council returned from Executive Session at 3:50 p.m.

30. [23-0905](#) **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 appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, or discipline of Port Commissioner Rajan Ahuja, Port Commissioner Gabe Guerra, and Port Commissioner David Engel, each of whom are appointed to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas and Texas Government Code § 551.074 (personnel matters) to deliberate the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, or discipline of a public officer or employee (Port**

Commissioner Rajan Ahuja, Port Commissioner Gabe Guerra, and Port Commissioner David Engel).

This E-Session Item was discussed in executive session.

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Guajardo adjourned this meeting at 4:40 p.m

## Mariah Resendez

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**From:** Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2023 10:27 AM  
**To:** CitySecretary; Norma Duran  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Public Input: 05-23-2023 - Christian Cabazos

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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### Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting 05-23-2023  
Name Christian Cabazos  
Address Street Address: 457 Dolphin Pl.  
City: Corpus Christi  
State / Province: TX  
Postal / Zip Code: 78411  
Topic Port Commissioner Gabe Guerra, Port  
Commissioner Rajan Ahuja, Port Commissioner  
David Engle  
Agenda Item Number 30. Executive Session pursuant to Texas  
Government code 551.071 23-0905  
Describe Feedback: Mayor & City Council

I am writing to report to you that at the last Port Commission meeting, Executive Director Sean Strawbridge made outlandish accusations regarding private citizens with no connection to the Port of Corpus Christi.

A child was mentioned, Virginia Griffin as was her grandmother and accusations against her parents that were very serious. I would link you to the video clip, but last I checked the Port has yet to post it.

What is happening here? All aspects of decorum and focus on the port's real job of serving the citizen of Corpus Christi is being lost. Citizens are now watching personal grudges play out on a public

stage. That is unacceptable and embarrassing for Corpus Christi.

I encourage you to speak to our Corpus Christi Port Commissioners and take swift actions to remove them from the board. They are not respecting our citizens or working toward positive change for Corpus Christi.

Provide an email to receive a copy of your submission.

christian.cabazos@gmail.com

## Mariah Resendez

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**From:** Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2023 9:38 AM  
**To:** CitySecretary; Norma Duran  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Public Input: 05-23-2023 - Brittni Young

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### Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting	05-23-2023
Name	Brittni Young
Address	Street Address: 6018 Williston Drive City: Corpus Christi State / Province: Texas Postal / Zip Code: 78415
Topic	Department of Sustainability
Agenda Item Number	General
Describe Feedback:	<p>My name is Brittni Young and I am a resident of Corpus Christi living in District 3. Since I've left to university, I've watched the city's leadership continue to sacrifice the health and well-being of this coastal city to benefit the profit margins of the heavy industries. I've returned to Corpus in hopes of starting the next chapter of my adult life; however, the city's repeated actions to place profit over the people makes me wonder if I should invest my future in this city. I believe the creation of a Department of Sustainability or a Sustainability Coordinator would help spur growth in our community by protecting our environment, the health of our citizens and our economic future. The 7 largest cities in the state of Texas all have similar initiatives to protect their communities and most of them aren't even coastal communities! Please support the creation of a Department of Sustainability, or at least a Sustainability Coordinator in the 2024 budget. Thank you for your time!</p>

Provide an email to  
receive a copy of your  
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Date of Meeting	05-23-2023
Name	Sarah Rodriguez
Address	Street Address: 3535 Street Address Line 2: Santa Fe Unit 41 City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TEXAS Postal / Zip Code: 78411
Topic	Port of Corpus Christi
Agenda Item Number	30
Describe Feedback:	<p>At the last Port of Corpus Christi commission meeting executive Director, Sean Strawbridge endangered the welfare of my 4 year old niece by showing her picture &amp; calling out her name to a live audience. He also included my mother in his statement. This was an attempt to claim my family was at a dinner at the Yacht Club he hosted for 4 people where 39 alcoholic drinks were served that was highly publicized. No member of my family was at this dinner. When my Aunt, Diane Gonzalez asked Chairman Charlie Zahn to stop Sean Strawbridge from targeting our family, he refused. This is a violation of the operating rules of the Port of CC. No member of the Port Commission stood up to defend the operating rules which disallow targeting of family members. My family has been in this community for generations and we are asking for you to publicly reprimand the Port Chairman Charlie Zahn and city appointed Port Commissioner's. I believe Chairman Charlie Zahn should immediately resign.</p>

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Date of Meeting	05-23-2023
Name	Judith Gonzalez-Rodriguez
Address	Street Address: 333 Santa Monica Place City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78411
Topic	City Appointee's to the Port of Corpus Christi Behavior
Agenda Item Number	23-0905
Describe Feedback:	Honorable Mayor Guajardo and Councilmembers,  In what appeared to be blatant attempt to disparage the reputation of my family, POCCA Executive Director Sean Strawbridge, used a Caller-Times picture of me with my infant granddaughter, and NAMED HER at the 2021 Illuminated Night Boat Parade, He claimed we had been guests at the Yacht Club, under his membership, during which a group of 4 people were served 39 drinks.  The implications of this false allegations are extremely concerning and were not only allowed by Rajan Ahuja, David Engel, Gabe Guerra, and Charlie Zahn, but in fact, applauded at the end of Strawbridge's tirade. Repeated requests by my sister, Port Commissioner Diane Gonzalez, for Charlie Zahn, Chairman, to stop Strawbridge, restore decorum, and follow Port protocols, were ignored.  I am respectfully requesting the resignation of the all the Corpus Christi appointees and Charlie Zahn

along with forbidding them from ever again holding  
that position of community trust.

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