



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Friday, August 10, 2018

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 10:03 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.

(Council Member Hunter arrived at 10:08 a.m.)

Charter Officers:

Interim City Manager Keith Selman, City Attorney Miles K. Risley, and City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.

Present: 8 - Mayor Joe McComb, Council Member Rudy Garza, Council Member Paulette Guajardo, Council Member Michael Hunter, Council Member Debbie Lindsey-Opel, Council Member Ben Molina, Council Member Everett Roy, and Council Member Greg Smith

Absent: 1 - Council Member Lucy Rubio

C. FIRST READING ORDINANCE:

1. First Reading Ordinance - Ordering a Special Election for Bond 2018

Ordinance ordering a special election to be held on November 6, 2018, in the City of Corpus Christi, on the questions of authorizing bond issuances of the City supported by ad valorem taxes; providing for procedures for holding such election; providing for notice of election and publication thereof; providing for the establishment of branch early polling places; designating polling place locations; authorizing a joint election

with Nueces County; and enacting provisions incident and relating to the subject and purpose of this ordinance.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 1, ordering a Special Election for Bond 2018. Interim City Manager Keith Selman stated that staff provided the draft of the proposed 2018 Bond Program Information Guide and a summary of the 2018 proposed propositions.

Executive Director of Public Works Valerie Gray presented an overview of the Bond 2018 Program including: a 2018 program summary and project totals; the streets proposed for Proposition A; that the proposed Proposition A is the only proposition that does not require a property tax increase; the additional streets proposed for Proposition B; Proposed Propositions C-F; the estimated utility bill increase for each proposition if the proposition is approved by the voters; and key dates.

Council Member Molina made a motion to amend the ordinance by redesignating the \$1,288,339 previously allocated in Proposition C for splash pads and shade structures to repair Cole Park and Dimitt Piers, seconded by Council Member Lindsey-Opel.

Council members and staff discussed the following topics: the use of Community Enrichment Funds to fund splash pads and shade structures; long-term capital needs for Parks and Recreation; the projected costs associated with repairing Cole Park and Dimitt Piers; consideration to increase the allocation for the piers from \$1.2 to \$1.9 million; applying for RESTORE funds to assist with repair of the piers; a future discussion on proposed projects for RESTORE funds; and informing the public that approval of the funding related to the piers will only provide partial funding that will be used as matching funds to completely restore both piers.

The motion to amend passed unanimously (Council Member Rubio - absent).

Council members and staff discussed the following topics related to Proposition B, Junior Beck Drive: concern from a council member that Junior Beck Drive does not include connection to Bear Lane; extension of Junior Beck Drive versus reconstruction of the existing street; original documents related to the development of Corpus Christi Industrial Park; that the process to build the connection to Bear Lane would be done at the time adjacent properties are developed; the history regarding previous action by the Type A Board to connect Bear Lane to Old Brownsville Road for commercial haulers that was not approved by City Council; using Type B funds to fund repairs of Junior Beck Drive in lieu of using bond monies; a council member's concern that it is prudent to leave Junior Beck Drive on the bond propositions; if Junior Beck Drive will be reconstructed with concrete; whether Junior Beck Drive would qualify for Type B funds; development of the work plan to address Type B funds; previous action by City Council to remove Everhart, Holly, and Slough Roads from Proposition B to be funded by Type B monies on a spend-as-you-go basis; use of Type B funds for the repair of arterials and collectors; use of Type B funds that are allocated for economic development, not residential streets; concern by a council member related to a committee to select the arterial and collector streets approved by Type B; ingress and egress from Junior Beck Drive; the new industrial park located at Bates Road and South Padre Island Drive; the history of the demand for industrial development; and a future resolution to borrow against the CIP funds to expedite Everhart, Holly and

Slough Roads on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Council Member Lindsey-Opel made a motion to amend the ordinance by removing Junior Beck Drive from Proposition B, with the intent that the connection of Junior Beck Drive to Bear Lane and Old Brownsville Road be funded by utilizing Type B funds dedicated to economic development, seconded by Council Member Guajardo.

Council members and staff discussed the follow topics related to the motion to amend: the distinction between separate funding components of Type B funds; that the motion is recommending the use of the economic development portion of Type B funds to fund the project; to leave Junior Beck Drive on Bond 2018; the risk of Type B Funds not being able to be used for Junior Beck Drive or the Type B Board not supporting the project; a legal opinion regarding the use of Type B funds related to economic development to fund Junior Beck Drive; and whether there was a partnership agreement between the City and the industrial park that stated that the City would construct the curbs, gutters, and streets.

Mayor McComb called for comments from the public. Ray Madrigal, 4253 Dody, spoke regarding Propositions A and B related to streets on the westside of the City and Proposition D regarding renovations and improvements for the Museum of Science and History.

The motion to amend failed with the following vote: Council Members Guajardo and Lindsey-Opel voting "Aye"; Mayor McComb and Council Members Garza, Hunter, Molina, Roy, and Smith voting "No" (Council Member Rubio - absent).

A brief discussion ensued regarding: clarification regarding the impact to utility rates should the bonds be approved by the voters; a future discussion on utility rates; and a complete review of the utility rate structure.

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

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member Rubio

Abstained: 0

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.