



# City of Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Wednesday, July 8, 2020

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.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 Zaroni, City Attorney Miles K. Risley and City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.

**NOTE:** Council Member Michael Hunter participated telephonically. Council Members Greg Smith, Ben Molina, and Roland Barrera participated by video conference.

**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

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT - AUDIENCE AND PRESENTER SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC HEARING INPUT AT PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.** To reduce the chance of COVID-19 transmission, public meetings will be held in a manner intended to separate, to the maximum practical extent, audience and presenters from personal contact with members of Community, City Staff, and City Council. This meeting will be broadcast at [cctexas.com/services/council meeting-agendas-minutes-video](https://cctexas.com/services/council-meeting-agendas-minutes-video). Public testimony and public hearing input for Public Comment and all items on the agenda at public meetings of the City Council should be provided in written format and presented to the City Secretary and/or designee no later than five minutes after the start of each meeting of the City Council. Testimony and/or public input shall be in accordance with the City Secretary's instructions, which shall be posted on the City Secretary's door and on the City website, and allow for electronic submission. The written public testimony shall be provided to members of City Council prior to voting on measures for that meeting. Written testimony shall be limited in accordance with the City Secretary requirements and shall be placed into the record of each meeting. This testimony shall serve as the required public testimony pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.007 and shall constitute a public hearing for purposes of any public hearing requirement under law. The meeting may be held telephonically or via videoconference. The public may participate remotely by following the instructions of the City Secretary at [cctexas.com/departments/city-secretary](https://cctexas.com/departments/city-secretary).

**D. REGULAR AGENDA:**

**1.** Update and possible action on items related to COVID-19.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 1.

City Manager Peter Zanoni presented opening comments: 445 cases in one day; 4,400 active cases; 35 deaths to date; and the best thing to do is stay home and work from home if able.

Director of Public Health District Annette Rodriguez presented an update on the following topics regarding COVID 19: current statistics; Texas notifiable conditions 2020; health district-drive thru; COVID-19 lowlights; Corpus Christi-Nueces County Health District standing orders; it's everywhere, how do I stay safe; general population: COVID-19 contact to a known positive; mandatory 14 day quarantine; employer's do's and do not's; call health district to confirm someone is positive; surveillance of places with two plus cases; convalescent plasma; and home monitoring and resolution of symptoms.

Executive Director of the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council Hilary Watt presented information on the following topics: testing is at 15%; 1,017 ICU beds are available in the state of Texas; a lack of staffing at Corpus Christi hospitals; 40 ventilators available; alternate care sites are being identified; and a recommendation to reach out to Governor Abbott to provide naval hospital ships to house patients.

Council Members, Director Rodriguez, Executive Director Watt and City Manager Zaroni discussed the following topics: a flow chart is available for employers on the Public Health District's website; volunteer workers and staff are keeping track of recovered cases; if any patterns from private labs are having issues with false positive or false negatives; an antigen swab is the newest test being administered; at least 50% of the population in Nueces County has comorbidities; low dose oral steroids are given to patients prior to hospitalization; a council member's request to ask local doctors about the use of corticosteroids; the doctors are working together and very involved in suggesting treatments; in terms of looking at an individual with symptoms, is anyone tracking the length of time those symptoms last; no strains of COVID-19 have changed since March; if tested with the health district you get your test results back that same day; if tested with a clinic or National Guard the test results take approximately 4 to 6 days; the blood bank has had a lot of type A and type O blood types, but they are in need of more B positive blood types; what can City staff do to accelerate the test results from other labs; is the testing capacity being used to its fullest; approximately 200 to 300 tests are being administered daily; and a portion of the Memorial Hospital was identified as a possible alternate care site.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.