



# City of Corpus Christi

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## Meeting Minutes

### City Council

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Tuesday, November 17, 2020

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

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**Addendums may be added on Friday.**

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

Mayor McComb called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

**B. Invocation to be given by Mayor Joe McComb.**

Mayor McComb gave the invocation.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag.**

Mayor McComb led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States and the Texas Flag.

**D. 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 K. Risley and City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta.

Note: Council Members Roland Barrera, Ben Molina and Paulette Guajardo participated by video conference. Council Member Michael Hunter arrived at 11:44 a.m. and participated by telephone conference.

**Present:** 8 - Mayor Joe McComb, Council Member Roland Barrera, 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

- E. 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](http://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](http://cctexas.com/departments/city-secretary).

Mayor McComb referred to comments from the public.

The following citizen submitted a written public comment which is attached to the Minutes: Larry Cherrison, 1400 Ocean Dr.

**F. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEMS 1 - 3)**

- 1.** One-reading Ordinance canvassing returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on November 3, 2020 in the City of Corpus Christi for the purpose of electing the Mayor and eight Council Members; and of the Special Elections on that same date for the adoption of three propositions for Bond 2020.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 1. Mayor McComb read the results of the November 3, 2020 general and special elections into the record.

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

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

**Absent:** 1 - Council Member Hunter

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032276

2. One-reading Ordinance ordering a runoff election to be held on December 15, 2020 in the City of Corpus Christi for the election of Mayor and Council Member Districts One and Four, designating polling place locations, enacting provisions incident and relating to the subject and purpose of this ordinance.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 2.

City Secretary Huerta reported on the following: runoff election info; early voting; election day vote centers; and next steps.

A Council Member and City Secretary Huerta discussed the following: polling places were subject to change; and availability of polling places on the island.

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

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

Enactment No: 032277

3. TxDOT and Flatiron/Dragados Briefing on the Harbor Bridge Replacement Project

Mayor McComb referred to Item 3.

Public Information Coordinator for the Harbor Bridge replacement project Lynn Allison presented the following information: US 181 Harbor Bridge replacement project; agenda; construction progress-north approach; construction progress-north roadworks; north beach-shared use path entry; north beach-roadworks detours; north beach-ongoing drainage work; south interchange-ongoing construction; traffic impacts and detours; expanded Port Avenue Bridge and ongoing IH 37 construction; expanded Nueces Bay Bridge and ongoing IH 37 construction; construction-progress-south approach; pre cast yard milestone; main span design-ARUP/CFC; ARUP-bridge design; CFC-bridge design and ongoing community outreach.

Council Members, TxDOT's District Engineer Valente Olivarez and TxDOT's Project Manager Keith Armstrong discussed the following topics: there are currently about 400 employees working on this project; the construction timeline remains open until the design progression occurs; there is no agreement in place between the City and TxDOT requiring the City to provide additional funding for the project; and evaluations and permitting need to take place before additional field dirt on North Beach can be provided.

**G. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS:**

Mayor McComb referred to City Manager's Comments. City Manager Peter Zanoni reported on the following topics: 1) The United Way campaign fundraiser will be held from November 11, 2020 through December 9, 2020. 2) Update on Thanksgiving closures and schedules for City facilities and programs. 3) FY 2020 preliminary year end budget and financial report.

Council Members, City Manager Peter Zanoni and City Attorney Miles Risley discussed the following topics: Council Members thanked the City Manager and staff for maintaining financial discipline; the re-estimate adjusted the wastewater budgeting error; the reduced spending does not impact the capital improvements required by the consent decree; a Council Member's request to monitor the status of the wastewater consent agreement and include it in the quarterly report; the federal government has not counter signed the consent decree and the consent decree requires a signature by the Judge; the City has been improving the wastewater system for the past two years; and City Manager Zanoni thanked Director of Management and Budget Eddie Houlihan and Chief Financial Officer Constance Sanchez for their hard work on the budget.

**a. GOVERNMENT ACTIONS RELATED TO CORONA VIRUS**

Director of Public Health District Annette Rodriguez presented the following: update on COVID-19: current COVID-19 statistics; Nueces County COVID cases by month; Health District COVID-19 cases; call increase to Health District COVID-19 phone bank; Nueces County COVID deaths by month; COVID-19 vaccine benefits; COVID-19 vaccine providers are needed; Nueces County surveillance of flu illnesses annual comparison of weekly cases; drive thru flu shot clinic; COVID-19 thanksgiving considerations; Thanksgiving activities-consider risks; possible impacts on COVID-19 post Thanksgiving; and COVID-19 Health District schedule change.

In response to a Council Member's question, Health Director Rodriguez said the Health Department was in the process of determining which staff members would receive the vaccine first if limited quantities are available; and encouraged other departments to do the same.

**H. MINUTES: (NONE)****I. BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS: (NONE)****J. EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:****K. CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 4 - 21)**

*Consent - Second Reading Ordinances*

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mayor McComb referred to the Consent Agenda. Council members requested that Items 16, 17, 19 and 21 be pulled for individual consideration.

There were no comments from the Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Hernandez to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 16, 17, 19 and 21. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

**Abstained:** 0

4. Zoning Case No. 0920-01, Nemec Family Properties, Ltd (District 1). Ordinance rezoning property at or near 3601 Interstate 69 from the "FR" Farm Rural District to the "CG-2" General Commercial District. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend Approval) (Requires 2/3 vote)

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

Enactment No: 032278

5. Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant from State Farm Insurance in an amount of \$10,000.00 for the Auto Burglary and Auto Theft Holiday Public Awareness Campaign; and appropriating \$10,000.00 in the Police Grants Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)

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

Enactment No: 032279

6. Ordinance accepting grant funds from the Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation in an amount of \$22,734.08 to fund overtime and related costs for the Red Cord Initiative Diversion Program (Prostitution Crimes Reduction Program); and appropriating \$22,734.08 in the Police Grants Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)

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

Enactment No: 032280

7. Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant in an amount of \$48,211.68 from State of Texas, Criminal Justice Division for Violence Against Women Program with a cash match of \$13,702.16 and in-kind match of \$6,960.00; appropriating \$48,211.68 in the Police Grants Fund; authorizing one FTE for a Victim Case Manager; and authorizing a transfer of \$13,702.16 from the General Fund to the Police Grants Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)

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

Enactment No: 032281

8. Ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to pay for the P25 Public Safety Radio System Infrastructure Upgrade; appropriating \$608,000 of anticipated revenue from Nueces County and \$192,000 of anticipated revenue from the RTA in the Police Building CIP Fund; and amending the FY 2021 budget adopted by Ordinance No. 032203 by increasing revenues and expenditures by \$800,000 each. (Requires 2/3 vote)
- This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.**
- Enactment No: 032282
9. Ordinance authorizing a one year lease with Sinister, LLC with monthly rent of \$100 including an option to extend for four additional one year terms with monthly rent of \$300 for use of the city owned property located at 1401 Leopard Street for a parking lot. (Requires 2/3 vote)
- This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.**
- Enactment No: 032283
10. Ordinance accepting and appropriating \$3,285,000 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund ("CRF"), established by the CARES Act and provided through the State of Texas, for prevention, preparation for, and response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and approving a transfer of allocation of \$415,000 to Nueces County from the City's \$17,960,470 CRF specifically for expenses for the operation of the Amistad COVID Clinic and the purchase of air filtration equipment for Nueces County buildings. (Requires 2/3 vote)
- This Ordinance was passed on second reading on the consent agenda.**
- Enactment No: 032284

*Consent - Contracts and Procurement*

11. Resolution authorizing a three-year service agreement for mowing and grounds maintenance services for Storm Water near Ocean Drive with Olympia Landscape Development, Inc. of Laredo, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$83,160.00; with FY 2021 funding available from the Storm Water Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)
- This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.**
- Enactment No: 032285
12. Resolution authorizing a three-year service agreement for mowing and grounds maintenance services for Storm Water Rights of Way for North Beach with Daniel Joe Gonzalez and Alfredo Adoniram Gonzalez dba G

Squared of Corpus Christi, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$53,316.00, with FY 2021 funding available from the Storm Water Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)

**This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: 032286

13. Motion authorizing a five-year service agreement with Grande Communications Networks, LLC in an amount of \$195,000.00 for a physical fiber link between the City of Corpus Christi's information technology (IT) infrastructure in Corpus Christi and the City's remote back-up data center, effective upon issuance of a notice to proceed, with FY 2021 funding in the amount of \$39,000.00 available in the Information Technology Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)

**This Motion was passed on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: M2020-224

14. Resolution authorizing a three-year service agreement with Ronald Edward Stallings, dba Architectural Fence Company of Corpus Christi, in an amount not to exceed \$86,850 for maintenance and repairs to 12 VMag gate operators at the Corpus Christi International Airport, effective upon issuance of notice to proceed, with funding in an estimated amount of \$30,000.00 available in the FY 2021 Airport Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)

**This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: 032287

15. Resolution authorizing a three-year service agreement with OpenSesame, Inc. of Portland, Oregon in an amount of \$203,400.00 for the OpenSesame Plus eLearning subscription licenses that provide on-demand access to training for City employees such as HIPAA compliance, supervisory training, and continuing education certifications, with FY 2021 funding in an amount of \$67,800.00 available from the General Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)

**This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: 032288

*Consent - Capital Projects*

16. Motion awarding a professional services contract to Maldonado-Burkett, Corpus Christi, Texas, to design pedestrian safety improvements for seven intersections in the downtown area in an amount of \$124,982.50 located in City Council District 1, with FY 2021 funding available in the Bond 2018 Street Proposition B and Utility Capital Program Funds. (Requires 2/3 vote)

**Mayor McComb referred to Item 16.**

**Council Members, City Manager Peter Zaroni and Director of Public Works Richard Martinez discussed the following topics: these improvements were not identified and budgeted in the Vision Zero Program but contribute to the program goals; these improvements were recommended by the Downtown Management District; crosswalks will be improved along the Ocean Drive area, along with signal work throughout downtown; a Hawk signalization will allow drivers additional notifications to slow down and stop for pedestrians; and the Oak Park Elementary School crosswalk construction will begin in the next 30 days.**

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

**Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith**

**Abstained: 0**

Enactment No: M2020-225

**17.**

**Motion awarding a construction contract to Bay Ltd., Corpus Christi, TX for reconstruction of South Staples Street from Baldwin Boulevard to Kostoryz Road, located in Council District 2, with new concrete pavement and utility improvements in an amount of \$13,466,633.10 with FY 2021 funding available from the Street Bond 2014, 2018 and Storm Water, Wastewater, Gas and Water Funds. (Requires 2/3 vote)**

**Mayor McComb referred to Item 17.**

**A Council Member, Director of Public Works Richard Martinez and Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds discussed the following topic: the department is looking into using reinforced concrete pipe or box culvert for the storm drain.**

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

**Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith**

**Abstained: 0**

Enactment No: M2020-226

**18.**

**Resolution authorizing the submittal of grant applications for the FY 2022 - FY 2024 Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) construction funds for a three-year total amount of \$752,000.00, administered by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), to be distributed to the City of Corpus Christi; and authorizing an Advanced**



Funding Agreement with TxDOT for distribution of HSIP construction funds should the grants be awarded. (Requires 2/3 vote)

**This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: 032289

- 19.** Motion authorizing Amendment No. 4 to LJA Engineering, Corpus Christi, Texas, to provide additional professional services for environmental permitting, mitigation plan development, stakeholder coordination and construction phase services related to the nearby Laguna Shores road construction project, in an amount of \$96,055.00 for a total contract amount of \$907,140.00, located in City Council District 4, with funding available from Bond 2018, Proposition A Fund. (Requires 2/3 vote)

**Mayor McComb referred to Item 19.**

**A Council Member, City Manager Peter Zaroni and Director of Engineering Services Jeff Edmonds discussed the following topics: the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) does not include design costs; and the City is working on more improvements to the CIP.**

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

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: M2020-227

*General Consent Items*

- 20.** Resolution authorizing 12 month extensions for a Water Arterial Transmission and Grid Main Construction and Reimbursement Agreement not to exceed \$183,810.74 for installation of a water arterial transmission and grid main line, and a Developer Participation Agreement not to exceed \$185,005.37 for partial construction of Oso Parkway with MPM Development, LP for a planned residential development, Royal Creek Estates Unit 8, located south of Yorktown Boulevard and east of Cimarron Boulevard at 8399 Rock Crest Drive. (District 5, requires 2/3 vote)

**This Resolution was passed on the consent agenda.**

Enactment No: 032290

- 21.** Resolution to adopt the City of Corpus Christi's State Legislative Agenda for the 87th Texas Legislature and Federal Legislative Priorities for the 117th United States Congress.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 21.

Director of Intergovernmental Relations Tammy Embrey presented information on the following topics: general legislative policy; contract lobby team; the path ahead; federal legislative priorities; state legislative priorities; COVID-19 pandemic and public health; support for our military community and Installations; disaster assistance and emergency management reform; environment; Port of Corpus Christi authority; and homelessness and affordable housing.

Council Members and Director Embrey discussed the following topics: a Council Member's request for the City to closely monitor the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); in response to defunding the police, Corpus Christi is ahead of the curve in implementing many of the reform ideas that are being discussed; whether police officers are the appropriate personnel to handle mental health crisis situations; the importance of protecting our law enforcement officers and maintaining the numerous grants available to them; the City of Corpus Christi would like to preserve the power to appoint three members to the Port of Corpus Christi Commission; and a Council Member's request for the City to double their efforts in seeking state and federal grants for the police and fire department.

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

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

**Abstained:** 0

Enactment No: 032291

**L. RECESS FOR LUNCH**

**M. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE**

**N. REGULAR AGENDA:**

**O. FIRST READING ORDINANCES: (ITEM 22)**

- 22.** Ordinance amending Chapter 21 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances to establish the Super Bag Collection Service for residential waste collection, following a successful six month pilot program, and to enact a cost recovery fee of \$135.00 to be paid at time of bag purchase.

Mayor McComb referred to Item 22.

Director of Solid Waste Services David Lehfeldt presented information on the following topics: on March 17, 2020, the City Council gave approval for Solid Waste Services to conduct a six-month pilot program to test the viability of the

Super Bag collection program; the service provides a collection program for large bulky household items, yard and landscaping waste, and other waste from household projects; a total of 60 Super Bags were sold within six months; it is a self-supporting program; and staff recommends approval.

A Council Member and Director Lehfeldt discussed the following topics: the Super Bag is a large heavy duty bag that can be purchased six days a week at the JC Elliot Transfer Station; and the cost is \$135 per bag.

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

Aye: 8 - Mayor McComb, Council Member Barrera, Council Member Guajardo, Council Member Hernandez, Council Member Hunter, Council Member Molina, Council Member Roy and Council Member Smith

Abstained: 0

P. **BRIEFINGS:**

Q. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE**

R. **IDENTIFY COUNCIL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor McComb referred to Identify Future Agenda Items. No future items were discussed or identified.

S. **ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

## Sarah Brunkenhoefer

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**From:** CitySecretary  
**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2020 7:55 AM  
**To:** Rebecca Huerta  
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### Public Comment & Input Form

Date of Meeting	11-17-2020
Name	Larry Cherrison
Address	Street Address: 1400 Ocean Drive Street Address Line 2: 1201A City: Corpus Christi State / Province: TX Postal / Zip Code: 78404
Topic	Harbor Del Sol
Describe Feedback:	I am very concerned about the condition of the Harbor Del Sol Marina located in front of my Marina Del Sol condominium. The marina was virtually destroyed after Hanna with badly damaged boats, sunken vessels, live aboard boats and questionable contamination and pollution. I am grateful to the City of Corpus Christi for helping to clean out the debris after the hurricane, but the situation there is an eyesore, inconsistent with the image we want to present to shoreline visitors. I've been told that the Harbor Del Sol has no money, nor insurance coverage to solve the problem. I hope that something more can be done by the City to



eliminate this problem.

Respectfully,  
Larry Cherrison

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