



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

NEWSLETTER

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Development Services Website





EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER

Justine Gomez - Senior Plans Examiner

Justine Gomez has been an outstanding addition to Development Services since joining in February 2025. With a Bachelor's in Environmental Science and a Residential Plan Review certification, she is already advancing toward her Commercial certification. She brings a positive attitude every day, remains professional with difficult customers, and consistently shows a strong work ethic. Justine is always willing to help coworkers and customers, and her willingness to share code interpretations supports the entire team.



Gina Trotter- Administrative Support III

Gina Trotter has been a valuable member of our department for nearly five years. Her role as an Administrative Support III never limits her contributions; she provides exceptional support to all divisions and consistently goes above and beyond, always willing to take on additional responsibilities without hesitation. Gina recently chose to return to school to further her education, an accomplishment that reflects her drive and dedication. Outside of work, Gina enjoys working out, fishing, spending time with her fur babies, and proudly holding the title of “#1 Auntie.” We are grateful for Gina’s hard work and positive spirit. She is truly deserving of this recognition.



Melanie Flores - Code Compliance Officer

Melanie is a true team player with an outstanding attitude, always eager to learn and quick to support anyone who needs help. She began her City career in 2020 as a Solid Waste Compliance Officer during the height of COVID. After welcoming her son in 2021 and taking time away, she joined Code in November 2024. Outside of work, Melanie loves spending time with her husband, three children, and two fur babies, enjoying movie nights, game nights, and cooking together. Her favorite part of being a Code Compliance Officer is connecting with residents, especially seniors. She takes the time to explain compliance matters and check in on their well-being, a compassionate approach that residents deeply appreciate.



Valeria Merida- Planner I

Since joining DSD in November 2025, Valeria has navigated evolving team dynamics, shifting processes, and diverse customer needs with resilience and excellence, consistently surpassing expectations. Learning various software's and systems in this short amount of time was impressive enough, but her sharp attention to detail and exceptional organizational skills align perfectly with the demands of the work, making her an invaluable asset. The team is undeniably stronger with her on board, and we look forward to the continued impact she will have as we grow together.



CERTIFICATIONS



Congratulations to all of our amazing employees who recently received a certification!

Jacqueline Escalante

ICC- Code Official
Safety Specialist

Martin Lopez

ICC- Code Official
Safety Specialist

Joann Salinas

Code Compliance
Officer

Mina Trinidad

Permit Technician

Michael Shelton

Commercial
Electrical Inspector



Ruben Zamora

Residential
Combination Inspector

Melanie Flores

Code Compliance
Officer

Sa'Rhonda Miller

Code Compliance
Officer

Tiffany Ortiz

Code Compliance
Officer

Michael Garcia

Residential Building
Inspector

Martin Garcia

Electrical Plans
Examiner



WE ARE HIRING!

Senior Permit Technician - 11048

The Senior Permit Technician leads the daily operations of the permitting process by supervising a team of permit technicians and customer service representatives. This role ensures permits are processed efficiently, provides real-time customer assistance, supports plan reviews, and helps train staff to improve accuracy and service. The position requires a High School Diploma or GED and five years of related experience.

Development Services Representative -11049

The Development Services Representative is often the first point of contact for customers and plays an important role in providing professional, knowledgeable assistance. This position helps walk-in visitors and callers with basic questions about processes, paperwork, zoning, and permitting, while directing them to the right staff for more detailed support. The role requires broad knowledge of department procedures, the ability to assist with Dynamic Portal tasks, and strong customer service skills. Qualifications include a High School Diploma or GED and six months to one year of experience.

Deputy Building Official - 11023

The Deputy Building Official is a key leader in the Building Division, providing oversight for plan review, inspections, code interpretation, and customer assistance. This position supports a team of inspectors, plan examiners, and supervisory staff, ensuring high-quality service and consistent application of building codes and city policies. The role also represents the division in meetings, public presentations, and collaborations with other departments and industry organizations. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree and at least seven years of experience.

Learn more about these positions and apply at:

<https://cctx.info/4mOvXu7>

Development Taskforce Meetings

To discuss the development process; what works; what needs improvement; what's new; & what is trending. These meetings include all departments involved in the development process.



Development Task Force Meetings
Task Force meetings are held quarterly, every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at City Hall (6th Floor Conference Room) 1201 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, TX 78401.
Upcoming Meetings:

- February 18, 2026
- May 20, 2026
- August 19, 2026
- November 18, 2026

[View Past Presentations](#)

**When: Quarterly, 3rd
Wednesday of the month
(August 19th)**
**Location: City Hall (6th Floor
Conf. Rm)**
Time: 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

To view all of our Taskforce Presentations, please visit:

[Development Services Task Force | City of Corpus Christi](#)

DSD Training Wednesdays

Training Wednesdays occur every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month to allow staff to participate in important internal trainings. These sessions help us stay up to date, improve our processes, and continue providing the best service possible to our community. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to serve you better! On select days, DSD also offers trainings to the public.



UDC Update and Feedback



Unified Development Code (UDC)

The UDC guides orderly development and supports a high quality of life for residents, businesses, and developers in Corpus Christi and its ETJ. As a living document, it is routinely updated to reflect the needs of our growing community.

The current update process is underway, and community feedback is welcomed. The Development Standards Technical Advisory Group (DSTAG) is now meeting monthly to review proposed changes, but input from residents, stakeholders, and industry professionals remains essential.

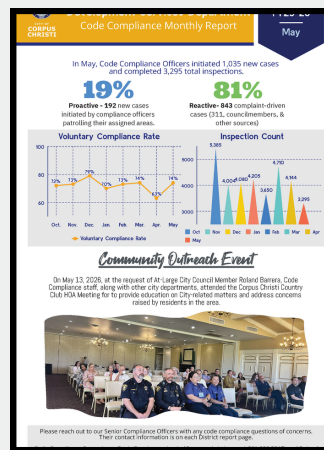
To learn more or share suggestions, visit the UDC page and use the Contact Us feature.

To learn more about the UDC or to submit comments and proposed edits, please visit the link below and use the Contact Us feature to share your feedback:

Unified Development Code
(UDC) | City of Corpus
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CODE COMPLIANCE



Code Compliance provides monthly reports to share updates on compliance trends, community concerns, and actions taken, helping maintain transparency and encourage community engagement. These reports help residents stay informed and involved in keeping neighborhoods safe and well-regulated.



To see all of our Code Compliance Reports, please visit:

Code Compliance Reports

CONGRATULATIONS, DANIEL ROHDE!

PROMOTED TO SENIOR
CODE OFFICER!



Daniel has been with the City since 2023 and joined Code Compliance in 2024 after working as a Utility Technician at the Whitecap Wastewater Treatment Plant. He holds an associate's degree in Aircraft Electrical Systems and previously led a global ultrasound repair line for GE Healthcare, supporting engineers and FDA documentation. In Code, Daniel has taken on special projects, priority cases, and consistently proven his reliability and dedication. He has also completed his Code Enforcement Officer Safety Certification. We're proud to announce his promotion to Senior Code Compliance Officer for District 3, recognizing his hard work and leadership. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his son, hockey games, arcades, and baseball. Congratulations, Daniel!

Building Safety Month

Development Services proudly celebrated each week of Building Safety Month by recognizing and thanking the dedicated employees who work tirelessly to keep our community safe. Throughout the month, staff across the department were highlighted for their commitment to ensuring safe construction practices, thorough inspections, and reliable customer service. Their day-to-day efforts play a vital role in maintaining the quality and safety of the buildings and neighborhoods we all rely on. This annual celebration serves as a reminder of the important work our team does and our continued dedication to protecting the community.

Inspectors/Officers



Permitting



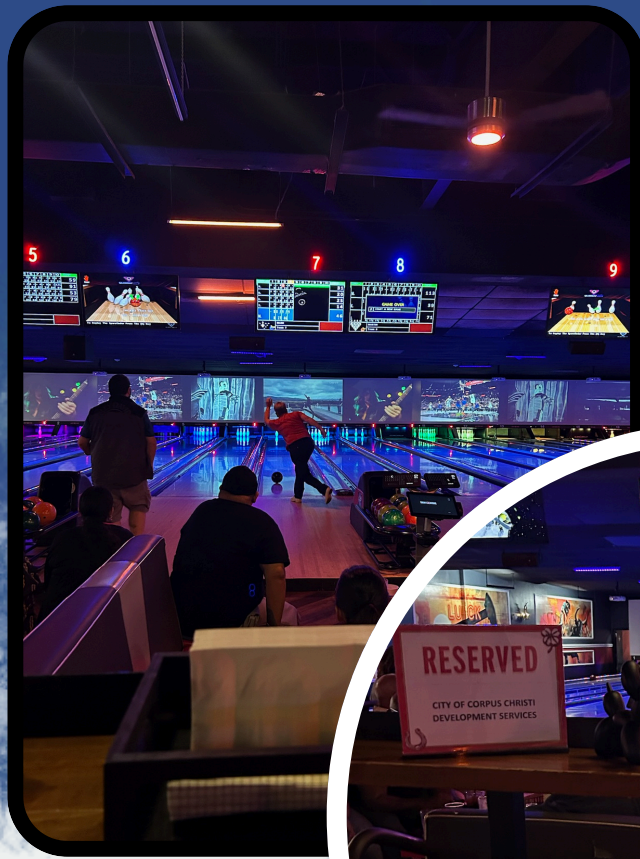
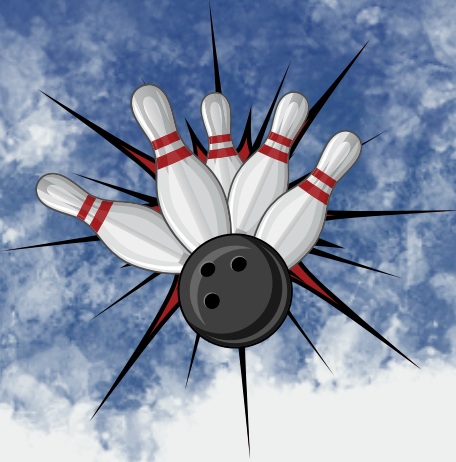
Land Development



Plan Review



Development Services
had an amazing time at
our 5th Annual Staff
Appreciation Bowling
Event! Looking forward
to the next one!



1st Annual Grill & Chill Event!

Our very 1st DSD Grill & Chill Staff Appreciation Executives/Supervisors/Managers did an amazing job grilling hot dogs & hamburgers for the department & Husky Ice cooled things down with some amazing snow cones!

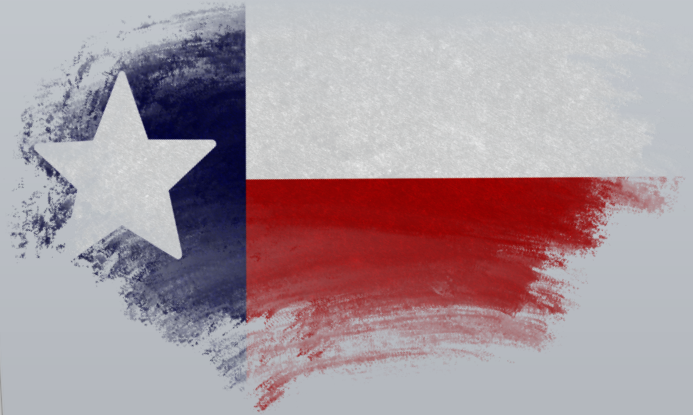


2026 Landmark Commission Historic Preservation & Art Contest Awards!



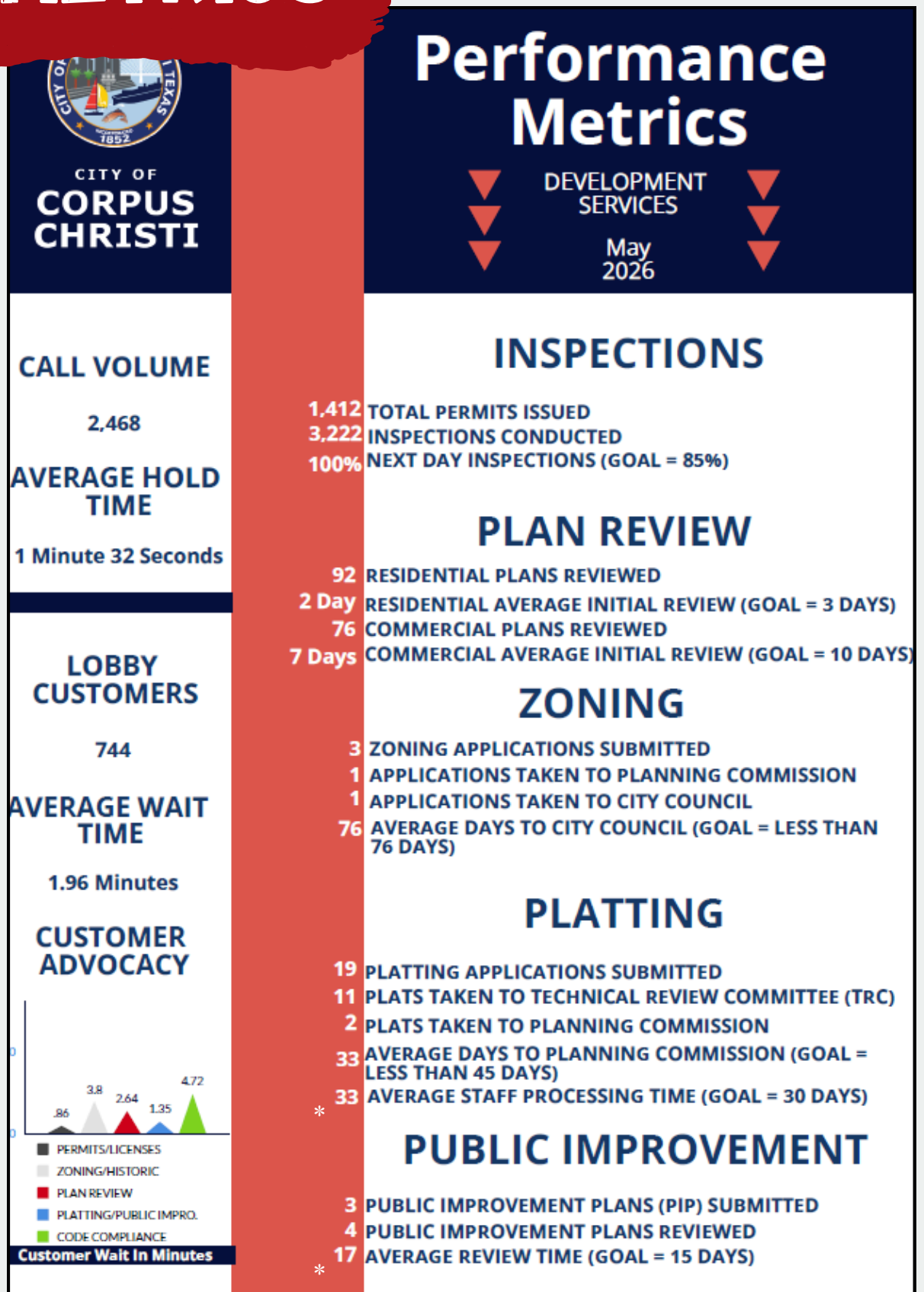
Corpus Christi Mayor and City Council proudly recognized the 2026 Landmark Commission Historic Preservation Award and Art Contest winners at this morning's City Proclamation Presentation. Congratulations to all of the award recipients! Thank you for your dedication to preserving the rich history of our community and keeping our stories alive for future generations. Let's continue celebrating the people who help make Corpus Christi's heritage shine!

WALK ACROSS TEXAS 3-TIME CHAMPS!



Development Services has earned the #1 spot in Texas A&M's Walk Across Texas Program for the third year in a row! Congratulations to the team!

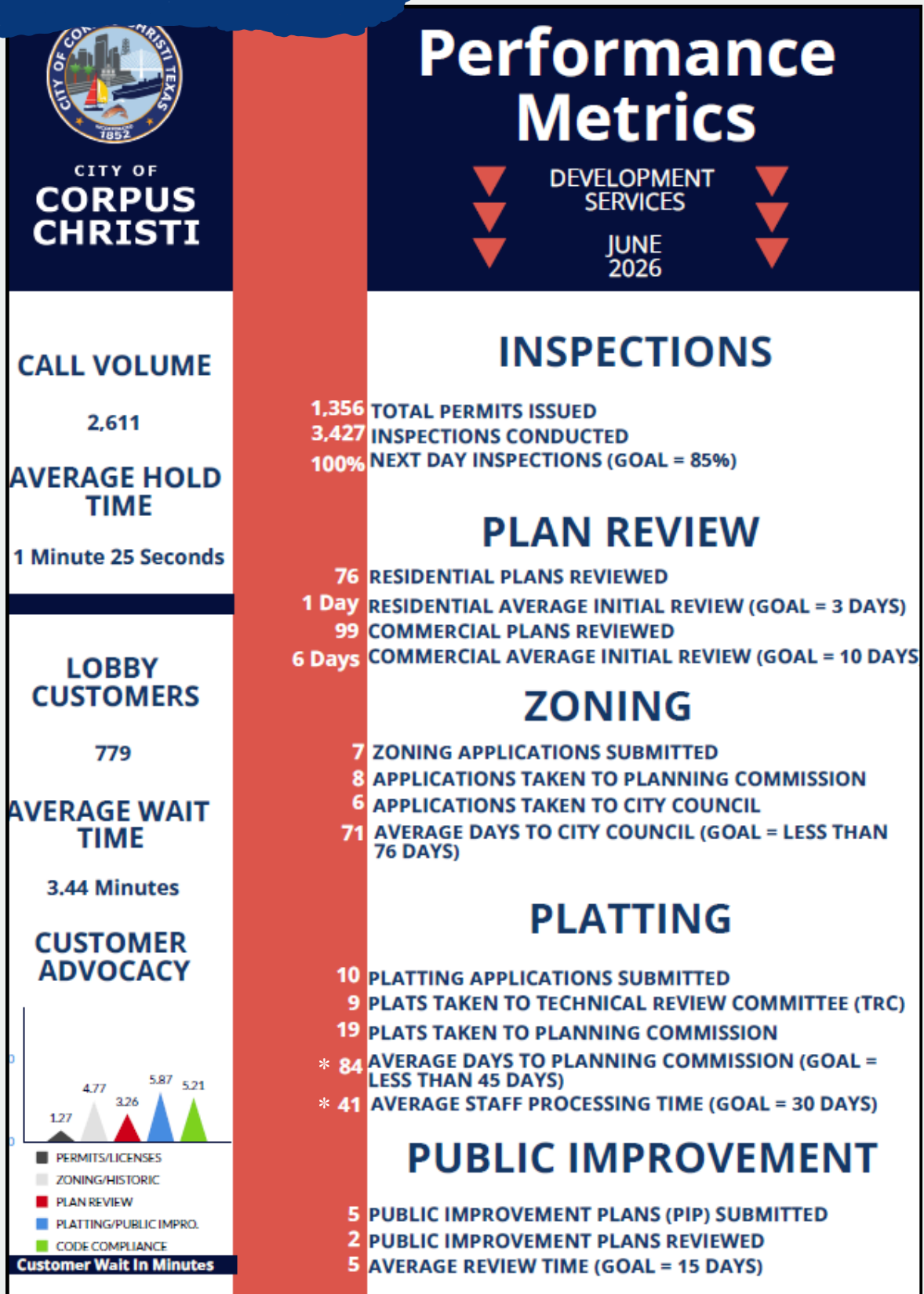
MAY METRICS



*Platting Metrics - 1 complex plat

*PI metrics - complex projects

JUNE METRICS



*Platting Metrics - 3 complex plats

VACANCY RATES

Monthly Vacancy Report	
Division	May
Land Development	33.33%
Administration	9.09%
Inspection Operations	32.14%
Code Compliance	17.95%
Total	23.13%

TO STAY UP TO DATE IN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, VISIT US AT:

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*DEVELOPMENT SERVICES OPERATES WITH A FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE, BUSINESS-ORIENTED APPROACH, ALIGNING STAFFING LEVELS WITH PERMIT ACTIVITY. IN RESPONSE TO THE CURRENT DECLINE IN PERMITTING VOLUME, WE ARE CONSERVATIVELY MANAGING VACANCIES UNTIL SUSTAINED DEMAND WARRANTS ADDITIONAL STAFFING.