



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Agenda - Final-revised

City Council

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Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

11:30 AM

Council Chambers

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Si usted desea dirigirse al Concilio y cree que su inglés es limitado, habrá un intérprete inglés-español en todas las juntas del Concilio para ayudarle.

This meeting may be held via videoconference call pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.127. If this meeting is held via videoconference call or other remote method of meeting, then a member of this governmental body presiding over this meeting will be physically present at the location of this meeting unless this meeting is held pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.125 due to an emergency or other public necessity pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.045.

- A. Mayor Paulette Guajardo to call the meeting to order.**
- B. Invocation to be given by Pastor Jordan Schimon with Rock City Church.**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Texas Flag to be led by Rebecca Orozco, senior at Carroll High School.**
- D. City Secretary Rebecca L. Huerta to call the roll of the required Charter Officers.**
- E. CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS / UPDATE ON CITY OPERATIONS: (ITEMS 1 - 2)**
 - 1. 26-1139 Update on TxDOT Transportation Projects in Nueces County**
 - 2. 26-1148 Update on the Janet F. Harte Public Library**

- F. **PUBLIC COMMENT - APPROXIMATELY 12:00 P.M.** To speak during this public comment period on a City-related matter or agenda item, you must sign up before the meeting begins. Each speaker is limited to a total of no more than 3 minutes per speaker. You will not be allowed to speak again on an item when the Council is considering the item. Time limits may be restricted further by the Mayor at any meeting. If you have a petition or other information pertaining to your subject, please present it to the City Secretary. Written comments may be submitted at <https://www.corpuschristitx.gov/department-directory/city-secretary/>. Electronic media that you would like to use may only be introduced into the City system if approved by the City's Communications Department at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact Communications at 361-826-3211 to coordinate. This is a public hearing for all items on this agenda.

G. **BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

H. **EXPLANATION OF COUNCIL ACTION:**

For administrative convenience, certain of the agenda items are listed as motions, resolutions, or ordinances. If deemed appropriate, the City Council will use a different method of adoption from the one listed; may finally pass an ordinance by adopting it as an emergency measure rather than a two reading ordinance; or may modify the action specified.

I. **CONSENT AGENDA: (ITEMS 3 - 9)**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: The following items are consent motions, resolutions, and ordinances of a routine or administrative nature. The Council has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Council Member in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.

3. 26-1138 Approval of the July 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Sponsors: City Secretary's Office

Consent - Second Reading Ordinances

4. 26-0770 Ordinance authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for the Corpus Christi Police Department's supplemental participation in the Red Cord Initiative Program for reimbursement to the City for \$75,418.86 for police officer overtime and undercover surveillance camera equipment; and appropriating \$75,418.86 into the Police Grants Fund.

Sponsors: Police Department

5. 26-1007 Ordinance accepting and appropriating two grant awards in the amount of \$2,074,656.25 and \$990,000.00 in funding from the Office of the Governor's Texas Military Preparedness Commission Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) Program with the required matching contributions from the City of \$497,917.50 for the Wastewater System Replacement Project at Naval Air Station-Corpus Christi and \$59,400.00 for the Atmospheric Water Generation projects at Corpus Christi Army Depot.

Sponsors: Intergovernmental Relations

Consent - Contracts and Procurement

6. 26-0919 Motion authorizing execution of a two-year service agreement, with two one-year options, with United Rentals, Inc., of Stamford, Connecticut, with an office in Corpus Christi, in an amount up to \$3,000,000.00, with a potential up to \$6,000,000.00 if options are exercised, for heavy equipment rentals used by Corpus Christi Water, with FY 2026 funding of \$125,000.00 each from the Water and Wastewater Funds.

Sponsors: Corpus Christi Water and Finance & Procurement

7. 26-0933 Resolution authorizing a five-year service agreement with Hach Company, of Loveland, Colorado, in an amount up to \$405,598.43 for annual preventative maintenance and instrument calibration services at the Allison Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Allison Real Time Communications (RTC) for Corpus Christi Water, with FY 2026 funding of \$66,436.00 from the Wastewater Fund.

Sponsors: Corpus Christi Water and Finance & Procurement

8. 26-0934 Resolution authorizing a three-year supply agreement in an amount not to exceed \$546,969.93 with TDW (US), Inc. of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the purchase of Stopple (pipeline isolation) equipment parts for Gas Operations, with FY 2026 funding in the amount not to exceed \$30,387.22 available in the Gas Fund.

Sponsors: Gas Department and Finance & Procurement

Consent - First Reading Ordinances

9. 26-1038 Ordinance appropriating Airport Grant No. 73 (a multi-project grant) in the amount of \$7,935,254.00 from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) under the Airport Improvement Program for the Baggage Handling System Improvements Project, Taxiway Echo Rehabilitation Project, and design for the West Apron Expansion and Realignment Project in the Airport Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Grants Fund; transferring \$417,645.00 from the Airport Operating Fund to the Airport CIP Reserve Fund for the 5% cash match; and amending the FY 2026 Capital Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures each by \$8,352,899.00.

Sponsors: Aviation Department

J. RECESS FOR LUNCH

The City Council will take a lunch break at approximately 1:30 p.m.

K. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (ITEMS 10 - 13)

The following items are public hearings and public hearings with first reading ordinances. Each item will be considered individually.

- 10. 26-1010** Ordinance approving the Corpus Christi Crime Control and Prevention District Budget for FY 2027 with expenditures in a total amount of \$11,189,046.00 to fund 78 existing and authorized Police sworn personnel and support equipment; and appropriating \$11,189,046.00 in the Crime Control and Prevention District Fund.

Sponsors: Police Department

- 11. 26-0908** Zoning Case No. ZN9255, House Finder TX, LLC. (District 1). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 556 Virginia Avenue from the "CG-2" General Commercial District to the "RS-6" Single-Family 6 District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Sponsors: Development Services

- 12. 26-0932** Zoning Case No. ZN9250, Morehead Dotts Ryback (District 2). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 301 Indiana Avenue, 305 Indiana Avenue, 2767 Santa Fe Street, and 2771 Santa Fe Street from the "ON" Neighborhood Office District to the "CN-1" Neighborhood Commercial 1 District; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Staff and Planning Commission recommend approval).

Sponsors: Development Services

- 13. 26-0957** Zoning Case No. ZN9194, Miller Street Holdings, LLC (District 1). Ordinance rezoning a property at or near 3641 Mueller Street from the "CN-1" Neighborhood Commercial District to the "CN-1/SP" Neighborhood Commercial District with a Special Permit; providing for a penalty not to exceed \$2,000 and publication. (Planning Commission and Staff recommend approval).

Sponsors: Development Services

L. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS: (ITEM 14 - 20)

The following items are motions, resolutions or ordinances that may be considered and voted on individually.

- 14. 26-1131** Ordinance reappointing Jacqueline Del Llano Chapa as Presiding Judge for a two-year term of office beginning August 1, 2026, and ending August 1, 2028; appointing Carlos Omar Reyna as part-time judge #3 for an unexpired term of June 24, 2025, through June 24, 2027; determining salary; and declaring an effective date.

Sponsors: City Secretary's Office

15. 26-1128 Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-50 regarding water rates for all customer classes effective January 1, 2027.

Sponsors: Corpus Christi Water

16. 26-1129 Ordinance amending Corpus Christi Code Section 55-100 regarding wastewater rates for all customer classes effective January 1, 2027.

Sponsors: Corpus Christi Water

17. 26-1157 Briefing on Data Centers, including overview of Governor Abbott's recent guidelines.

Sponsors: Intergovernmental Relations

18. 26-1152 Motion to direct staff regarding data center classification and parameters, **as requested by Council Members Kaylynn Paxson, Gil Hernandez, and Carolyn Vaughn:**

1. Initiate a Unified Development Code amendment to define data centers as a distinct principal land use and amend the City's zoning and permitted-use tables to prohibit data centers in all zoning districts, rather than allowing them to be approved by default under existing office, data processing, utility, warehouse, industrial, or similar land-use categories.

2. An ETJ, utility, infrastructure, and public facilities protection policy requiring data centers and similar high-intensity digital infrastructure projects to enter into an IDA and to fully fund their own infrastructure needs, prevent cost-shifting to residents and ratepayers, provide verified water and wastewater planning, address electric and backup power impacts, mitigate community impacts, and receive separate City Council approval before receiving City utility service, infrastructure participation, development agreement approval, or economic development incentives.

3. The statutory notice, hearing, findings, and ordinance preparation process necessary for City Council consideration of a temporary development moratorium related to data centers and similar high-intensity digital infrastructure use.

Sponsors: City Secretary's Office

19. 26-1154 Discussion and possible action on an ordinance placing City Charter amendments on the ballot for the November 3, 2026, **as requested by Council Members Carolyn Vaughn, Kaylynn Paxson, and Gil Hernandez:**
- Election to:
1. increase city council terms to four years,
 2. staggering council terms,
 3. increase term limits,
 4. creating council member at-large places 1, 2, and 3,
 5. requiring at-large council member elections to be decided by majority vote,
 6. requiring elections for unexpired terms more than 12 months,
 7. increase city council members' salary to the equivalent of federal minimum wage for full-time employees and the mayor's salary to 25% above city council members' salary,
 8. increase the number of registered voters required for a petition to initiate the removal process,
 9. increase the required vote for removal of city council members to two-thirds of the council members holding office, and
 10. authorizing a two-cent property tax for streets and roadway infrastructure

Sponsors: City Secretary's Office

20. 26-1155 Discussion and possible action to accept an unrestricted donation from Voices for Coastal Bend Energy, a Texas 501(c)(6) organization, to fund the preparation and submission of the City of Corpus Christi's U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Desalination grant application for the Inner Harbor desalination project, authorize the City Manager to execute any necessary agreements, and take all actions necessary to submit the application, **as requested by Mayor Paulette Guajardo.**

Sponsors: City Secretary's Office

M. BRIEFINGS: (ITEMS 21 - 22)

Briefing information will be provided to the City Council during the Council meeting. Briefings are for Council information only. No action will be taken and no public comment will be solicited. The City Manager or City Council Liaison for any city board, commission, committee or corporation (including Type A or B Corporation) may report on the action(s) or discussion(s) of any such body's public meeting that occurred within one month prior to this City Council meeting.

21. 26-1117 Briefing and possible action on the Far Field Study of the Corpus Christi Bay System.

Sponsors: Corpus Christi Water

22. 26-1045 Water Supply Update

Sponsors: Corpus Christi Water

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (ITEMS 23 - 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the City Council may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, and that the City Council specifically expects to go into executive session on the following matters. If the Council elects to go into executive session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the executive session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer. The City Council may deliberate and take action in open session on any issue that may be discussed in executive session. The description of an item in "Executive Sessions" constitutes the written interpretation by the City Attorney of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code and his determination that said item may be legally discussed in Closed Meeting in compliance with Chapter 551 the Texas Government Code.

23. 26-1132 **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 appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of all Municipal Court Judges and Texas Government Code § 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of all Municipal Court Judges with possible discussion and action in open session.
24. 26-1046 **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 rules and regulations of state of Texas, EPA, TCEQ, TWDB, Texas Railroad Commission, San Patricio County Groundwater Conservation District, and legal rights, property rights, and/or contracts related to purchase and/or sale of groundwater, including water rights in property accessing the Evangeline Aquifer in San Patricio County adjacent and/or near US Highway 181, US Highway 77, US Highway 77 Business, Highway 89, and/or the Aransas River, and other sources, and **Texas Government Code § 551.072** to discuss and deliberate the purchase or value of the aforementioned rights to real property because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person, including, but not limited to, potential consideration of authorization to enter agreement(s) for professionals for services related to these property rights, interlocal agreements and other agreements with government entities near the aforementioned property(ies) and/or the purchase of the property or property(ies) at and/or adjacent to locations (if any) described herein and/or modified groundwater rights purchase and sale agreement(s) with Evangeline Laguna, L.P. and related entities for groundwater rights in San Patricio County.
25. 26-1134 **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 proposed amendments to the City Charter (including, but not limited to, the

proposed "Fair Water Amendment"), Texas Local Government Code § 9.001, et. Seq., including sections 9.004 and 9.0045, Texas Water Code Chapter 13, jurisdiction of the Texas Public Utilities Commission regarding water rates, and Texas laws and regulations regarding drought management, water conservation, and elections.

O. **ADJOURNMENT**