



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Final-revised

Island Strategic Action Committee

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

5:30 PM City Hall 1201 Leopard St. 6th Floor Conference Room

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A. Call To Order

City staff called the meeting to order at 5:32pm

B. Roll Call

Present: 9 - Cheryl Segrest, Terry A. Palmer, Marvin Jones, William Hibbs, R. Bryan Gulley, Lauren Harris, Sandy Graves, Natalia Muse, and Terry Brown

Excused: 5 - Meagan Furey, Roy Coons, Robert Pruski, Craig Thompson, and Kamran Zarghouni

C. Public Comment

None

D. Approval of Minutes and Action on Absences

This was passed.

1. [26-0912](#) Island Strategic Action Committee Minutes for April 8, 2026 Meeting

Attachments: [ISAC Meeting Minutes 4.8.26 DRAFT](#)

F. Ongoing Business

2. **22-0397** Ex-Officio Member Updates: Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, Nueces County, and Visit Corpus Christi

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (Jay Gardner)

PRAC meets tomorrow, working on a resolution for the appointment process for boards and committees, concerns about missing representation from different districts, want the city code updated to allow for recommendations from the board for appointments

ISAC expressed interest in a similar resolution, city staff to look into and add to the July agenda.

Nueces County (Bryan Gulley)

Boardwalk in Packery Channel Park is coming along and should be complete by September, planting a ton of trees, irrigating with a well they dug, building a fishing pier on the west end of the park, living shoreline structure in already, Briscoe King Pavilion is bid out to BarComm for around \$8M with \$400k contingency. County looking to use contingency funds for a parking lot. RV park is expanding and should be much bigger, has also been sent out to bid, restaurant on the pier should be complete by September.

3. 24-0896 Beach Updates provided by Darren Gurley, Gulf Beaches and Natural Resources Superintendent, Parks & Recreation Department

Memorial Day went ok, lots of beach parking permits sold, rained out a few days, beaches have been underwater with the high tides for the last month and a half, lots of sargassum coming in but high tide should take it all back out, lifeguards are fully staffed, some will be contracted out with Nueces County to help with Bob Hall Pier.

ISAC - Questions about lifeguard hours, late beach visitors, etc.

Staff - would need additional funding to extend lifeguard hours, have run multiple studies showing that we are fully staffed at peak times, lifeguards leave the stands around 5:30-6:00pm but the mobile unit (lifeguard truck) stays out until 8:00pm.

ISAC - question about any push back for increased beach parking permit costs

Staff - not as of right now, have not been increased in over 20 years, reminder that increased permit fees will take effect January 1, 2027.

4. 24-0897 Parks Updates provided by Sergio Gonzalez, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department

- Billish Park Skatepark - 60% design, will be moving to 90% quickly, lighting has been cut from design due to concerns raised recently, do not want to infringe on the neighborhood, still within budget

- Commodores Park - coming along quickly, pouring trail and courts currently, sport lighting included with the courts, not the larger/brighter lights, smaller lighting to be mindful of residential area

- TPWD Grant - Received a grant for ADA Access to Packery Channel boat ramp, total project cost with city match around \$330k, will be approaching in phases, need a habitat assessment review with TPWD that can take a few weeks to a few months to complete, will include improvements to the ramp and the restrooms.

- ADA Access to South Packery Channel Jetty - Packery Channel was one project so the

access on the north side makes it ADA compliant, access to the south side would be an additional project requiring additional funding that we do not currently have, mobi mats are for water access so the ones previously in place did not accomplish any ADA accessibility, to be compliant would require a parking lot, switchbacks, etc. Could be a very large and expensive project. Would also have to go through the GLO.

5. **25-0150** Island Area Development Plan (ADP) Subcommittee Updates provided by Craig Thompson, Island ADP Subcommittee Chair

No meeting has taken place since the last one.

6. [26-0365](#) FY27 Budget Resolution Initial Discussion

ADP Subcommittee did not meet, staff to collect highest priorities via email from ISAC and send them out prior to the next ADP Subcommittee meeting. Budget items must be finalized at the July meeting.

Current FY27 Budget Priorities as identified at the April 8, 2026 Meeting include:

- Encantada Box Culverts
- Roadway Improvements/Island Mobility Plan Implementation
- Visitors Center/QR Codes for Visitors
- Welcome Sign
- ADA Accessibility for South Packery Channel Jetty

H. Presentation Items

7. [26-0911](#) Island Water Flow Study Presentation

See presentation for more details.

Presentation provided by Jeff Coym, LJA Engineering.

- Jeff Edmonds, Director of Engineering Services - decisions will be based on the data from the study, the city prefers not to invest too much money into the existing culverts based on the data and would rather upgrade to option 4 and replace the current 2-36" pipes to a 6'x6' reinforced box culvert. Would like to have something that allows more of an air draft to help remove debris that tend to accumulate in the canals.

- Bill Hibbs - question about the PIPOA completing the dredging, will they do it?

- JE - yes, they have to as they hold the permit and have committed to doing so multiple times in recent meetings.

- Terry Brown - provided overview of recent meetings with city staff including a potential agreement between the city and the PIPOA, concern about the city not doing anything to address the downsides of the flow rates, interested in flow velocity monitors that have been discussed with the city, confirms that the PIPOA is willing to dredge as long as the

city commits to swapping out the culverts but they will not dredge if there isn't an interim measure put in place.

- Michael Dice, Interim Assistant City Manager - the city is looking at temporary measures such as a collapsible water dam (a tube that can be filled with water to slow water velocity) that Public Works could deploy when needed, would provide the same function as the sand dam to slow the velocity but not block it, could keep it in the Parks building on the island. Staff are also searching for funding options for the upgraded culverts (around \$1M) and the city is interested in paying for the culverts. The ultimate decision will come from City Council and/or any boards we need approval from based on the funding source. Staff is already engaging with a few companies that sell the temporary dams. Staff is also looking at water monitoring devices for certain pinch points in the canal system.

- Lauren Harris - question about additional costs for the temporary measures and using the TIRZ #2 to fund the projects.

- JE - cost should be minimal, could be looking at \$1.1-1.2M total including the culverts

- Bryan Gulley - TIRZ #2 may not have the financial capacity to take on the costs

I. Future Agenda Items

FY27 Budget Priorities

TIRZ #2 Update

Board Nomination Resolution to City Council

J. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm