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MAYOR ANA DIAZ

Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street. COUNCIL MEMBERS

MARIO GONZALES CARMELA GARCIA ALLEN LEE JIMMY "JJ" RIVAS GREGG ROBINSON

CITY MANAGER
LON D. SQUYRES

CITY SECRETARY CHRISTAL RODRIGUEZ

JIM DEFOYD

1. Call to Order: at 6:00 p.m.

a. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:
The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll Call:

The following members were present:
Mayor Diaz; Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales;
City Manager Squyres & City Secretary Rodriguez. City Attorney Defoyd was absent.

2. Mayor & Council Comments:

• Mayor Diaz thanked Ivan, Public Works, Tawanna & Ms. Joyce for their work with Santa on the Fire Truck Bags this past Saturday. She mentioned that December 6th, is Christmas parade at 5:30 sharp with lineup on the Burman side and then December 13th, is Santa on the Fire Truck, we started at 8. Mayor Diaz, City Manager Squyres, Council and Assistant City Manager Kathy, also went over details and suggestions for the Christmas Parade.
Council Members mentioned the beautiful fall weather, asked everyone to be careful with drivers & have a safe weekend. Happy Birthday wishes were given to Carmela & well wishes for Thanksgiving were also expressed.

3. Public Comments:

None

4. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson & Seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the minutes of the previous meetings as presented. Vote: For: 5, Against: 0

5. Reports/Announcements of City Departments:

Finance: Director Kathy Greiner

• No report at this time.

Heritage Hall: Director Elizabeth Flores

• No report at this time.

Parks & Recreation: Director Ivan Rojas

• Like Thomas said, working on Christmas.

Public Works: Director Thomas Rogers

Working on lots of Christmas decorations.

Interim Fire Chief, Mo Davis

 Asked everyone to be careful when frying turkeys and stated that the fire department would have extra personnel around, just in case.

Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela

Not in attendance.

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

Not in attendance.

6. Unfinished Business:

a. None

7. New Business:

(Senator Alvarado ran behind schedule, therefore Mayor Diaz moved on to the next items (b), then (c) and went back to item (a) for the Senator.)

- a. State Senator Carol Alvarado to provide Legislative Update.

 Senator Alvarado presented a small snapshot of what took place this session. Presentation attached. She also thanked all elected members for their service. Mayor Diaz expressed appreciation to Senator Alvarado for always keeping Jacinto City in mind and for all the support she provides. Councilman Rivas shared a story regarding a lineman worker with the senator.
- **b.** Crowe LLP to present the Audit for FY 2024-2025.

 Crowe LLP, not in attendance, they're delaying a couple of weeks & should come out the 10th.
- **c.** Mayor and Council to consider Ordinance 2025-6 Amending Ch.10 Utilities at Sec. 5E Garbage Collection Fees.

1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-6 read by City Manager Squyres

Synopsis provided by City Manager Squyres. "Waste management notified us that as per their contract with the city, they have the right to adjust what we pay them every year, and what they use is what's called, It's an index of funding. It's called a CPI, and that index basically gave them 4.97 or 4.96% this year, that they can bump up their rates. So that's what we're seeing here"

Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-6 Amending Ch. 10 Utilities at Sec. 5E Garbage Collection Fees, made by: Councilmember Garcia.

Second made by: Councilmember Lee.

Favor: 5/0

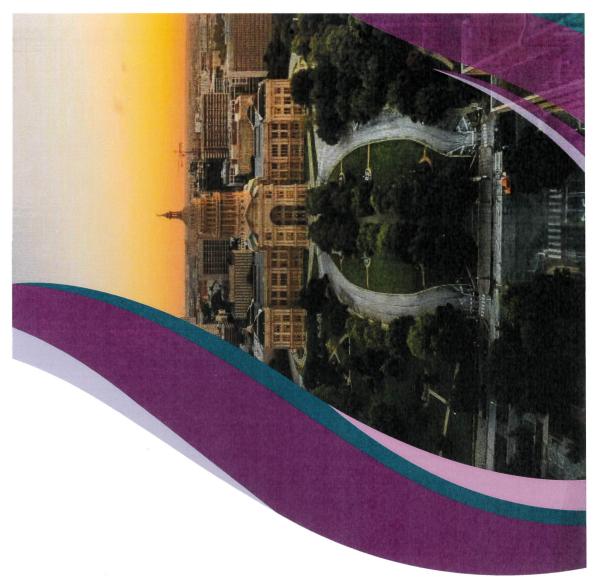
Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Rodriguez Christal Rodriguez City Secretary



State of the District











1,213 bills passed 8,719 bills filed

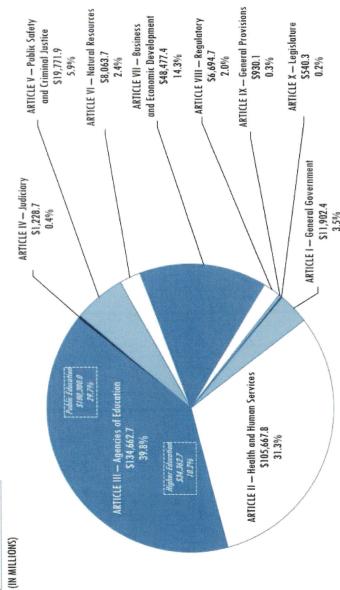
bills vetoed

THE STATE BUDGET

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026–27 BIENNIUM **LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

FUNDING BY ARTICLE, ALL FUNDS

TOTAL=\$337,939.6



NoTEs.

(2) Substantive items funded in the Conference Committee Report for Senate Bill 1, Article IX, for the 2026–27 biennium are allocated to the prospective articles and agencies.

(2) Excludes interagency Confracts.

(3) Exercises may not sum due to rounding.

(3) Biennial change and percentage change are calculated on actual amounts before rounding. Therefore, totals may not sum due to rounding.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD ID: 9306

SENATOR ALVARADO'S BUDGET WINS

secured \$35.56 million for impactful projects and programs. This Through her work on the Finance committee, Senator Alvarado

funding includes:

\$23.06 million to improve Medicaid provider enrollment processes.

\$10 million for the design and construction of the Sergio Ivan Rodriguez Memorial Pedestrian Bridge.

\$1.5 million for the office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman.

\$1 million for grants to hospitals to develop on-site healthcare workforce apprenticeship programs.



Criminal Justice & Public Safety



SJR 5 requires that judges deny bail in cases of murder, aggravated assault with serious bodily injury, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, trafficking of persons, indecency with a child and other serious violent felonies.

Senator Alvarado's Public Safety Achievements

SB 482

Creates enhanced protections for utility workers on the job by increasing penalties for the assault or harassment of a utility worker.

SB 487

Expands who qualifies for the voluntary use of a pseudonym during a court proceeding, so that survivors of invasive visual recording and indecent assault can protect their privacy while pursuing justice.

SB 1804

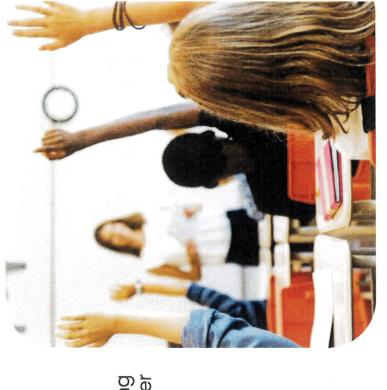
Adds reimbursable services for survivors of human trafficking and prostitution so that these survivors can afford to remove forced tattoos.



Public Education

a structured retention allotment, expands the Teacher HB 2 overhauls teacher compensation by establishing provides additional pay for non-administrative staff. This bill phases out uncertified teaching, introduces new certification pathways and enhances teacher Incentive Allotment with new designations and rights and support systems.

Rep. Buckley HB2



Protecting Every Student By: Sen. Alvarado **SB 1177** Landon's Laws: **SB 865** By: Sen. Alvarado

CPR Training & Cardiac Response Plans

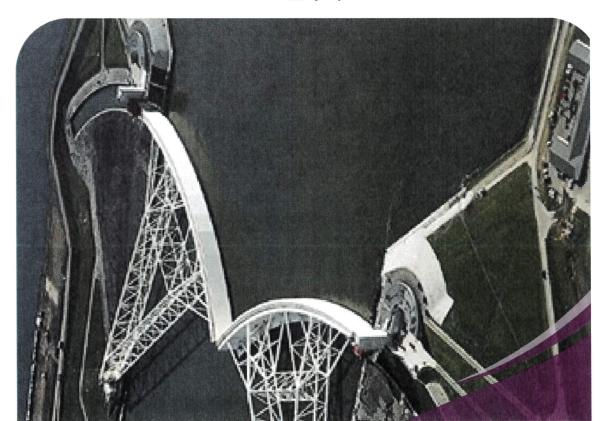
Beating the odds starts by being prepared, so SB 865 requires CPR training for schools employees and mandates Cardiac Response Plans in all schools - both public and private.

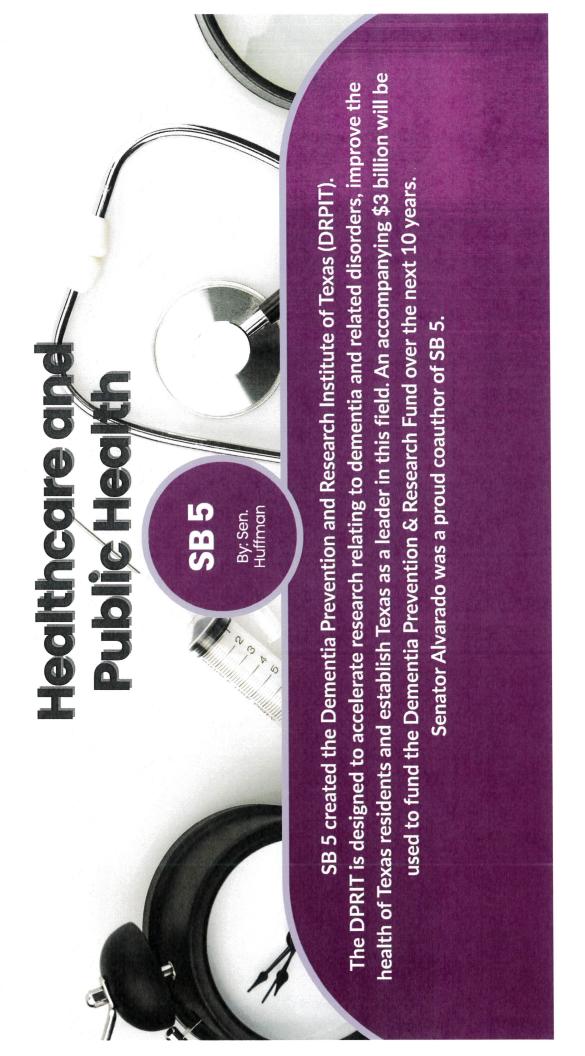
AED Inspections

Life-saving equipment needs to be fully-functional, so SB 1177 ensures AEDs (defibrillators) are inspected by trained professionals and school administration receives an inspection report.

NATURAL RESOURCES & THE EVIRONMENT

HB 1089 by Paul- Creates the Gulf Coast Protection Account, which will ensure that projects like the Ike Dike are efficiently funded. Senator Alvarado was proud to sponsor HB 1089.





Property Tax Relief

Sen. Bettencourt

SB 23 increases the homestead exemption for senior homeowners and homeowners with disabilities from \$10,000 to \$60,000. Senator Alvarado was a proud coauthor of SB 23.

SB 4 Sen. Bettencourt

SB 4 increases the mandatory school district residence homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000. State funds will ensure that public school districts do not lose funding. **Senator Alvarado was a proud joint author of SB 4.**



Looking Forward

SB 258 would establish a program for Texans to register to vote electronically.

SJR 16 would allow Texans to vote on legalizing casino gaming



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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 "UTILITIES" AT SECTION 5E GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACINTO CITY, TEXAS, BY ESTABLISHING NEW GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES TO BE CHARGED TO CUSTOMERS FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION WITHIN THE CITY OF THE CITY OF JACINTO CITY, TEXAS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES WHICH MAY BE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jacinto City, Texas, has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens for the health, welfare and safety of such citizens to provide good garbage collection sewer service to its citizens and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to provide excellent garbage collection service to the citizens of the City, there is a necessity to establish reasonable garbage collection fees to be charged for the delivery of such services to our citizens; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF JACINTO CITY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the Chapter 10 entitled "Utilities" at Section 5E entitled "GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES" in Sections (1) entitled "Residential" Fees and in Section (2) entitled "Commercial" Fees be and the same are hereby amended to increase the current fees charged for collection of residential and commercial garbage within the City of Jacinto City, Texas, as follows:

- (1) Residential. There shall be charged, assessed and collected by the City from each person receiving such service within the City, the monthly service charges or fees for garbage, refuse, trash and rubbish collection and disposal, as follows: (a) For a residential, single-dwelling unit and for each unit of a multiple-dwelling unit which is an apartment house or a duplex, but not including a hotel, sixteen dollars and forty-five cents (\$16.45) per unit per month for two (2) collections per week. (b) Trailer courts, sixteen dollars and forty-five cents (\$16.45) per month per trailer unit for two (2) collections per week.
- (2) Commercial. The following businesses shall receive daily pickup services or as necessary and shall be charged the following fees: (a) Forty-four dollars and forty-two cents (\$44.42) per month per commercial hand collect unit for twice (2) per week service; or (b) One hundred thirty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$139.99) per month per commercial hand collect unit for six (6) times per week service.

All of the remaining language in said Section 5E shall remain the same, it being the sole intent of this ordinance to amend and change the residential and commercial garbage collection fees as set forth herein above.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective its final passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS TH 2025.	Ana Diaz, Mayor
ATTEST: Christal Rodriguez, City Secretary	
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	COND AND FINAL READING THIS THE 2025.
	Ana Diaz, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Christal Rodriguez, City Secretary	
APPROVED:	
Jim L. DeFoyd, City Attorney	-