



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
First Reading Ordinance for June 23, 2020
Second Reading Ordinance for July 14, 2020

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Ordinance accepting \$25,000.00 from the Texas Historical Commission Certified Local Government program for the Historic Preservation Plan Update project

CAPTION:

Ordinance accepting a \$25,000 grant from the Texas Historical Commission Certified Local Government program for the Historic Preservation Plan Update project with a City match of \$25,000; appropriating \$25,000 for City matching funds; and amending the Operating Budget by increasing expenditures by \$25,000.

SUMMARY:

This is an ordinance accepting \$25,000.00 from the Texas Historical Commission Certified Local Government program for the Historic Preservation Plan Update project.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

To preserve the heritage of Corpus Christi, the Landmark Commission was established by the City Council in 1974. The commission's primary tasks are to:

- Consider specific sites, structures, and districts for designation as historic landmarks.
- Encourage and communicate with property owners the benefit of rehabilitations of potential landmarks as an alternative to demolition.
- Review and recommend nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.
- Promote preservation through education.
- Maintain and update the historical resource survey.

- Promote preservation through the Planning and Zoning process.
- Seek and apply for preservation grant funding.

Corpus Christi, Texas is a Certified Local Government. The CLG program empowers local communities to better protect historic resources and meet recognized historic preservation standards. Cities participating in the CLG program may take advantage of CLG grants, technical assistance, training opportunities, and the CLG network. This program recognizes a partnership between the local, state, and federal governments to enhance preservation.

The Texas Historical Commission’s Certified Local Government program is awarding the City of Corpus Christi a \$25,000 match on a reimbursement basis to update the City’s Historic Preservation Plan. In 1995, the City of Corpus Christi adopted a Historic Preservation Plan with general policy guidance on historic preservation goals and outcomes. This plan is intended to be an update to the 1995 plan, expanding on goals, objectives, and action steps to achieve historic preservation in Corpus Christi, Texas. This action-oriented community-wide historic preservation plan will:

- Integrate historic preservation activities into the city’s broader planning, environmental, social, economic, and sustainability goals.
- Promote heritage tourism, preservation-based economic development, and heritage education.
- Assess historic preservation as an urban design strategy taking into consideration pedestrian friendly design, placemaking, income and land use diversity, and neighborhood character.
- Recommend updates to the historic preservation provisions in the Unified Development Code as well as provide toolkits for substantial rehabilitation, including but not limited to economic and regulatory incentives.

ALTERNATIVES:

Continue to operate under the current historic preservation plan which is 25 years old and does not address current best management policies and practices which consider historic preservation as a tool for economic development.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If approved, the additional grant funds will provide 50% or \$25,000.00 on a reimbursement basis towards a total project cost of \$50,000.00. The city will match 100% of the grant award or \$25,000.00.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Matching:

Fund: General Fund 1020
 Organization/Activity: Comprehensive Planning 11455
 Mission Element: Comprehensive Planning 071
 Project # (CIP Only): N/A
 Account: Professional Services 530000 (matching)

Revenue and Expense:

Fund: Community Development Grant Fund 1072
 Organization/Activity: 870102S
 Mission Element: N/A
 Project # (CIP Only): N/A

Account: THC (Tx Historical Commission) 304850 (Revenue)
 Professional Services 530000 (Expense)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance accepting \$25,000.00 from the Texas Historical Commission Certified Local Government program for the Historic Preservation Plan Update project.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Contract
Presentation