



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Ordinance for the City Council Meeting December 9, 2025

DATE: December 9, 2025

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Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a donation from OxyChem First Responder Donation Program in the amount of \$10,000.00; and appropriating \$10,000.00 to the FY 2026 Fire Grants Fund

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a donation from OxyChem First Responder Donation Program in the amount of \$10,000.00 for funding toward the future purchase of a new multipurpose response vehicle for the Corpus Christi Fire Department; and appropriating \$10,000.00 to the FY 2026 Fire Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

This Ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a donation from the OxyChem First Responder Donation Program in the amount of \$10,000.00 for funding toward the future purchase of a new multipurpose vehicle for the Corpus Christi Fire Department. The donation funds will support the cost to purchase and outfit a new multipurpose response vehicle for the Corpus Christi Fire Department.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

OxyChem First Responder Donation Program is dedicated to supporting First Responders in the communities where they are developing future operations. The OxyChem First Responder Donations Program supports community fire departments, emergency medical services, and law enforcement agencies. The OxyChem First Responder Donations Program provides donation funding to emergency services providers for needs such as the purchase, repair or replacement of emergency response equipment, rescue and safety gear, and first responder safety training.

OxyChem is a leading producer of life-enhancing chemistry with facilities in the United States, Canada and Latin America. Headquartered in Dallas, and with a plant located in Ingleside, Texas, OxyChem is a subsidiary of Oxy, an international energy company. OxyChem has a top-tier position both domestically and globally for the principal products that it manufactures and markets. OxyChem is a top-tier global producer in every product it produces for applications including water treatment, pharmaceutical, medical and construction that are essential to life for billions of people around the world. OxyChem is a four-time winner of the American Chemistry Council's (ACC's) top safety performance award and has previously been recognized as the Responsible Care

Company of the Year, in recognition of OxyChem's outstanding achievements in environmental, health, safety and security performance. In 2023, OxyChem received 47 awards from the ACC for safety and environmental performance, and in 2022 the U.S. Department of Energy selected OxyChem as a Better Practice Award winner for innovations in energy efficiency.

The donation will be used to support the cost to purchase a new multipurpose response vehicle for the Corpus Christ Fire Department (CCFD) that will be used primarily for removing people from flooded and hard-to-reach areas. The total cost to purchase and upfit the multipurpose response vehicle is approximately \$58,484.00. CCFD will apply these grant funds (\$10,000) toward that, and the remainder of the cost will come from future grant funding, if awarded. CCFD is actively working on identifying other grant opportunities that can be used to complete the funding for the purchase and upfitting of the multipurpose vehicle.

CCFD currently does not have a high-water rescue vehicle in its fleet. Currently, CCFD only has three Type 5 brush trucks and three Type 7 ATV brush vehicles. The Type 5 and 7 units are smaller units that are not as useful in high water due to their lower profile and because they cannot carry many people. The multipurpose response vehicle is ideal for flooded and hard-to-reach areas, and it would have a sked stretcher which could be added or removed as needed to convert it into a Type 3 brush truck for wildland firefighting when not used as a high-water rescue vehicle. The multipurpose response vehicle would also include a 14-foot modified cargo area containing removable personnel benches, an auxiliary water pump, a water tank, and additional hose. The multipurpose response vehicle would be stationed at Fire Station 18, which is centralized in the city and near an area which has been prone to flooding in the past.

Once CCFD has enough funding to purchase the multipurpose response vehicle, it is estimated that it will take approximately five months to purchase and receive the vehicle. Once purchased and received, this new multipurpose response vehicle will be the only one in CCFD's fleet.

This is the second time that CCFD has received a donation from OxyChem. CCFD received a donation of \$25,000.00 in FY 2025 for the refurbishment of the CCFD aerial ladder fire truck.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is to not accept the donation and instead seek alternative funding. However, this funding was not included in the FY 2026 General Fund budget. If the donation is not accepted, the City will need to identify alternate funding.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2026 fiscal impact is the acceptance of funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 and appropriating \$10,000.00 into the FY 2026 Fire Grants fund.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1062 Fire Grants
Organization/Activity:	89 Grants & CIP/ FY26 OxyChem First Responder Donation
Department:	10 Fire Department
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	520130 Minor Tools & Equipment
Amount:	\$10,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance to accept and appropriate a donation totaling \$10,000.00 for funding toward the future purchase of a new multipurpose response vehicle

purchase for the Corpus Christi Fire Department, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Certification of Funds
Presentation