



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
for the City Council Meeting of June 12, 2012

DATE: May 24, 2012
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Chamber of Commerce Base Closure Task Force Efforts

CAPTION:

Resolution to authorize expenditures of \$25,000 in FY 2012 and \$75,000 in FY 2013 to be used by the South Texas Military Facilities Task Force for efforts to keep open the Corpus Christi Army Depot, Naval Air Station Kingsville, and Naval Air Station Corpus Christi.

PURPOSE:

The South Texas Military Facilities Task Force (STMFTF), being reinstated by the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, plans to spend \$300,000 over the next 18 months in a quest to keep Corpus Christi military bases open and save jobs. The money will be spent on consultants, materials, travel and research. We believe these expenditures are necessary to compete with other areas of the nation as they make the case to keep their own military bases.

The Chamber is asking that the City of Corpus Christi invest \$25,000 in 2012 and \$75,000 in 2013 to help keep our bases. Our intention is to obtain investments from various municipalities, counties, the Port and the private sector. The Chamber's pledge is to be transparent in their use of the investments by allowing total access to their books. The Chamber will also place all STMFTF funds in a separate bank account so that the funds will not be co-mingled with Chamber operating funds.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

President Obama and Secretary of Defense Panetta have both indicated that there will be a reduction in military spending over the next several years. Because of the anticipated downsizing of the military, the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce is reinstating the South Texas Military Facilities Task Force (STMFTF) to protect the region's economy and jobs.

According to the military, the Corpus Christi Army Depot and Naval Air Station Corpus

Christi total over 8,000 jobs with an economic impact of \$3.8 Billion. In addition, Naval Air Station Kingsville reports that it has 2,000 jobs with an economic impact of almost \$300 million. The loss of all or part of the total of 10,000 jobs and the over \$4 Billion of economic impact would be devastating to all of South Texas.

The STMFTF is chaired by Wes Hoskins and its members are Loyd Neal, Dick Messbarger, Joe Guzman, Sandy Sanders, Darrell Coleman, Garry Bradford and Mark Scott.

ALTERNATIVES:

None. This is the preferred model.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not Applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This reflects the prior model used successfully in previous proposed military base closures or reduction in military spending.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Staff is requesting an emergency reading. According to Article II, Section 14 of the City Charter, an item can be classified as an emergency because it calls for “immediate action necessary for the efficient and effective administration of the city’s affairs”. This is a routine, non-controversial item.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal & Finance

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

X Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2011-2012	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		90,059.05	75,000.00	165,059.05
Encumbered / Expended Amount		43,867.84		43,867.84
This item		25,000.00	75,000.00	100,000.00
BALANCE		21,191.21	0.00	21,191.21

Fund(s): General Fund

Comments: None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City of Corpus Christi invest \$25,000 in 2012 and \$75,000 in

2013 in the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce's STMFTF to help keep our military base open.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution authorizing expenditure

Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Letter & Attachment Dated May 2, 2012