



Enforcement Officers at Bayfront Parks



City Council
May 18, 2021



Background



Cole Park fight under investigation after viral video shared on social media

[John Oliva](#), Corpus Christi Caller Times Published 2:39 p.m. CT March 15, 2021

Corpus Christi police: Cole Park assault suspect in Nueces County Jail

[Alexandria Rodriguez](#), Corpus Christi Caller Times Published 9:06 a.m. CT March 17, 2021 | Updated 3:42 p.m. CT March 17, 2021



Staffing Recommendation



- 5 Park Enforcement Officers for Bay Beaches (Including Cole Park)
- 1 Park Enforcement Supervisor
 - 7 Existing Enforcement officers
 - 5 Proposed Enforcement Officers
 - 12 Total Officers will need supervision



Compliance Officer Overview (From JAQ) - 1 of 2



1. Investigate and enforce the City Code of Ordinances, Parks and Recreation Related Ordinances, and Texas Health and Safety Codes in accordance with Preserving the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.
2. Respond to citizen concerns and patrol a specifically assigned area to *proactively prevent violations* in City Parks, Beaches, and public spaces.



Compliance Officer Overview (From JAQ) - 2 of 2



3. Generate written and photographic documentation of violations to attain civil abatement and provide evidence in criminal proceedings against violators when there is failure to comply.
4. Educate the general public concerning park and beach maintenance as well as proper disposal of waste in the parks system.
5. *Serve as ambassadors to the City of Corpus Christi.*



Essential Functions (From JAQ)



- Conduct patrols in designated areas for ordinance violations by the public
- Case Management, Data Entry, and File Charges
- Coordinate and Partner with Other Departments and Agencies
- Special Projects/Assignments



Funding



- State Hotel Occupancy Tax (SHOT Fund)
 - Over \$11.8 Million in Fund Balance
 - FY 21 revenue projection - \$3.7 Million
- Funding available for personnel and equipment
- Project eligible for SHOT due to work on Bayfront



Staff Addition Options



Option 1: Amend Budget Ordinance

- Requires Council approval to add full time equivalents (FTE's)

Option 2: Convert existing Park Positions

(Not Recommended)

- Current positions needed to fill understaffed divisions
- Existing positions not funded through SHOT



Year 1 Estimated Costs



- Personnel Costs: Salary & Benefits for 1 Supervisor & 5 Officers at 4 months
- Uniforms: Clothing and accessories for 6 employees
- Vehicles: 4 Pickup trucks, 3 ATVs, fuel, maintenance & replacement fund contribution
- Technology: Laptops, hotspots, radios, ticket writers

Estimated Costs	
Personnel Costs	\$121,432
Uniform Costs	\$4,200
Vehicle Costs	\$265,840
Technology Costs	\$41,484
Year 1 Total Costs	\$432,956



Year 2 Estimated Costs



- Personnel Costs: Salary & Benefits for 1 Supervisor & 5 Officers
- Uniforms: Clothing and accessories for 6 employees
- Vehicles: Maintenance & fuel

Estimated Costs	
Personnel Costs	\$332,342
Uniform Costs	\$4,200
Vehicle Replacement Fund	\$27,500
Vehicle Maintenance	\$14,500
Fuel	\$7,000
Technology Costs	\$1,104
Year 2 Total Costs	\$386,646



Illustrative Schedule



PROPOSED 2021	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THUR 1	FRI 2	SAT 3	SUN 4
Officer #1	OFF	OFF	OFF	8:00am - 6:30 pm	8:00am - 6:30 pm	8:00am - 6:30 pm	8:00am - 6:30 pm
Officer #2	8:00am - 6:30 pm	OFF	OFF	OFF	8:00am - 6:30 pm	8:00am - 6:30 pm	8:00am - 6:30 pm
Officer #3	12:00pm - 10:30pm	OFF	OFF	OFF	12:00pm - 10:30pm	12:00pm - 10:30pm	12:00pm - 10:30pm
Officer #4	OFF	OFF	12:00pm - 10:30pm	12:00pm - 10:30pm	12:00pm - 10:30pm	12:00pm - 10:30pm	OFF
Officer #5	8:00am - 6:30 pm	8:00am - 6:30 pm	8:00am - 6:30 pm	12:00pm - 10:30pm	OFF	OFF	OFF
Supervisor	8:00am - 5:00pm	8:00am - 5:00pm	8:00am - 5:00pm	8:00am - 5:00pm	8:00am - 5:00pm	ON CALL	ON CALL

- Cole Park Open: 6am – 10pm
- January – May & August – December Peak Hours
 - Mon – Thurs: 3 pm – 7 pm
 - Fri - Sun: 11 am – 7 pm
- June – August (Summer) Peak Hours
 - Mon – Sun: 11 am – 7 pm



Additional Safety Measures at Bayfront Parks



Current Camera Layout Cole Park





Proposed Camera Layout Cole Park





Recommendation



Staff recommends
APPROVAL
of this item.
