



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
for the City Council Meeting of May 22, 2012

DATE: May 17, 2012

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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Appropriation of \$500,000 from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund Balance for removal, mulching, and disposal of brush and debris which resulted from severe thunderstorms and wind that occurred May 10, 2012.

CAPTION: Ordinance appropriating \$500,000 from the unappropriated fund balance in the No. 1020 General Fund for the removal, mulching, and disposal of brush and debris which resulted from severe thunderstorms and wind that occurred May 10, 2012; changing the FY2011-12 operating budget adopted by Ordinance 029155 by increasing appropriations by \$500,000; and declaring an emergency.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the ordinance is to provide funding for the timely removal, mulching, and/or disposal, of brush and debris, to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS: In the late hours of May 10, 2012, a strong line of thunderstorms swept through the City. While sustained winds of 60 mph were recorded at the Corpus Christi International Airport, with gusts to 70 mph, the northwest area of the City experienced higher winds speeds that toppled trees, broke windows, and damaged fences, roofs, utility lines, and other structures. Most damage occurred in the area north and west of Rand Morgan Road and extending through the River Hills subdivision.

The volume of brush and debris far exceeds the department's resources to effectively respond in a timely manner. The use of outside contractors is required remove the brush and debris to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents. In compliance with the City Charter, Article X, Section 2(a), the City Manager granted the Solid Waste Operations Department request for an emergency procurement waiver. This action allowed Solid Waste Operations to move forward in contracting with DRC Emergency Services and expedite the removal of storm debris, for a rate of \$10.47 per cubic yard. Clean brush will be ground into mulch by Austin Wood for the rate of \$1.00 per cubic yard. DRC Emergency Services is the City's prepositioned Hurricane/Emergency Debris Contractor.

ALTERNATIVES: The City's Solid Waste Operations Department Brush Division could work regular hours, focus efforts solely in the area affected by the storm, and remove the brush and debris within approximately three months. However, that effort would necessitate abandoning the published brush and bulky item collection cycle close to the beginning of hurricane season.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: The Solid Waste Operations Department utilized the services of DRC Emergency Services and Austin Wood following the June 24 2010 windstorm. The use of private contractors was effective in removing brush and debris from the City's right-of-way.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY: This appropriation ordinance, and actions taken by City Staff to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents, does not violate any known City policy.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY: Emergency.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES: Legal, Finance, Management and Budget, and Solid Waste Operations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☒ Operating ☐ Revenue ☐ Capital ☐ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2011-2012	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		+\$500,000		\$500,000
BALANCE		+\$500,000		\$500,000

Fund(s): General Fund

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Ordinance as submitted.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Ordinance, Certification of Funds