

City of Corpus Christi Legislative Agenda

84th Regular Session



Future Agenda
October 14, 2014



Workshop Comments & Additional Staff Recommendations

Support of Del Mar College, Workforce Solutions, & other local government recommendations.

Support for enhanced state regulation of payday & auto title lenders.

Recommendation on transparency for bond ballot language.

Eliminate the limitations on the number of design build civil works projects a governmental entity is allowed to do.

Recommendations from Texas Recreation And Parks Society (TRAPS) & Texas Coalition for Affordable Power (TCAP).



Levels of Importance

Priority – means the City will actively pursue and support/oppose the policy, including, if necessary, seeking introduction and passage of legislation. This would include purely local Corpus Christi bills, as well as very important legislation of statewide application.

Actively Support/Oppose – means the City will aggressively attempt to influence passage/defeat of a measure if it is introduced by some other entity.

Endorse – means the City will make its support or opposition known, but will not actively pursue the issue.



PRIORITIES

New, long-term, sustainable funding sources for transportation & the full dedication of existing revenues.

Statewide local-option transportation funding strategy.

State grant funding for seawater desalination project.

State grant funding for military value projects.

NEW Increase DEAAG program limits from \$2M to \$5M.



PRIORITIES

2% share of state HOT funds for beach cleaning & erosion response projects in Corpus Christi & Port Aransas.

Windstorm Insurance (a) funding structure, (b) board make up & (3) incentives for voluntary market.

Wholesale purchase of energy for seawater desalination.

Municipal regulation of wind farms in ETJ.

NEW Remove limits on the number of design-build projects.



ENDORSE

Funding for TxDOT for passing lanes for SH 361 and for improvements to the ferry system.

Continue investing in Texas tourism promotion in the Governor's Office of Economic Development and Tourism.

Oppose changes to the school start date.

NEW Support full implementation of HB 5 (83rd Session, 2013) on public school accountability & assessment (*CCISD*)

NEW Allow RTA to sell CNG to public & private consumers without losing tax-exemption (*CCRTA*).



ENDORSE

NEW Protect original jurisdiction for cities in electric rate cases (*TCAP*).

NEW Remove barriers to utilizing ROWs for city-owned hike & bike trails (*TCAP*).

NEW Promote public-private partnerships to develop small-scale generation projects (*TCAP*).

NEW Maximize use of sporting goods tax to increase funding for local parks grants (*TRAPS*).



ENDORSE

NEW Restore funding for TP&WD funding of at least \$31M for biennium (*TRAPS*).

NEW Support enhanced state regulation of payday & auto title lenders.

NEW Support Workforce Commission exceptional item requests:

(a) \$3M for Apprenticeship program;

(b) \$10M for Recruitment Texas (recruit skilled workers for expanding businesses;

(c) \$20M for Accelerate Texas (job skills & literacy).



Questions/Discussion

