



CITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting January 27, 2026

DATE: January 27, 2026

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Supply Agreement for the Purchase of Liquid Chlorine in 90-ton Rail Car
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CAPTION:

Motion authorizing execution of a one-year supply agreement, with one one-year option, with Brenntag Southwest, Inc., of Lancaster, Texas, in the amount of \$1,887,360.00 with a potential up to \$3,774,720.00 if the option is exercised, to purchase liquid chlorine delivered by rail car for the treatment of processed water at the O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant for Corpus Christi Water, with FY 2026 funding of \$1,415,520.00 from the Water Fund 4010.

SUMMARY:

This is a supply agreement for liquid chlorine for the O.N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant. Chlorine is used to disinfect water and make it safe for public consumption.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Chlorine is the disinfectant used during the water treatment process. Disinfection is required by state and federal regulatory agencies and is done at the beginning of the treatment process to reduce organic nutrients in the raw water. Chlorine is also added to provide a final disinfection polishing before distribution to the City's water system.

Chlorine is delivered to the O.N. Stevens Water Plant in 90-ton rail cars. Average chlorine usage results in approximately forty-five (45) days per rail car. The O. N. Stevens Water Treatment Plant is currently in construction to replace the existing chlorine system with

an on-site sodium hypochlorite generation system.

PROCUREMENT DETAIL:

Finance & Procurement conducted the Request for Bids process to obtain competitive bids. The City received two responsive, responsible bids. Staff recommends awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Brenntag Southwest, Inc. The chlorine cost in the submitted bid package is \$1,294.00 per ton for 1,440 tons per year. The cost for detention was provided for 240 days at \$100.00 per day. Both quantities for the number of tons for Liquid Chlorine in Rail Car and the number of Detention Days stayed the same. The chlorine cost in this bid is \$356.00 less per ton as compared to the existing contract, which had an established cost of \$1,650.00 per ton.

2024 price per ton	2025 price per ton	Variance
\$1,650.00	\$1,294.00	\$356.00 less per ton
2024 Detention Charge after 30 Free Days	2025 Detention Charge after 30 Free Days	Variance
\$100/Day	\$100/Day	No change in price

ALTERNATIVES:

There is no feasible alternative to meet production demand. Not using chlorine will result in a failure to protect the public from harmful conditions in the water and will result in regulatory noncompliance violations with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for Corpus Christi Water in FY 2026 is \$1,415,520.00 in the Water Fund 4010.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	4010	Water Fund
Organization/Activity:	31010	Stevens Filter Plant
Department:	45	Water
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	N/A
Account:	520010	Purification Chemicals
Amount:	\$1,415,520.00	

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval of this agreement authorizing the execution of a one-year supply agreement with an additional one-year option with Brenntag Southwest, Inc., as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Bid Tabulation
Supply Agreement