

Ordinance authorizing a Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act Project Cooperation Agreement with the Texas General Land Office, and a matching grant allocation of \$820,000.00 to mitigate shoreline erosion of public parks along the Corpus Christi Bay; appropriating \$820,000.00 from the unreserved balance of the Type B Fund; and amending the FY 2025 Operating Budget. (6 votes required)

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi's Parks & Recreation Department, in partnership with the Texas General Land Office (TGLO), under the Coastal Erosion Planning & Response Act (CEPRA), proposes to enter into a project cooperation agreement to address stabilizing the eroding shorelines/elevated bluffs of the following public parks along the Corpus Christi Bay: Cole Park (Oleander Point), Ropes Park & Poenisch Park; and

WHEREAS, these shoreline parks not only provide bayfront viewing/bay access, but also function as neighborhood parks that are easily accessible by walking, bicycles or scooters. These parks are much closer to nearby neighborhoods than Gulf beaches, making them a lower cost option for waterfront activities; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this TGLO project is to design hybrid solutions that will reduce erosion of bluffs adjacent to shorelines and in the process, increase stability of small pocket beaches that provide public access to the bay; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the significance in reducing ongoing erosion of shoreline parks, on November 11, 2024, the Corpus Christi B Corporation held a public hearing and approved a business incentive for Texas General Land Office in the amount of \$820,000 for an upfront request to mitigate shoreline erosion of public parks along the Corpus Christi Bay; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The City Council authorizes a Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act Project Cooperation Agreement with the Texas General Land Office.

SECTION 2. The City Council approves a matching grant allocation of \$820,000.00 to mitigate shoreline erosion of public parks along the Corpus Christi Bay.

SECTION 3. The City Council approves appropriating \$820,000.00 for the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act Project Cooperation Agreement from the unreserved balance of the Type B Fund, and hereby, amends the FY 2025 Operating Budget to increase revenues and expenditures.

Introduced and voted on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary