**AGENDA MEMORANDUM**
Future Item for the City Council Meeting of 10/23/2012
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of 10/30/2012

**DATE:**      October 11, 2012

**TO**:          Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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**Resolution by the City Council of the City Corpus Christi supporting the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group's participation in the EPA Ozone Advance Program.**

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**CAPTION:**

Resolution by the City Council of the City Corpus Christi supporting the Corpus Christi Air Quality Groups participation in the EPA Ozone Advance Program to promote local actions to reduce ozone precursors in the community and continue to maintain National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

**PURPOSE:**

The Resolution gives Council's support of the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group's continuing successful efforts to collaborate with the United States EPA, while identifying local initiatives that reduce air emissions and to seek to maintain Corpus Christi's attainment status of National Ambient Air Quality standards set forth by the United States EPA.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Corpus Christi area, comprised of Nueces County and San Patricio County, is an urban air shed in which air emissions from sources in both counties interact to influence the level of ambient air pollution in the community. Control of ambient air quality requires a strategy that considers sources of air emissions in both counties. The urban air shed of Nueces County and San Patricio County an area in which local entities, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are working together to plan and implement voluntary actions appropriate to community needs to improve air quality. This collaboration makes it possible to design common sense strategies that reflect the weather, driving habits, and economy of the region in the creation of a model program. A plan was formalized in 1996 in a Flexible Attainment Region Memorandum of Agreement, and modified and continued in 2002 in an O3FLEX Memorandum of Agreement.

The parties to the plans were the following governmental authorities:

City of Corpus Christi
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Nueces County
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

San Patricio County
Port of Corpus Christi Authority
Regional Transportation Authority

Other stakeholders making major contributions to this effort include the following:

Port Industries of Corpus Christi, Inc., and its member companies
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Department of Community Outreach
(TAMUCC)
Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Department of Environmental Engineering
(TAMUK)
Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

The 8 Hour O3FLEX agreement will expire at the end of 2012. The United States EPA has
replaced the 8 O3FLEX program with Ozone Advance Program..

## ALTERNATIVES:

Council may choose not to move forward with the United States EPA Ozone Advance Program
at this time, however, TCEQ 8O3 FLEX no longer appears to be an offered alternative.

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

The Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization, San Patricio County, and The Regional
Transportation Authority have passed resolutions supporting Collaboration with United States
EPA.

## CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The Resolution follows all appropriate policy.

## EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

## DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Not applicable

## FINANCIAL IMPACT:

□ Operating          □ Revenue          □ Capital          X Not applicable

| Fiscal Year: 2011-2012 | Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only) | Current Year | Future Years | TOTALS |
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| Line Item Budget | | | | |
| Encumbered / Expended Amount | | | | |
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| BALANCE | | | | |

Fund(s):

**Comments:** None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends passage of the resolution in all of its parts.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

City of Corpus Christi Resolution
Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization Resolution-copy
San Patricio County Resolution-copy
Regional Transportation Authority Resolution-copy