

Resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application totaling \$700,000 to the Office of the Governor for funding from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program with a matching contribution from the city of \$800,000 for easement acquisition, real estate transaction costs, project management and grant administration services.

WHEREAS, With 15 major installations and the Army Futures Command, numerous headquarters, open spaces for realistic training, low cost of living and outstanding support to military and families, Texas has a long, significant and proud history of partnership with the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts estimates the population directly affiliated with Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (NASCC) contributed at least \$2.7 billion to the Texas economy in 2019.; employing more than 9,400 full-time and contract employees at NASCC, CCAD and its tenant commands making CCAD the largest employer in the City and NASCC the sixth largest; and

WHEREAS, Military OneSource list the NASCC base population at just over 43,200 for its 22 commands, including more than 2,800 Active Duty personnel, more than 4,400 civilian employees, nearly 7,100 family members, 12,555 retirees, more than 12,500 family members of retirees, 1,185 Reserve and Guard personnel, nearly 3,000 family members of the Reserve and Guard; and

WHEREAS, NASCC's overall command assignment is pilot training. The Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA), headquartered at NASCC, oversees the training operation throughout the Southeast Region, from Texas to Florida. Under CNATRA's command are five training air wings, 16 training squadrons, more than 14,000 Navy and civilian personnel, the Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Squadron, the Naval Aviation Schools Command and the National Museum of Naval Aviation; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Naval Air Training Command is to train the world's finest combat quality aviation professionals, delivering them at the right time, in the right numbers, and at the right cost to a Naval Force that is where it matters, when it matters. Headquartered at NASCC, the Chief of Naval Air Training (CNATRA) leads the Naval Air Training Command (NATRACOM) composed of five Training Air Wings located on Naval Air Stations in Florida, Mississippi, and Texas. The wings are home to 17 Training Squadrons; and

WHEREAS, Cabaniss Field, which began as a flight training field in July 1941, contains two Class A runways (5,000 feet long by 150 feet wide), an air traffic control tower and a fire station on the 971-acre site. The field is located in the primary growth corridor for the City of Corpus Christi immediately north of Oso Creek; and

WHEREAS, Cabaniss Field is the only multi-engine flight training field in the entire U.S. Navy and thus is essential to fulfilling the Navy's flight training mission. From 2017-2020, more than 50,000 operations (i.e., individual take offs and landings) were completed by Navy and Marine Corps student pilots using twin engine T-44A and T-44C Pegasus aircraft at Cabaniss Field; and

WHEREAS, the Navy's Naval Facilities Engineering Command-Atlantic (NAVFAC) completed a revised Air Installations Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) Study for NOLF Cabaniss and NOLF Waldron Field in September 2020. AICUZ studies have been completed in 1978,1986, and 2009 for NOLF Cabaniss Field. AICUZ studies allow the Navy to designate areas with an accident potential based on historical data for aircraft mishaps near military airfields to assist in land use planning. Accident Potential Zones (or APZs)

follow departure, arrival, and pattern flight tracks to help minimize potential harm to the public, pilots, and property if a mishap does occur, and

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 AICUZ study, Clear Zones and APZs for NOLF Cabaniss impact approximately 1,385.4 acres. Approximately 17 percent of the impacted areas are within the airfield boundary (approximately 230.5 acres) while the remaining 83 percent of the impacted areas are “off-station” (approximately 1,154.9 acres). The study states, “Successful AICUZ land use compatibility implementation is the collective responsibility of the Navy, state and local governments, and private sector and non-profit organizations”, and

WHEREAS, Since the publication of the 2020 AICUZ study, the City and Navy have fulfilled the pledge of successful land use compatibility implementation by completing a land swap of more than 40 acres of City-owned land in exchange for f Navy-owned land known as Peary Place. Approximately 39-acres of the 51.85-acre easement property are within the Clear Zone for NOLF Cabaniss Field. As this property is located in unincorporated Nueces County, this property could be developed with either commercial land use or medium density residential, which are incompatible in the Clear Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature appropriated \$30 million in the FY20-FY 21 biennia to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC) Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) fund to assist defense communities that have been, or may potentially be, impacted by a past or future BRAC action, to obtain economic assistance to mitigate or prevent or otherwise positively affect their local economy through funded projects. The DEAAG application period is now open and \$15 million is available for this round. The TMPC deadline for submitting DEAAG applications is November 12, 2021; and

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

The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to submit a grant application totaling up to \$800,000.00 to the Office of the Governor for funding from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission’s Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program to fund the acquisition of a restrictive use easement in a runway clear zone to protect flight training operations at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi’s (NASCC) Navy Outlying Field (NOLF) Cabaniss Field.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2021:

Paulette M. Guajardo _____

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ATTEST:

CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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