



CITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation Meeting
May 18, 2026

DATE: May 12, 2026

TO: President and Honorable Board Members,
Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation

THROUGH: Michael Dice, Interim Assistant City Manager

FROM: Jennifer Buxton, Interim Director of Planning and Economic Development
Jenniferb9@corpuschristitx.gov
361-826-3976

Type A Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget Amendment

CAPTION:

Motion approving an amendment to the Corpus Christi Type A's FY 2025-2026 Operating Budget for additional revenues collected in the Type A - Seawall Fund totaling \$775,067.00 and Arena Fund totaling \$5,337,766.00 approving \$100.00 for Arena Administration in the Type A Arena Fund, and authorizing the transfer of \$5,337,666.00 to the Capital Budget in support of new and existing Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects associated with the Hilliard Center.

SUMMARY:

This item amends the FY 2025-2026 Type A Operating Budget for the Type A Seawall Fund (Fund 1120) in the amount of \$775,067.00 and the Arena Fund (Fund 1130) in the amount of \$5,337,766.00 and transfers \$5,337,666.00 to the Capital Budget for the Arena related capital improvement projects at the Hilliard Center.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Sales tax collections in the Seawall and Arena Type A Funds continues through March 31, 2026. This item amends the FY 2025-2026 Type A Operating Budget to recognize the revenues being collected within the Type A Seawall Fund (Fund 1120) in the total amount of \$775,067.00 and the Type A Arena Fund (Fund 1130) in the total amount of \$5,337,766.00. Of this amount, \$100.00 will remain in the Operating Budget for Arena administration, and \$5,337,666.00 will be transferred to the Capital Budget to support new and existing Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects associated with the Hillard Center Arena.

The proposed amendment allocates funding for the following projects:

CIP Project #23197 – Arena Exterior Improvements – \$900,000.00

This project will address improvements to the south and west sides of the Arena. The scope includes removal of existing landscaping, selective demolition and replacement of approximately 640 square feet of concrete sidewalk, removal of the existing retaining wall at the statue, excavation and construction of approximately 730 linear feet of new concrete retaining walls, and associated earthwork and base materials. Additional improvements include installation of new landscaping and irrigation systems, electrical upgrades (lighting and conduit), and replacement of exterior structural panels. The requested funding of \$876,271 will support the design and construction of these improvements in FY 2026.

CIP Project #25020 – Arena Fire Alarm System Improvements – \$2,220,000.00

This project consists of upgrades to the Arena's fire alarm system to meet current code requirements. Improvements include integration of fire alarm announcements into the public address (PA) system for bowl seating areas and provision of emergency power to PA amplifiers. The requested funding of \$2,220,000 will support construction of the project in FY 2026.

CIP Project #25021 – Arena Roof Replacement – \$1,467,666.00

This project includes the removal and replacement of the existing Arena roofing system with a new two-ply SBS modified bitumen roof system with a 20-year manufacturer's warranty, covering approximately 82,000 square feet. The scope also includes replacement and correction of coping systems, repair of corroded roof decking, replacement of drain components, and sealing of joints. The FY 2026 budget currently includes \$527,750, and this amendment adds \$447,881 to support construction in FY 2026.

CIP Project #25025 – Convention Center HVAC System and Chiller Replacement – \$300,000.00

This project consists of the removal and replacement of three aging chillers at the Convention Center with new units utilizing magnetic bearing technology and advanced refrigerants. The scope also includes replacement of chilled water and condenser pumps, repairs and upgrades to the cooling tower system, replacement of corroded structural components and access systems, and reconfiguration of piping to improve system redundancy. Additional improvements include replacement of the facility water treatment system and implementation of a condensate reuse system capturing water from the Arena, Convention Center, and Selena Auditorium for reuse within the Hillard Center. The requested funding will support the condensate reuse system improvements in the Arena.

Hillard Center Complex Renovation Development (New FY 2026 Project) – \$450,000.00

This project will fund a study to support the planning, preliminary design, and programming required for the future renovation of the Hillard Center Complex. The scope includes development of conceptual design documents, evaluation of improvements needed to achieve compliance with State Project and Financing Zone requirements, and identification of critical reconstruction needs outlined in the completed facility assessment and gap analysis. The requested funding will support design of the project. Funding for this effort will be supported through a combination of Type A and Type B funds.

Project #	Description	FY 2026 Amendment
23197	Arena Exterior Improvements	\$900,000.00
25020	Arena Fire Alarm System Improvements	\$2,220,000.00
25021	Arena Roof Replacement	\$1,467,666.00
25025	Convention Center HVAC System and Chiller Replacement	\$300,000.00
26030	Hilliard Center Complex Renovation Development (NEW FY 2026)	\$450,000.00
	Total	\$5,337,666.00

ALTERNATIVES:

The Type A Board may choose not to approve the budget amendment, reduce the total funding amount, or remove specific projects from consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact is an increase to revenues of \$775,067.00 in the Type A Seawall Fund. The fiscal impact is an increase to revenues of \$5,337,766.00 in Type A Arena Facility Fund and an expense of \$100.00 for Arena Administration and an increase to the transfer to CIP of \$5,337,666.00.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	1120 Seawall Fund
Organization/Activity:	
Department Number:	57 Economic Development
Project # (CIP Only):	
Account:	300640 Seawall Sales Tax
Amount:	\$775,067.00
Fund:	1130 Arena Fund
Organization/Activity:	
Department Number:	57 Economic Development
Project # (CIP Only):	
Account:	300630 Arena Sales Tax
Amount:	\$5,337,766.00
Fund:	1130 Arena Facility
Organization/Activity:	13821 Arena Administration
Department Number:	57 Economic Development
Project # (CIP Only):	
Account:	530000 Professional Services
Amount:	\$100.00

Fund: 1130 Arena Facility
Organization/Activity: 60165 Transfer to Arena CIP
Department Number: 57 Economic Development
Project # (CIP Only): 23197 Arena Exterior Improvements
Account:
Amount: \$900,000.00

Fund: 1130 Arena Administration
Organization/Activity: 60165 Transfer to Arena CIP
Department Number: 57 Economic Development
Project # (CIP Only): 25020 Arena Fire Alarm System Improvements
Account:
Amount: \$2,220,000.00

Fund: 1130 Arena Facility
Organization/Activity: 60165 Transfer to Arena CIP
Department Number: 57 Economic Development
Project # (CIP Only): 25021 Arena Roof Replacement
Account:
Amount: \$1,467,666.00

Fund: 1130 Arena Facility
Organization/Activity: 60165 Transfer to Arena CIP
Department Number: 57 Economic Development
Project # (CIP Only): 25025 Arena & Convention HVAC Condensate Reuse
Account:
Amount: \$300,000.00

Fund: 1130 Arena Facility
Organization/Activity: 60165 Transfer to Arena CIP
Department Number: 57 Economic Development
Project # (CIP Only): NEW 26030 Hilliard Center Complex Renovation Development
Account:
Amount: \$450,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the budget amendment.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Presentation
CIP Project Sheets