



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of July 13, 2021
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of July 20, 2021

DATE: May 25, 2021
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Ordinance revising Marina Advisory Committee membership to all at-large members.

CAPTION:

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SUMMARY:

The proposed ordinance would modify the composition of the Marina Advisory Committee to eliminate member categories and replace with all at-large members. At-large members would provide more flexibility in terms of recruitment and are a best practice among other cities with marina advisory committees.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Marina Advisory Committee was created in 2007. The committee's duties are to advise and make recommendations regarding development, use, or preservation of the marina, including the following:

- (1) Assist the city council in providing for the orderly, planned development and use of the marina.
- (2) Review the annual and capital improvement budgets regarding the improvement and maintenance of the facilities upon the marina.
- (3) Review and recommend to the city council the feasibility of development, improvements, maintenance or proposed uses for the marina.

The committee has nine members and is structured as follows: 5 – at large members and 1 or more of the following preferred but not required categories scientist, i.e., marine biologist; engineer; environmentalist, and employee or affiliate of restaurant located within the boundaries of the Corpus Christi Downtown Management District.

At Mayor Guajardo's request, the City Secretary's Office compared the composition and duties of Corpus Christi's Marina Advisory Committee with committees in other cities as follows: Port Aransas, TX; Vallejo, CA; Long Beach, CA; Fernandina Beach, FL; and Oak Harbor, WA. Overall, the committees shared similar duties. Corpus Christi's committee structure, however, was an outlier in terms of having specific categories. Most of the committees reviewed were comprised solely of at-large members. None of the other committees included a scientist, engineer, environmentalist, or restaurant owner.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Council could choose to retain the current composition.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the ordinance.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance