



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Resolution for the City Council Meeting on August 25, 2020

DATE: July 16, 2020

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GLO Coastal Lease for Mustang Island Artificial Reef Project

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing a two-year lease of 3.0 acres off Rincon Road from the Texas General Land Office ("GLO") for a \$10,000 annual payment to the GLO with option to extend for an additional two-year term, to be used for storage of reefing material to be used in constructing an offshore artificial reef in the Gulf of Mexico.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes a contract with the Texas General Land Office to lease 3.0 acres to the City of Corpus Christi in the amount of \$10,000 annually for two years. The land will be used to store debris from the Harbor Bridge replacement project which will be used to enhance an artificial reef near Packery Channel known as Mustang Island Reef. This project is a joint project facilitated by Saltwater-fisheries Enhancement Association (SEA) in conjunction with the Port of Corpus Christi, Texas Parks and Wildlife, City of Corpus Christi, and the Texas Department of Transportation.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On November 1, 2012 the City Council approved a resolution allowing the City of Corpus Christi to enter into a surface lease agreement (SL20120044) for the purpose of storing deconstruction material from the demolition of Copano Bay Bridge to be used in the construction an artificial reef near Packery Channel to provide habitat and enhance fishing opportunities close to shore in state waters.

The 160-acre artificial reef (Mustang Island Reef) was a partnership between Texas Parks and Wildlife, Saltwater Fisheries Enhancement Association, Coastal Conservation Association, the Port of Corpus Christi Authority and the City of Corpus Christi. The current project will use concrete culverts from the demolition of the Harbor bridge to enhance and re-nourish the artificial reef. The partnership between the City of Corpus Christi, the Port of Corpus Christi, Flatiron Dragados, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Parks and Wildlife and SEA will provide continuing maintenance of habitat for diverse marine life that will enhance recreational and commercial fishing, providing economic benefits to the region.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the resolution authorizing the execution of the lease agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total amount of the lease is \$20,000 that will be paid in Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021 (\$10,000 per year) from the Water Fund, Environmental Services, Professional Services Account.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund:	4010 - Water Fund
Organization/Activity:	30030 - Environmental Services
Mission Element:	074 - Environmental
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	530000 - Professional Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the resolution authorizing the execution of the lease agreement with the Texas General Land Office for the Mustang Island Artificial Reef Project.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution – Submerged Lease
Coastal Surface Lease No SL20200013
Certification of Funds
Letters of Support for Artificial Reef