

INFORMAL STAFF REPORT

MEMORANDUM

To: Ron L. Olson, City Manager

Thru: Margie Rose, Deputy City Manager

From: Roland Mower, President/CEO
CCREDC

Date: August 25, 2014

Subject: Special Called Meeting

Issue/Problem

Texas Enterprise Zone applicants are required to have a resolution of nomination from the governing body for which enterprise zone slots are being requested from. This resolution must accompany the application; submission deadline is September 2, 2014.

Background & Findings

The Texas Enterprise Zone is an economic development incentive tool that allows local communities to partner with the State to promote job creation and significant private investment. Approved projects are eligible to apply for state sales and use tax refunds on qualified expenditures. The level and amount of refunds is related to the capital investment and jobs created and/or retained at the qualified business site.

The City of Corpus Christi has nine (9) slots per biennium; the current biennium is 2013-2015. The City has not nominated any projects this biennium and we have received more requests for slots than are currently available. The Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation (CCREDC) convened a meeting of the applicants on August 25, 2014 to discuss the strategy moving forward. The decision was made to move forward with the three (3) applicants, Valero, Equistar, and M&G Resins, who have requested a nomination for the September submission date. The remaining two (2) applicants, Flint Hills Resources and voestalpine, will request nomination from the City to submit their application to the State December 1, 2014.

Conclusion

Requesting a special called City Council meeting for August 29, 2014 for approval of Texas Enterprise Zone nominations for Valero, Equistar, and M&G Resins to be submitted to the State on September 2, 2014.