



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting October 29, 2019

DATE: September 30, 2019

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**Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Downtown Management District
(DMD)
for Landscape Maintenance in Downtown Area**

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Corpus Christi Downtown Management District for the maintenance of 104 planters in the downtown area for an initial period of four years.

SUMMARY:

This resolution authorizes an interlocal cooperation agreement with the Downtown Management District (DMD) to provide maintenance services to 104 planters to better serve the landscaping needs of the District and the citizens of Corpus Christi.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On November 4, 2014, the voters approved Bond 2014 Proposition 2 Street Safety, Revitalization and Capacity Improvements Project. Bond 2014 Brochure description reads: "Downtown Road and Streetscape Improvements – Improvements to the downtown streetscape such as new trash cans, improvements to the gateways (Laredo, Agnes, Mesquite area) and wayfinding signage to help create a sense of arrival to the district and enhance downtown image. Other various street, sidewalk, lighting and landscaping improvements such as improvements to People or Lawrence Street."

The specific work planned included new signage, light pole medallions, benches, trash and recycle bins, planters and other miscellaneous improvements to achieve the enhanced image and sense of arrival into the Downtown. This project considered the areas bounded by Shoreline Blvd to Lower Broadway and IH-37 to Coopers Alley.

Additionally, on November 4, 2014, the voters approved Bond 2014 Proposition 2 Chaparral Street Phase 2 Downtown Development Master Plan Project. This project was a continuation of the Phase 1 Chaparral Street Improvements approved via Bond 2008. This project continued the Chaparral Street improvements from Schatzel Street to Taylor Street with minor modifications. It included new curbs, widened sidewalks including but not limited to textured concrete and/or pavers, street pavement. New trees, shrubs, irrigation, landscape lighting and other amenities are also included.

Of the two bond projects listed above, 50 planters with plants were installed per the Chaparral Phase 2 Project, and 54 planters with plants were installed per the Downtown Road and Streetscapes Improvements Project. Total planters installed is 104.

CCDMD agrees to maintain the 104 planters from the date of the final inspection throughout the term of this agreement including any renewals thereto. Maintenance includes but is not limited to watering and replanting as necessary and cleaning and replacing broken planters.

This Agreement is for an initial term of 4 years and may be renewed upon written notice by either party 60 days prior to the expiration of the initial term or any extension. This Agreement shall automatically terminate if the CCDMD is dissolved or if the tax levy is not renewed.

ALTERNATIVES:

An alternative to approving this interlocal cooperation agreement is to allow the existing language in the DMD's Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the City of Corpus Christi funded through the City's General Fund to suffice for maintenance of landscaping. The 2015 agreement states "Landscaping Advisory and Maintenance - Assist the City in planning optimal landscaping and greenery for public improvement projects. Assume maintenance for installed features upon completion of construction, as mutually agreed upon."

However, the statement "as mutually agreed upon" could be interpreted as requiring additional agreements. This Interlocal cooperation agreement further codifies that the DMD will maintain the planters and the plants for at least the next four years.

FISCAL IMPACT:

In 2015, Resolution #030629 authorized an interlocal cooperation agreement between the Downtown Management District and the City of Corpus Christi. The value of this agreement is \$300,000. *Section 2.02 Additional Services Requested by the City* includes mention of maintenance of landscaping; therefore, no additional funding is required to fulfill this service.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1020- General Fund
Organization/Activity: 14690- Downtown Management District
Mission Element: 707 Economic Development
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 530000- Professional Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution for an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Corpus Christi Downtown Management District for the maintenance of 104 planters in the downtown area for an initial period of four years.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

DMD Resolution
Interlocal Cooperation Agreement