

Resolution to authorize amendments to the Professional Services Agreements with Lloyd Gosselink for attorney services, and NewGen Strategies & Solutions for expert witness services in a cumulative maximum amount of \$523,000 related to the case of *Petition by Outside City Ratepayers appealing the Water Rates of the City of Corpus Christi to the Texas Public Utility Commission* (PUC Docket No. 56427).

WHEREAS on March 28, 2024, outside city ratepayers filed petition at the Public Utility Commission of Texas to appeal the City January 1, 2024 water rates, PUC Docket No. 56427;

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2024, the PUC referred case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and identified list of issues to be addressed;

WHEREAS, the City previously contracted with Lloyd Gosselink law firm for legal services and also contracted with NewGen Strategies & Solutions LLC for initial services in this matter;

WHEREAS, the consultants have provided estimate of fees to provide assistance to the City in this matter through FY 25 in the cumulative total of \$523,000;

WHEREAS, Texas Water Code Section 13.043 (b)(3) provides that only ratepayers who reside outside the corporate limits of the municipality may appeal the water rates of a municipally owned utility to the Public Utility Commission of Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

Section 1. The City Manager or designee is authorized to execute amendments to the Professional Services Agreement with Lloyd Gosselink for legal services and NewGen Strategies & Solutions for expert witness services in the cumulative amount of \$523,000 for services through FY 25 in the Public Utility Commission of Texas Petition of Outside City Ratepayers Appealing the Water Rates of the City of Corpus Christi, SOAH Docket No. 473-24-19854 and PUC Docket No. 56427.

Section 2. The City Council finds that the entirety of the funds for the amendments to the Professional Service Agreements described in Section 1 above are attributable to the outside city limits ratepayers and are to be included in the calculation of the outside city limits water rates.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary