



CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of November 18, 2025
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of December 09, 2025

DATE: November 18, 2025

TO: Peter Zaroni, City Manager

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**Application Filing and Authorization Representative Ordinance
For TWDB funding in S.B. 1 General Appropriations Act for Mary Rhodes Pipeline
Upgrades project.**

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$16,000,000.00 to the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) to provide for the costs of Mary Rhodes Pipeline Upgrades project as identified in Sec. 17.18 (31) of S.B. 1 General Appropriations Act (89th Legislature); authorizing staff and consultants to coordinate the submission of the application and to execute all documents necessary to accept and administer the funds on behalf of the City as the applicant agency; amending the FY2026 Operating Budget.

SUMMARY:

Ordinance will authorize the execution of all documents necessary to apply for TWDB financial assistance in an amount not to exceed \$16,000,000.00 for the Mary Rhodes Pipeline Upgrades project as identified in Sec. 17.18 (31) of S.B. 1 General Appropriations Act (89th Legislature).

The ordinance will also designate and authorize the City Manager, the Interim Chief Operating Officer, Director of Engineering Services, the Director of Finance & Procurement and their designees as the representatives of this grant application and to execute all documents necessary to accept and administer the funds on behalf of the City as the applicant agency.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

As part of the 89th Texas State Legislature, the State of Texas enacted Section 17.18 of Senate Bill 1, the General Appropriations Act, which directs the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to allocate funding for Special Water Infrastructure, Flood, Wastewater, and Supply Projects. Under this provision, the City of Corpus Christi has been awarded \$16,000,000.00 to support the Mary Rhodes Pipeline Upgrades project.

In order to access the allocated funds, the TWDB requires the City to formally approve the Application Filing and Authorized Representative Ordinance.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to submitting an application and the City will pay 100% of the total project cost.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for Corpus Christi Water in FY 2026 is accepting and appropriating an amount of \$16,000,000.00 to the Water Grants Fund for the Mary Rhodes Pipeline Upgrade project.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1052
Organization/Activity: 89 – Grants & CIP/ Mary Rhodes TWDB
Dept: 45 - Water
Account: various
Amount: \$16,000,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of the ordinance.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Application Affidavit
Certificate of Secretary
Presentation