

One-Reading ordinance amending Ordinance 033784 authorizing execution of a Groundwater Rights Purchase and Sale Agreement with Evangeline/Laguna, LP in the amount of \$169,491,700.00.

WHEREAS, there is a statutory exception for this procurement in Local Government Code, Section 252.022(a)(2), as this purchase is necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the City's residents;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Evangeline Groundwater Project is to transport 28,486 acre feet of groundwater per year from San Patricio County to Nueces County, Texas for use in the City of Corpus Christi CCN;

WHEREAS, this amendment is necessary due to the final survey of the property to change the groundwater rights purchase from 22,789 acres to 21,483.86 acres;

WHEREAS, 22 drilling permits with a term of at least three years and a transport permit for 28,486 acre feet is required from the San Patricio Groundwater Conservation District;

WHEREAS, City Council finds that this contract is reasonable and necessary to furnish the ratepayers with water service; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that recovery of the cost of this contract through the utility rates is reasonable and necessary to preserve the utility's financial integrity.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The City Council specifically finds that the foregoing statements included in the preamble of this resolution are true and correct and adopts such findings for all intents and purposes related to the authorization of this procurement.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or designee is authorized to execute a Groundwater Rights Purchase and Sale Agreement for the purchase of approximately 21,483 acres of groundwater rights located in San Patricio County from Evangeline/Laguna, LP in the amount of \$169,491,700.

SECTION 3. All other sections of the original ordinance remain effective.

SECTION 4. This section constitutes a written request by the mayor or majority of the members of the Council for this ordinance to be passed finally on the date of introduction due to emergency. The City Council finds and declares an emergency due to the need for immediate action necessary for the efficient and effective administration of City affairs; and suspends the City Charter rule that requires consideration of and voting upon ordinances at two regular meetings so that this ordinance is passed and takes effect upon first reading as an emergency measure.

PASSED and APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

Paulette Guajardo, Mayor

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary