



CITY OF  
**CORPUS CHRISTI**

**AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action for the City Council Meeting of May 5, 2026

**DATE:** May 5, 2026  
**TO:** Peter Zaroni, City Manager  
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**Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for Gulf Beach Lifeguard Services**

**CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County to provide lifeguard services to Nueces County at Nueces County Padre Balli Park from May 25, 2026 through September 7, 2026, for an estimated total cost of \$70,628.00, with Nueces County reimbursing the City for those services.

**SUMMARY:**

This resolution authorizes City employed personnel to provide Gulf Beach lifeguard services to Nueces County Beach Padre Balli Park located between Access Road 5 and Access Road 6. The City will provide lifeguards and necessary supplies to render services; in exchange, Nueces County will reimburse the City an estimated amount of \$70,628.00 for services performed from May 25, 2026 through September 7, 2026. The City and County wish to continue this partnership as it provides safety benefits to visitors to the public beach at Padre Balli Park.

**BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

Padre Balli Park and Bob Hall Pier are located on the Nueces County Beach between Access Road 5 and Access Road 6. Historically, Nueces County has not provided lifeguard services at this location. This stretch of beach is known to be one of the most dangerous areas for rip currents and drownings within our Gulf Beaches.

In August of 2019, Nueces County proposed that the City of Corpus Christi provide lifeguard services at this location during the Spring Break and Summer seasons. In 2020, an Interlocal Agreement was approved by City Council to fulfill this request wherein the City agreed to provide the County with lifeguard services for the public beach within Nueces County Padre Balli Park. The Interlocal Agreement established a successful operation, and subsequent agreements were approved by City Council in 2021 and 2022, in the amount of \$32,100 and \$57,068 respectively.

The City continued to provide lifeguard services until 2022 when Bob Hall Pier was demolished due to extensive damage caused by Hurricane Hannah in 2020. Interlocal

Agreements for lifeguard services were suspended from 2023 through 2025 as construction was initiated to replace the pier during this period. With the completion of the new pier in February 2026, the County would like to commence with City employed personnel to provide Gulf Beach lifeguard services for Summer 2026.

The City of Corpus Christi has agreed to provide the following services between Access Roads 5 and 6 of Nueces County Beach from May 25, 2026 through September 7, 2026:

- Provide four certified beach rescue lifeguards, including two Senior Lifeguards.
- Provide lifeguard services and necessary supplies including two mobile units.
- The City is responsible for installation, repair and maintenance of beach lifeguard stands.

In exchange for providing lifeguard personnel, Nueces County will reimburse the City for lifeguard wages and employee benefits and costs for necessary equipment and supplies.

**Projected Cost for Nueces County from May 25 - September 7, 2026**

ITEM	HOURS	AMOUNT
Two Lifeguards at \$18.00/per hour	840	\$30,240.00
Lifeguard Benefits		\$2,268.00
Two Senior Lifeguards at \$20.00/per hour	840	\$33,600.00
Senior Lifeguard Benefits		\$2,520.00
Equipment/Supplies		\$2,000.00
<b>Estimated Reimbursement Total</b>		<b>\$70,628.00</b>

City Gulf Beach lifeguards will be under the sole direction and supervision of the City Director of Parks and Recreation or designee. This agreement may be terminated by either party upon 30 days of written notice. In addition, this agreement will be renewed on an annual basis.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Mayor and City Council may choose not to approve the Interlocal Agreement to provide lifeguard services for Nueces County. However, this would result in significantly reduced safety for all visitors to the public beach at Padre Balli Park.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

For the current fiscal year 2026, all expenses incurred by the City to provide lifeguard services between Access Roads 5 and 6 of Nueces County Beach will be reimbursed by Nueces County. Services will include 840 hours of lifeguard services during the period of from May 25, 2026 through September 7, 2026 reimbursable in the amount of \$70,628 to the State Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund.

**FUNDING DETAIL:**

**Funding Detail for Reimbursement**

Fund:	1032	SHOT, State Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund
Department:	27	Parks and Recreation
Organization/Activity:	12070	Lifeguard/First Response
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	N/A
Account:	303032	Nueces County P&R Reimbursement
Amount:	\$70,628.00	

**Funding Detail for Expenses:**

Fund:	1032	SHOT, State Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund
Department:	27	Parks and Recreation
Organization/Activity:	13841	Gulf Beach Lifeguards
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	N/A
Account:	510100	Salaries & Wages
Amount:	\$63,840.00	

Fund:	1032	SHOT, State Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund
Department:	27	Parks and Recreation
Organization/Activity:	13841	Gulf Beach Lifeguards
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	N/A
Account:	513000	Group Insurance Benefits
Amount:	\$4,788.00	

Fund:	1032	SHOT, State Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund
Department:	27	Parks and Recreation
Organization/Activity:	13841	Gulf Beach Lifeguards
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A	N/A
Account:	520025	First Aid Supplies
Amount:	\$2,000.00	

Total expenses: \$70,628

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend approval of this resolution authorizing the Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for City lifeguard services.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Resolution  
Interlocal Agreement