

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of July 15, 2014

DATE: July 9, 2014

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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Approval of a resolution to begin annexation of 16.34 square miles of land into the territorial limits of the City of Corpus Christi

CAPTION:

Resolution declaring the City's intent to begin annexation of approximately 16.34 square miles of land into the territorial limits of the City of Corpus Christi, directing city staff to prepare a service plan for the extension of municipal services to the proposed annexation area, and setting two public hearings on annexation.

PURPOSE:

The proposed annexation of approximately 16.34 square miles of land in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction will provide for compatible future land use and development in the City's primary growth corridor.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

It is the desire of the Corpus Christi City Council to promote growth and development throughout the City and areas under the City's jurisdiction. The property proposed to be annexed has been identified for future development of a windfarm. The City has expressed concern regarding the location and impacts of wind farm developments on future growth areas in the City's Extra-territorial Jurisdiction. As these wind farm developments have the potential to significantly alter the City's future growth, it has been determined that the City should pursue annexation as a means to manage development projects that could prove detrimental to the future growth and development of the City.

The area proposed for annexation contains an estimated 16 dwelling units and, if occupied, a population of approximately 45 residents.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. To not annex the area.
- 2. To offer land owners who have land that is designated with an agricultural or wildlife management use or timber land exemption a Development Agreement to not annex their land. (Subchapter C or D, Chapter 23, Texas Tax Code, or as timber land under Subchapter E, Chapter 23, Texas Tax Code)

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This action conforms to with the City's adopted Future Land Use Plan, which designates the area for a combination of residential, commercial and agricultural uses. A wind farm development is considered a Heavy Industrial use. A Heavy Industrial land use would not be compatible with the development of future residential and commercial uses and as a result could discourage future development in the area in and immediately around the proposed wind farm development.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Staff is requesting a nonemergency reading.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

□ Operating □ Revenue	□ Capital	X Not applicable
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Fiscal Year: 2013-2014	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s): (Do not list Accounting streams, use names of accounts)

Comments: Due to the small population in the area, costs to serve the area will initially be absorbed into City Department Budgets. As growth occurs, capital improvements will be placed in the City's Capital Budget as needed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution