



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting April 26, 2022

DATE: April 26, 2022

TO: Peter Zaroni, City Manager

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**Motion Authorizing Amendments to the Professional Services Agreement with
Maria Gomez Molina, PE to Manage Public Works Operations**

CAPTION:

Motion to authorize execution of the first amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Maria Gomez Molina, PE to provide consulting services as Acting Director of the City's Public Works Department increasing the contract by up to \$75,000 and increasing the term by 90 days, with an option for an additional 60 days up to \$50,000, with FY 2022 funding available in the Streets Fund and Storm Water Fund.

SUMMARY:

This motion approves amendments to the professional services agreement between Maria Gomez Molina and the City of Corpus Christi to provide consulting services as Acting Director of the City's Public Works operations. The amendment also will increase the original contract value by up to \$75,000, with an option to renew for an additional amount up to \$50,000.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On March 7, 2022, the City entered into a professional services agreement with Maria Gomez Molina, P.E., to provide consulting services as Acting Director of the City's Public Works Department. The original contract period was for an amount up to \$50,000 over the period of 92 days, to expire on June 7, 2022.

Maria is a Professional Engineer with 25 years of experience in civil engineering design and project management. Maria holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Texas San Antonio and a floodplain management certification. During her 15-year span as President of GGI Engineers, Maria has led in design and project management for a multitude of projects to include street, drainage, water and wastewater utility.

The purpose of the agreement is to maintain continuity in Public Works leadership through the duration of the recruitment process. The recruitment process is still on-going. The extension of the contract is to ensure the department has a director during the national recruitment process.

During her time with the City, has helped move several major projects forward, to include the submission of the RAISE Grant application and served as the lead for the Pilot Parklet Program.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative would be not to extend the contract for Maria Gomez Molina's services; however, this will lead to a gap in Public Works leadership before a new permanent Public Works Director is identified.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for FY 2022 is a total up to \$125,000 split evenly between the Street Fund and the Storm Water Fund.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 1041 Streets Fund
Organization/Activity: 12400 Street Administration
Mission Element: 051 Maintain pavement & associated improvements
Account: 530000 Professional Services
Amount: \$62,500.00

Fund: 4300 Storm Water Fund
Organization/Activity: 32000 Storm Water Administration
Mission Element: 043 Drainage infrastructure-surface/pipes
Account: 530000 Professional Services
Amount: \$62,500.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends granting the contract amendment, as proposed.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Contract Amendment