## CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF REPRIMAND FOR COUNCIL MEMBER MARK SCOTT

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Whereas, by election held on April 3, 1993, the Corpus Christi voters approved Charter Amendment 3 to amend Article II Section 1 of the City Charter to add an additional subsection (d) regarding term limitations to read as follows:

"(d) No person shall serve more than four two-year terms consecutively as a council member, or four two-year terms consecutively as mayor, or six two-year terms consecutively in any combination of such officers. A person who has reached the limitation on terms provided in this section shall be eligible for election or appointment to the city council after not serving on the city council for one full term of office. (This provision shall take effect beginning with the terms of office commencing in April 1993. Terms of office served prior to such date shall not count toward this limitation.)"

Whereas, by election held on November 2, 2010, the Corpus Christi voters approved Charter Amendment No. 2 to amend Article II Section 1 subsection (d) of the City Charter to increase the waiting period from one term (2 years) to three terms (6 years) before a person becomes eligible to serve again and modifying subsection (d) to read as follows:

"(d) No person shall serve more than four two-year terms consecutively as a council member, or four two-year terms consecutively as mayor, or six two-year terms consecutively in any combination of such offices. A person who has reached the limitation on terms provided in this section shall not be eligible for election or appointment to the city council until three consecutive terms of office for the council have expired."

Whereas, also by election held on November 2, 2010, the Corpus Christi voters approved Charter Amendment No. 6 to change the City Council election date from the second Saturday in May to the November uniform election date of even numbered years and to allow for a transition election in May 2011, with a shortened term of a year and a half, and amending Article II Section 1 (b) of the City Charter to read as follows:

"(b) The mayor and members of the city council shall be elected for terms of two years and shall hold office until their respective successors have been elected and qualified. The regular election shall be held on the November uniform election date of even -numbered years as authorized by State law; provided that, a transition election shall be held on the second Saturday in May, 2011 for terms expiring upon the final canvass of the elections in November 2012."

Whereas, it is the belief of the Corpus Christi City Council that the intent of the 2010 Charter amendments was to count the shortened City Council term towards the term limits:

Whereas, on September 14, 2016, City Council Member Mark Scott announced his resignation from office prior to the expiration of his term of office in order to avoid City Charter term limit requirements;

Whereas, the Texas Constitution provides that City Charters may be amended no more frequently than every two years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS:

**Section 1**. That Council Member Mark Scott is hereby reprimanded for his actions taken in efforts to avoid term limit requirements.

Section 2. That City Manager or designee is directed to request reimbursement of funds paid to Council Member Mark Scott during his period of nonattendance at City Council meetings.

Section 3. That the City of Corpus Christi will conduct a comprehensive review of the Corpus Christi City Charter to ensure that terms and term limit provisions are clear and satisfy the intent of the voters. The review will be provided to the next Charter Commission in order to hold an election of said issues at the next available election date authorized under State law.

Attest:

Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary

City of Corpus Christi

Nelda Martinez, Mayor

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Michael Hunter	
Chad Magill	<u> </u>
Colleen McIntyre	
Brian Rosas	aye
Lucy Rubio	aisl
Mark Scott	abstain
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