



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of December 12, 2023
Second Reading Ordinance for City Council Meeting January 9, 2024

DATE: December 12, 2023
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**License Agreement for Placement & Maintenance of the “USS City of Corpus Christi”
Submarine Sail at Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park**

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing an agreement with City of CC SSN-705 Submarine Memorial, Inc for placement and maintenance of the “USS City of Corpus Christi” Submarine Sail at Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park.

SUMMARY:

In 2016, the Sea Turtle Base of Corpus Christi started the USS City of Corpus Christi SSN-705 Submarine Memorial Inc. (USSCCC, Inc.), as a memorial and tribute to the over 3,500 submariners who served on the USS Corpus Christi. The USSCCC, Inc. is entering into an agreement with the City to donate a decommissioned submarine sail to be displayed on City property at Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park (SVMP) in the northernmost corner of the park at Cooper’s Alley and South Shoreline Boulevard. The USSCCC, Inc. will be responsible for all costs related to installation and maintenance of the sail while the City will accept delivery, receipt, and conservatorship of the sail.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The SSN-705 is a 26 foot long, 17-foot-tall sail from the USS City of Corpus Christi submarine. It weighs around 60 tons with the fairwater planes installed and is around 30 feet in width. The installation of the sail will include a pedestal for the sail as well as a donor plaque recognizing the USSCCC, Inc. submariners and memorial group.

The USSCCC, Inc., will procure the sail from the United States Navy and will facilitate delivery, installation, and maintenance of the sail for display on City property at Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park (SVMP) no later than 24 months after the signing of the agreement by the City. The designated location for the sail is depicted in Exhibit 2 of the Agreement. In addition, the USSCCC, Inc. will provide plans for the location, landscaping, and will be responsible for all required permits prior to performing any work at the project site.

The City’s Engineering Department will be required to monitor the work throughout the installation process and upon completion of the installation/construction. Any repairs/alterations required by the City will be managed by the USSCCC, Inc. and construction/installation will not be completed

until the work is final approved by the City's Engineering Department.

The USSCCC, Inc. will be responsible for all costs related to procurement, delivery, installation, and maintenance of all components related to the sail including but not limited to the sail, donor's plaque, and walkway. Prior to installation of the sail, they will provide a final, detailed maintenance schedule to the Director of Parks & Recreation for approval.

Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park (SVMP) on the City's bayfront is a place of honor where visitors can pay tribute to those who have served in the U.S. military. In December 2022, the City retained Turner-Ramirez Architects for the development of a conceptual design and master plan for SVMP. The Master Plan for SVMP was approved by Mayor/City Council in March 2023.

The 10-year Parks & Recreation Master Plan identifies improvement opportunities for SVMP which can provide enhancements to conservation practices. Veterans Memorial Park is categorized as a "Special Use" park designed to accommodate varied recreational interests to attract regional/statewide audiences and serve as revenue-producing amenities for the community. Additionally, the Master Plan supports the mission of the Parks and Recreation Department by identifying important investments essential to providing quality parks and recreational resources.

ALTERNATIVES:

Mayor and City Council can revise or disapprove the proposed license agreement.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with this License Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend approval of the License Agreement for placement of the Submarine Sail at Sherrill Veterans Memorial Park.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Agreement
Presentation