



AGENDA MEMORANDUM
Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation Meeting
September 18, 2023

DATE: September 11, 2023

TO: President and Honorable Board Members,
Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation

THROUGH: Peter Zaroni, City Manager

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Request for Funding Reallocation
Whataburger Field HVAC Replacements

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the reallocation of Type A Business and Jobs Development Funds from the Major Business Incentive fund in the amount of \$26,725 for Whataburger Field HVAC replacements.

SUMMARY:

A motion authorizing the reallocation of funding for Whataburger Field HVAC permanent fixture replacement to offset a portion of the expense of the seven HVAC units the Corpus Christi Hooks intends to replace following the 2023 season.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Since the 2021 season, MLB has operated as the new governing body overseeing minor league baseball (also known as the Player Development League, or PDL). The previous governing body, the National Association of Baseball, did not have facility standards in place. With the shift in management, the MLB has created standards for minor league baseball facilities. All 120 license holders (including the Corpus Christi Hooks) are subject to enhanced standards to create a more consistent workplace environment across all of the minor league teams.

At the August 2021 Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation board meeting, the board approved a Capital Improvement Project for Whataburger Field to make modifications required by the Major League Baseball (MLB) to be made at Whataburger Field to include upgrades to the field lighting required by the MLB, construction of a new women's personnel clubhouse, and renovations to the visitor's clubhouse. Funding totaling \$701,800 was approved by the board to partially fund the requested amounts in August 2021, for the improvements. An additional amount was appropriated in FY22-23 to meet the Hooks full requested amount of \$1,076,000. At the completion of the project in March 2023, the total project expenditure totaled \$1,049,274.72, leaving \$26,725 in unspent funds.

The recent projects supported by Type A funding have helped Whataburger Field meet some of the base measurements and standards that are required by the MLB. There are some additional needs that were not included in the original project and are not required by the MLB but will benefit the stadium. One such need is to upgrade the HVAC permanent fixtures.

Of the original 42 HVAC units at Whataburger Field, approximately 22 of the original units remain and approximately 20 have been replaced. The Corpus Christi Hooks replaced 6 suite HVAC units prior to the 2023 season which included interior work requirements to the ceiling grid and fire sprinkler system. The Hooks intend to replace 7 more units to continue the Whataburger Field HVAC replacement efforts. Staff recommends reallocating the remaining \$26,725 for the cost of these replacements.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Type A Board could choose not to reallocate the funding or make modifications to the request.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The financial impact includes expenditures not to exceed \$26,725 in Fund 1140 Business and Job Development.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1140 – Business & Job Development
Organization/Activity:	15010 – Major Business Development
Mission Element:	57-Economic Development
Project # (CIP Only):	
Account:	530000-Professional Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends authorizing the request for reallocation of the funding in the amount of \$26,725 to support the efforts used for replacing Whataburger Field HVAC units.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

N/A