

One-reading ordinance creating the Corpus Christi Health Department; amending the City of Corpus Christi Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022; providing for Health Department general fund positions (grant-funded positions will be addressed in subsequent ordinances); and providing for assignment and acceptance of grants.

WHEREAS, the creation of a City Health Department will enable the City to better manage liability, provide better financial and performance accountability, pursue the provision of health services to Corpus Christi residents more efficiently and effectively, and more effectively collaborate with other health care providers and academia to form a coordinated effort on public health initiatives;

WHEREAS, the creation of the City Health Department will enable the City to create a high-performing, results-oriented organization that will be universally respected by citizens, professional partners, and peer agencies.

WHEREAS, the City Council resolved the City of Corpus Christi to withdraw from the Corpus Christi-Nueces County Public Health District (Health District) effective 90 days after written notice provided to Nueces County pursuant to the Reformation of the Cooperative Agreement to operate a Public Health District as amended and Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 121;

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi (City) provided Nueces County (County) notice of the City's withdraw on October 19, 2021, effective 90 days thereafter, on January 18, 2022;

WHEREAS, new positions will be created within the new City Health Department, and, upon withdrawal, all City-funded Health District positions will be eliminated, and grant-funded positions will continue to be grant-funded;

WHEREAS, some duties of the Health Districts may be assigned to City Departments other than the Health Department including potentially assigning Vital Records to the City Secretary's Office;

WHEREAS, the City and County are currently negotiating to ensure no interruption of services resulting from City's withdrawal from Health District;

WHEREAS, future City Councils action may be required to account for negotiations with Nueces County, including a potential extension of the Health District;

WHEREAS, future City Councils action may be required to account for adjustment

of reimbursement from Nueces County; and

WHEREAS, future City Councils action may be required to finalize budgeted positions and expenditures.

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

SECTION 1. The Corpus Christi Health Department is hereby created and established.

SECTION 2. Corpus Christi Code Sec 2-51, Subsection (8) is amended as follows:

- (8) ~~Corpus Christi—Nueces County Public Health District.
A public health district that provides for the operation and promotion of local public health programs within the framework of the cooperative agreement between the City and Nueces County.~~
Health Department.
A department that provides for the operation and promotion of local public health programs.

SECTION 3. The Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021- 2022 is amended to add the Health Department with 50 positions, as shown in **Exhibit A** attached to and incorporated in this ordinance. The 50 positions do not account for grant-funded positions. The number of positions authorized for the Health Department represents the estimated maximum number of positions that may be needed for the transition of health services from Health District to Health Department. To account for previous duties managed by the Health District, the City Manager is authorized to allocate positions from and to the Health Department to other City Departments to the extent funds are budgeted. Future Council Action may finalize the number of positions after the transition.

SECTION 4. The Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021- 2022 is amended to add the Health Department to the Organizational Chart, as shown in **Exhibit B** attached to and incorporated in this ordinance.

SECTION 5. The Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021- 2022 is amended to add the Health Department to expenditures, as shown in **Exhibit C** attached to and incorporated in this ordinance.

SECTION 6. Effective January 18, 2022, the Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021- 2022 is amended to reduce the FTEs for the Health District to 0, as shown in **Exhibit A** attached to and incorporated in this ordinance. If an extension of the Public Health District

is required per negotiations with Nueces County, up to 29 temporary general fund positions are authorized until the end of such extension.

SECTION 7. The City Manager or designee is authorized to request, submit, and execute all documents necessary to assign and accept the assignment of grants, including grants that were to the Corpus Christi-Nueces County Health District. Health and Human Services Commission, Department of State Health Services, and other System Agencies grant contracts may be assigned to the City to continue grant services.

SECTION 8. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision in this ordinance be given full force and effect for its purpose.

SECTION 9. Upon the written request of the Mayor or majority of the members of the Council, copy attached, the City Council: (1) finds and declares an emergency due to the need for immediate action necessary for the efficient and effective administration of City affairs; and (2) suspends the City Charter rule that requires consideration of and voting upon ordinances at two regular meetings so that this ordinance is passed and takes effect upon first reading as an emergency measure on this the ____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Paulette M. Guajardo
Mayor

_____ day of _____, 2021

Corpus Christi, Texas

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the _____ day of _____, 2021.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Corpus Christi, Texas

For the reasons set forth in the emergency clause of the foregoing ordinance, an emergency exists requiring suspension of the Charter rule as to consideration and voting upon ordinances at two regular meetings: I/we, therefore, request that you suspend said Charter rule and pass this ordinance finally on the date it is introduced or at the present meeting of the City Council.

Respectfully,

Council Members

Respectfully,

Paulette M. Guajardo
Mayor

The above ordinance was passed by the following vote:

Paulette M. Guajardo _____
Roland Barrera _____
Gil Hernandez _____
Michael Hunter _____
Billy Lerma _____

John Martinez _____
Ben Molina _____
Mike Pusley _____
Greg Smith _____

EXHIBIT A**Health District Summary**

Personnel Summary				
Personnel Classification	FY 2019 - 2020	FY 2020 - 2021	FY 2021 - 2022	
			Adopted Position Total	Amended Position Total
Operating Personnel:	31	30	29	0
Total:	31	30	29	0

Health Department Summary

Personnel Summary				
Personnel Classification	FY 2019 - 2020	FY 2020 - 2021	FY 2021 - 2022	
			Adopted Position Total	Amended Position Total
Operating Personnel:	0	0	0	50
Total:	0	0	0	50

*Effective January 18, 2022

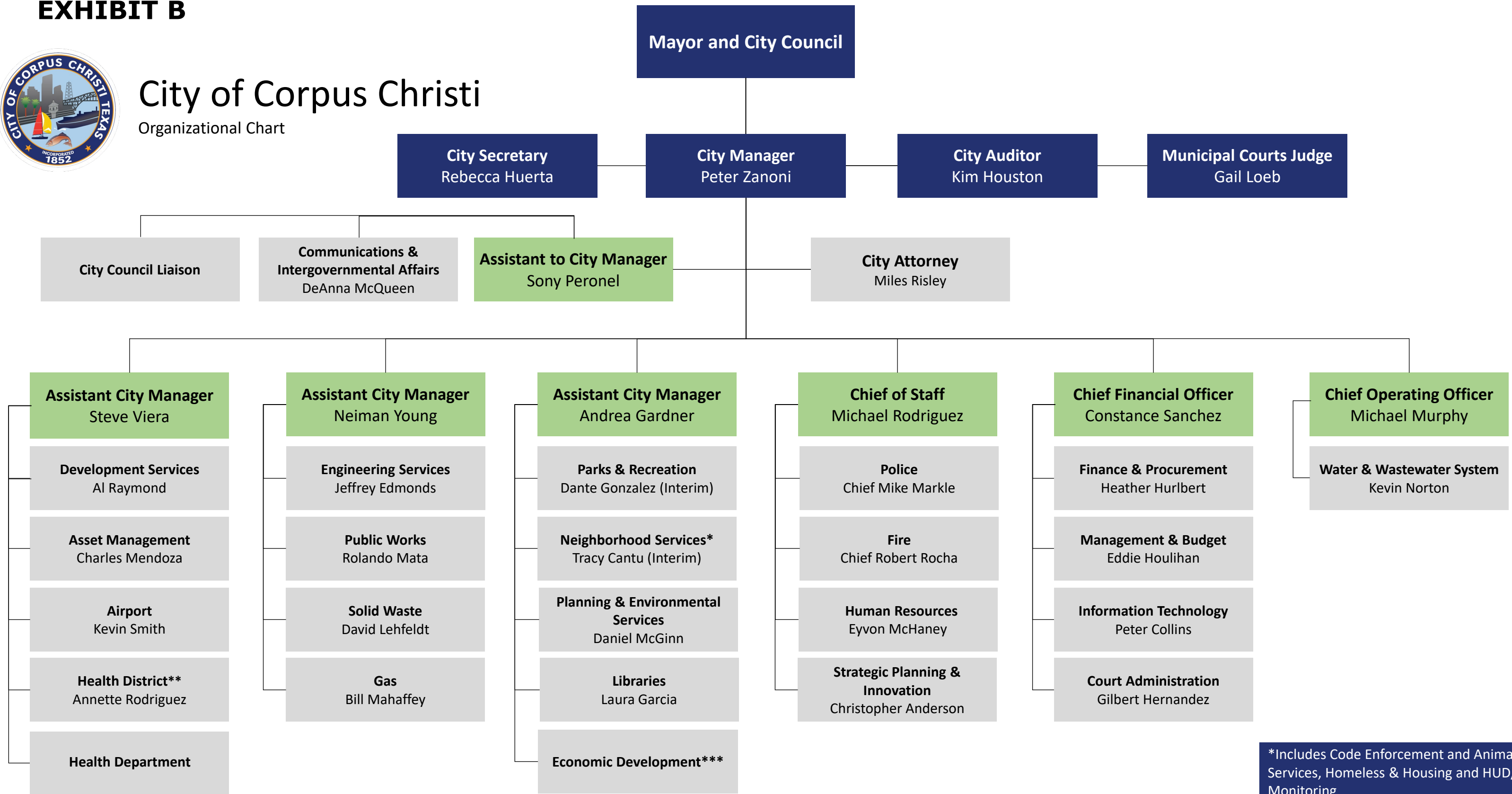
**Effective November 9, 2021, upon ordinance approval

EXHIBIT B



City of Corpus Christi

Organizational Chart



Effective November 9, 2021, upon ordinance approval

*Includes Code Enforcement and Animal Care Services, Homeless & Housing and HUD/Grant Monitoring
 **Local Health Authority Dr. Ramachandruni
 ***to include Infill Development, Island Development, Small Business Recruitment and Retention, Corpus Christi Hooks & American Bank Center

EXHIBIT C

**City of Corpus Christi - Budget
General Fund 1020
Health District Expenditure Detail**

Org. Number	Organization Name	Actuals 2019 - 2020	Original Budget 2020 - 2021	Amended Budget 2020 - 2021	Estimated 2020 - 2021	Adopted 2021 -2022	Amended 2021 -2022
Health District							
12600	Health Administration	\$ 653,068	\$ 1,220,091	\$ 1,250,024	\$ 1,209,749	\$ 1,278,682	\$ 388,433
12610	Health Office Building	420,754	486,680	502,386	502,387	465,256	152,853
12611	Regional Health Awareness Board	1,818	0	0	0		0
12615	TB Clinic - Health Department	57,995	133,340	137,864	154,561	155,605	53,300
12630	Vital Statistics	136,958	222,349	222,503	210,013	224,852	71,363
12640	Environmental Health Inspect	307,294	503,829	503,831	457,136	518,947	171,097
12650	STD Clinic	77,557	108,290	108,292	113,044	134,564	40,595
12660	Immunization	139,703	268,581	299,185	250,434	268,412	124,140
12661	COVID-19 Vaccination	0	0	0	25,747	0	99,151
12666	Wellness Initiatives	5,795	0	0	0	0	0
12690	Nursing Health Svc	151,422	137,901	140,760	131,922	212,486	87,773
12700	Laboratory	179,961	269,556	269,558	251,871	282,961	85,616
Health District Total		\$ 2,132,324	\$ 3,350,617	\$ 3,434,401	\$ 3,306,865	\$ 3,541,765	\$ 1,274,321 *

Health Department Expenditure Detail

Org. Number	Organization Name	Actuals 2019 - 2020	Original Budget 2020 - 2021	Amended Budget 2020 - 2021	Estimated 2020 - 2021	Adopted 2021 -2022	Amended 2021 -2022
Health Department							
12601	Health Administration	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 891,590
12612	Health Office Building	0	0	0	0	0	315,301
12616	TB Clinic - Health Department	0	0	0	0	0	108,738
12631	Vital Statistics	0	0	0	0	0	157,128
12641	Environmental Health Inspect	0	0	0	0	0	361,365
12651	STD Clinic	0	0	0	0	0	93,969
12662	Immunization	0	0	0	0	0	187,556
12691	Nursing Health Svc	0	0	0	0	0	148,526
12701	Laboratory	0	0	0	0	0	197,730
Health Department Total		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,461,903

* Includes \$194,459 in FY 2021 Purchase Order carryforward appropriations