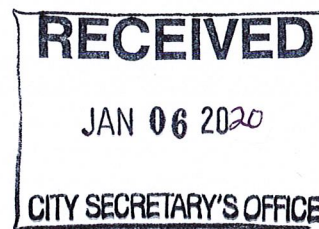




CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI



TO: Peter Zaroni, City Manager

FROM: Paulette Guajardo, Council Member At-Large

COPY: Rebecca Huerta, City Secretary

DATE: January 3, 2020

SUBJECT: Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Please place a one-read ordinance authorizing the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as an official City holiday and Day of Service on the City Council Agenda for January 14, 2020 with the first observance of the holiday to be on January 20, 2020.

In November 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed into legislation Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a federal holiday to be observed on the third Monday of every January. The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday currently is observed in the following organizations: United States Federal Government; State of Texas; Texas' seven largest cities of Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Austin, Fort Worth, El Paso, Arlington; Nueces County Offices; the Port of Corpus Christi; all six School Districts in Corpus Christi; Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi; and Del Mar College.


Budget and Finance staff have estimated that the financial impact of adding a new holiday would be approximately \$167,500 across all funds for additional overtime expenses. The Budget Office also has estimated the daily payroll cost for the city to be approximately \$768,000. Should City Council approve this holiday, the City Manager has recommended that funds budgeted in the FY 2020 Budget for an obesity awareness campaign in the amount of up to \$200,000 be re-directed to cover the additional overtime expenses that would be incurred. The Budget Office has also stated that the City of Corpus Christi currently has seven annual holidays which is three fewer than the average number of city holidays observed by the seven largest cities in Texas.




Paulette Guajardo, Council Member At-Large



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District 3



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