



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of November 9, 2021

DATE: November 1, 2021

TO: Peter Zaroni, City Manager

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The Establishment of City Health Department

CAPTION:

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.

SUMMARY:

The new City Health Department will provide Health Services to the citizens of Corpus Christi. The City's withdraw from the Public Health District becomes effective on January 18, 2022. Funding previously allocated to the City's participation in the Health District will be redirected to the Health Department, effective January 18, 2022. Lastly, the ordinance authorizes the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to accept assignment of grants that were originally to the Corpus Christi-Nueces County Health District.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City of Corpus Christi will establish its own Health Department for the purpose of maintaining and expanding public health services for the City of Corpus Christi. For the last forty years the Corpus Christi-Nueces County Health District has been a partnership serving the residents of Corpus Christi and throughout that time many programs and services have been implemented to keep our community safe and informed of all public health issues. However, with a growing population and a need to be more efficient the City of Corpus Christi has decided to create a new City Health Department that will ensure that the residents of Corpus Christi receive the highest level of services. Thus, the City has notified the Health District of its withdrawal and the partnership with Nueces County will end in the next 90-days effective January 18, 2021.

With the creation of this new department, the City will amend the 2021-2022 operating budget authorizing City positions be created for staff. This will provide the opportunity to deliver the highest standard of services by implementing programs, utilizing grants, and procuring assets that will promote a stronger and more efficient public health department. Amending the operating budget will be vital for the city of Corpus Christi to continue its work servicing the community without out any fears of disruption to any current services being provided. This will allow the City to transition to a better business model that is currently being utilized by the other seven largest cities in Texas and promote accountability as well as fiscal responsibility.

ALTERNATIVES:

We do not create City Health Department and returning to the Health District.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding previously allocated to the City's participation in the Health District will be redirected to the Health Department, effective January 18, 2022.

FUNDING DETAIL: N/A

Fund:
Organization/Activity:
Project # (CIP Only):
Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff supports the creation of a new City Health Department and amendment to the FY 2021-2022 Operating Budget.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance with Exhibits
Presentation