

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation Meeting of February 20, 2017

DATE: March 29, 2017

TO: President and Honorable Board Members,

Corpus Christi Business and Job Development Corporation

THROUGH: Margie C. Rose, City Manager

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Seawall Fund – Bayshore Park Parking Lot Discussion and Possible Action

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing the expenditure of up to \$424,500 from the No. 1120 Seawall Improvement Fund for the Bayshore Park Parking Lot; appropriating \$424,500 from the unreserved fund balance of the No. 1120 Seawall Improvement Fund; and changing the FY 17 operating budget to increase expenditures by \$424,500.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to update the Type A Board on the Bayshore Park Project and discuss potential funding of the Parking Lot.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City of Corpus Christi has a contract with Fulton Construction to execute \$5.08 million in improvements to Bayshore Park. The project includes improvements at Sherrill Park, the Great Lawn, McCaughan Park, McGee Beach and the abandoned Shoreline Roadbed. In addition to the funds provided via the bond, the Parks & Recreation Department has worked with other community partners to bring an addition \$276,000 to the project for a dog park, new playground and fitness equipment.

Improvements to the parking lot at the Old Memorial Coliseum site were planned but not funded in the project. On Monday, January 16, 2017, Johnny Philipello with the Buc Days Commission and Bayshore Park Task Force requested the board consider a request to fund improvements to the parking lot in order to enhance continuity with the Seawall and create additional event space.

The bid for the upgrades to the parking lot is \$424,500. Work includes reconstruction of the parking lot, adjacent curbs and gutters, and lighting. If approved this work with be executed by Grace Paving through the City's IDIQ contract for paving and road construction.

In November 2000, the voters of Corpus Christi approved Proposition 4 which called for the adoption of an economic development sales tax for "the development of improvements to the downtown Seawall and for maintenance and operating costs" of those improvements. Proposition

6 defined the economic development significance of the Seawall by defining its importance to downtown, adjacent parks and public facilities and connection with special events and general public use of the area. As the proposed parking lot improvements, will help create a place for visitors to the Seawall to park, will enhance the continuity between the Bayshore Park and the Seawall, and drive additional economic development by enhancing a special event space adjacent to the Seawall, this is an allowable expense for the fund.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose to not contribute any more funds to this project.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

This parking lot served the Memorial Coliseum, which was replaced by the Type A-funded Arena at a different location. There is no other funding stream to improve the parking lot.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Type A Seawall Authorization, Proposition 4 in 2000

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Parks and Recreation Financial Services City Attorney's Office

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

x Operating

Revenue

Capital

Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2016 - 2017	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Bid Estimate for project		\$425,500.00		\$425,500.00
Encumbered / Expended Amount		0.00		0.00
This item		424,500.00		424,500.00
BALANCE		\$0.00		\$0.00

Fund(s): No. 1120 Seawall Improvement Fund

Comments: n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving of the motion as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Powerpoint – Bayshore Park Update