

#### AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Public Hearing and First Reading for the City Council Meeting of June 12, 2018 Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of June 19, 2018

**DATE:** April 19, 2018

**TO**: Keith Selman, Interim City Manager

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# **Establishing a Flood Hazard Mitigation Committee**

#### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance amending the Corpus Christi Code to establish Flood Hazard Mitigation Information Committee.

# **PURPOSE:**

The Community Rating Systems (CRS) strongly encourages locally designed plans to prevent and reduce flood losses. Two CRS activities specifically credit local planning committees that design such plans. These plans are Program for Public Information (PPI) and Flood Insurance Coverage Improvement (CPI) Plan. The proposed ordinance establishes the Flood Hazard Mitigation Committee to develop and implement both the PPI and CPI.

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The PPI plan is an ongoing public information effort to design and transmit the messages that the community determines are most important to its flood safety and the protection of its floodplains' natural functions. A PPI should help design a community's entire flood protection public information program, not just outreach projects. PPI covers other types of public information endeavors, such as website or technical assistance; such engagement with the community can yield increased credit under other activities. The maximum credit for creating, adopting, and implementing a PPI is 100 points.

The CPI is an ongoing public information effort designed to promote flood insurance and its importance as a preparedness effort. The CPI plan offers three ways to obtain potential credits by assessing the community's current level of coverage and identifying

shortcomings, preparing the CPI with recommendations about where improvements would help, and CPI implementation. The maximum credit for creating, adopting, and implementing a CPI is 60 points. Establishing the Flood Hazard Mitigation Information Committee would allow for the opportunity to receive additional CRS points. The additional points can assist in keeping and/or improving the class rating for the City. Improving our class rating provides for a greater discount on flood insurance rates.

### **ALTERNATIVES**:

Deny the ordinance

#### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not Applicable

#### **CONFORMITY TO POLICY:**

The ordinance is consistent with the goals and strategies for resilience in Plan CC.

- 1. Corpus Christi has a holistic community standard of resilience that adapts to changing conditions such as storm hazards, high winds, and sea level rise.
- 2. The City has a multiple lines-of-defense strategy for protection against flooding from coastal storm surges.

# **EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-emergency

#### **DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Fiscal Year: 2017- 2018	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget		\$ 25,000.00		
Encumbered /				
Expended Amount		\$ 0		
This item		\$ 6,000.00		
BALANCE		\$ 19, 000.00		

Fund(s): Development Services

Comments: None

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance that establishes a Flood Hazard Mitigation Committee.

# **LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** Ordinance

Presentation