

Resolution authorizing the submission of applications to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for La Quinta Channel and Inner Harbor water rights diversion and discharge permits necessary for development of two seawater desalination plants and authorizing payment of permit fees in total amount not to exceed \$450,000

WHEREAS, the City is in the process of preparing water rights and discharge permit applications to be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ);

WHEREAS, the City is seeking a water right to divert up to 186,295 acre feet per year at a maximum rate of 166.2 million gallons per day from La Quinta Channel in Corpus Christi Bay to supply process water for a seawater desalination plant;

WHEREAS, the City is also seeking a water right to divert up to 93,148 acre feet per year at a maximum rate of 83.1 million gallons per day from the Inner Harbor, a tributary of Corpus Christi Bay, to supply process water for a seawater desalination plant;

WHEREAS, the City is also seeking discharge permits from TCEQ to allow discharge up to 68 million gallons per day into the Inner Harbor and discharge up to 91 million gallons per day into La Quinta Channel;

WHEREAS, TCEQ regulations provide that if the applicant is a municipality, the application shall be signed by a duly authorized official; and TCEQ regulations regarding water rights permits further provide that written evidence in the form of bylaws, charters, or resolutions which specify the authority of the official to take such action shall be submitted to the TCEQ.

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

SECTION 1. The City Manager and any of the City's Assistant City Managers are each hereby duly authorized to execute the Water Rights Permitting Applications and Discharge Permit Applications described herein to be submitted to the TCEQ in accordance with TCEQ regulations.

SECTION 2. The City Manager and any of the City's Assistant City Managers are also each hereby duly authorized to execute all documents necessary for the TCEQ's consideration and approval of these water rights and water discharge permits.

SECTION 3. Payment of permit fees in the amount not to exceed \$450,000 is hereby approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2019:

Joe McComb _____

Roland Barrera _____

Rudy Garza _____

Paulette M. Guajardo _____

Gil Hernandez _____

Michael Hunter _____

Ben Molina _____

Everett Roy _____

Greg Smith _____

ATTEST:

CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Joe McComb
Mayor