



## **AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

Action Item for the City Council Meeting May 19, 2020

**DATE:** May 4, 2020  
**TO:** Mayor and Council  
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Adding Corpus Christi Bay, Nueces Bay and recently annexed territory  
to City Council Districts

### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance adding Corpus Christi Bay, Nueces Bay, and annexed territory to City Council Districts; and providing for an effective date.

### **SUMMARY:**

The City Council general election for Mayor and Council Members is on November 3, 2020. The City has annexed property in the London area and San Patricio County per the following ordinances: 031776 (5/21/19) – LaQuinta Corridor; 031777 (5/21/19) – north side of Corpus Christi Bay / San Patricio County; 031822 (7/30/19) – London area; 031944 (12/10/19) – London area for King's Lake; and 031945 (12/10/19) – London area for King's Landing. The City has disannexed property per the following ordinances: 031816 (07/23/19) – north side of Corpus Christi Bay / San Patricio County; 031935 (11/19/19) – LaQuinta Corridor for voestalpine; and 032065 (5/24/20) – Occidental Chemical Corporation.

The annexed areas, while unpopulated, need to be incorporated into Council districts. Based on the location of the areas, staff is recommending the annexed areas be added to Districts 3, 4, and 5, respectively, as depicted in the attached map. Additionally, Nueces Bay would be added to District 1 and Corpus Christi Bay to District 4 for contiguity purposes.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The City Charter provides that five council members are elected by majority vote from single member districts, and each district will have the same population to the extent possible [Article II, Section 1(a)]. Since the annexed areas have no population under the 2010 census, adding the territory to any Council district would not cause the 2011 districting plan to become out of balance for "one person, one vote" purposes. Additionally, the cited section of the City Charter provides that any ordinance to equalize territory/population may not be enacted less than 90 days before any general election.

The attached maps provide two views of the Council districts— one including the water areas

(which is Exhibit A to the ordinance), and one including the land areas only. Staff is recommending the annexed areas be added to Districts 3, 4, and 5, respectively, as illustrated in the map. Additionally, Nueces Bay would be added to District 1 and Corpus Christi Bay would be added to District 4 for contiguity purposes.

A portion of the newly annexed area is in San Patricio County. Upon the advice of the Texas Secretary of State's Office, the City Secretary's Office has discussed how best to provide election services to said area with the San Patricio County Election Administrator and the Nueces County Clerk. The mutually agreed upon method is for the City to contract with the Nueces County Clerk to cross county lines to provide election services in San Patricio County. In effect, the San Patricio County Election's Office would provide the Nueces County Clerk a list of any City of Corpus Christi registered voters in the annexed area. The City registered voters in San Patricio County would then be allowed to vote at any vote center in Nueces County. This option would result in no additional election costs for the City and would minimize voter confusion since all District 4 voters would vote in Corpus Christi.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Map – Exhibit A to Ordinance - Council Member Districts (including water area)

Map – Council Member Districts (land area only)

Ordinance