

Resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application totaling up to \$901,952 to the Office of the Governor for funding from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program with a matching contribution from the city of \$250,000 for project management and grant administration services.

WHEREAS, with 15 major installations and the Army Futures Command, numerous headquarters, open spaces for realistic training, low cost of living and outstanding support to military and families, Texas has a long, significant and proud history of partnership with the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, active duty and reserve installations across the branches of service in Texas have an economic impact of roughly \$150 billion to the Texas economy per year and 255,000 uniformed and civilian employees which generates a significant amount of sales tax revenue for the State; and

WHEREAS, these military installations are also part of the fabric of many communities and are a source of great pride, provide skilled workforce, add to population growth, and have significant economic impact; and

WHEREAS, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (NASCC) and the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) have an estimated employment of more than 9,400 full-time and contract employees making CCAD the largest employer in the City and NASCC the sixth largest; and

WHEREAS, CCAD is the premiere rotary wing aircraft and component repair facility in the world which was established in 1961 to ensure aviation readiness through overhaul, repair, modification, retrofit, testing, recapitalization, and modernization of helicopters, engines and components using the expertise of civilian artisans who take aging aircraft and transform them into practically new, fully-modernized helicopters packed with additional capabilities and cutting-edge technologies to handle anything on the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, CCAD is designated as a Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence for rotary wing aircraft, CCAD has completed world-class maintenance on more than more than 544 aircraft; approximately 3,000 engines and nearly 112,000 helicopter components since 2003 for the UH-60 Black Hawk, CH-47 Chinook, AH-64 Apache, OH-58 Kiowa and the Air Force HH-60 Pave Hawk. This effort includes world-wide, on-site field maintenance teams, analytical crash investigations and chemical material process facilities; and

WHEREAS, CCAD is the largest tenant consumer of natural gas service aboard NASCC and depends on natural gas service for key manufacturing processes; and

WHEREAS, the natural gas system at NASCC is approximately 78 years old and is in a state of severe deterioration after decades of constant exposure to severe corrosive and erosive service environments. These system failures and leakages have resulted in significant operational losses of often critical services that subsequently required emergency repairs in order to restore and attempt to ensure both safety and continued reliable operation of the primary high-pressure natural gas distribution system.

WHEREAS, the proposed project would replace approximately 45,700 linear feet or 8.6 miles of severely deteriorated high-pressure steel lines with new industry standard polyethylene pipe as well as installation of isolation valves, pressure regulators/reducers and valve pits, as needed.

WHEREAS, the project will be accomplished in four phases. The Navy will contract with the City's Gas Department to perform all aspects of the project.

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature appropriated \$30 million in the FY20-FY 21 biennia to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC) Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) fund to assist defense communities that have been, or may potentially be, impacted by a past or future BRAC action, to obtain economic assistance to mitigate or prevent or otherwise positively affect their local economy through funded projects. The DEAAG application period is now open and \$16 million is available for this round. The TMPC deadline for submitting DEAAG applications is October 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, NASCC is leveraging this project with \$800,000 dollars to fund the replacement of the natural gas system and the City of Corpus Christi will provide a match of \$250,000 in project management and grant administration services.

WHEREAS, this project will build on the strong partnership between Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, the State of Texas and the City of Corpus Christi that has made vital infrastructure investments at NASCC and CCAD over the last decade,

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

The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to submit a grant application totaling up to \$901,952 to the Office of the Governor for funding from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program for the Replacement of the Failing and Deteriorating Natural Gas System at NASCC.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the _____ day of _____, 2020:

Joe McComb _____

Roland Barrera _____

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