

RESOLUTION NO. 25-R-95

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHWOOD, TEXAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A DESNAGGING PROJECT FOR BASTROP BAYOU AND OYSTER CREEK; COMMITTING LOCAL FUNDS TO MATCH GRANT FUNDING; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH BRAZORIA COUNTY AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Richwood recognizes the importance of regular maintenance and flood mitigation efforts along Bastrop Bayou and Oyster Creek to protect public health, property, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Brazoria County has secured the opportunity for grant funding to support a county-wide desnagging project of both Bastrop Bayou and Oyster Creek; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total project cost is approximately \$5.5 million, inclusive of design and construction, with the required local matching contributions calculated based on the waterway mileage within each jurisdiction's area of responsibility; and

WHEREAS, preliminary calculations estimate the City of Richwood's matching portion to be \$18,624.06 for Oyster Creek and \$28,169.73 for Bastrop Bayou, for a total projected commitment of \$46,793.79; and

WHEREAS, funding responsibilities are shared among multiple stakeholders, including the Velasco Drainage District (VDD), Angleton Drainage District (ADD), and neighboring municipalities such as Clute and Lake Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that the final cost share may fluctuate depending on the participation of partner jurisdictions, particularly the Velasco Drainage District, which manages a significant portion of the waterways involved; and

WHEREAS, staff has recommended including this expenditure in the FY26 budget, with the potential to spread the financial commitment over two fiscal years, and has requested authorization to inform Brazoria County of Richwood's intent to participate as a willing partner; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHWOOD, TEXAS, THAT:

1. The City Council hereby expresses its support for Brazoria County's proposed desnagging project for Bastrop Bayou and Oyster Creek and acknowledges the importance of inter-jurisdictional cooperation in regional flood mitigation.
2. The City of Richwood commits to participating in the project and preliminarily agrees to contribute a local match in the estimated amount of \$46,793.79, understanding that the total may range up to \$90,000 depending on final stakeholder participation.
3. The City Council authorizes staff to include the project in the FY26 budget planning process, with flexibility to phase expenditures across multiple fiscal years if needed.
4. The Mayor or their designee is authorized to communicate the City's willingness to partner with Brazoria County and other stakeholders, and to execute any necessary

interlocal agreements or memoranda of understanding, subject to future Council approval.

5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

Michael Durham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary