



City of Corpus Christi City Manager

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The City of Corpus Christi is situated on the Gulf Coast of Texas with a population of 285,175. In 1519, on the Catholic feast day of Corpus Christi, Spanish explorer, Alonzo Alvarez de Pineda discovered a lush semi-tropical bay on what is now the southern coast of Texas. The city that began as Kinney's Trading Post was founded by Colonel Henry Lawrence Kinney between 1838-39. It remained an obscure settlement until July 1845, when U.S. troops under General Zachary Taylor set up camp here in preparation for war with Mexico. The city was incorporated on September 9, 1852, having been renamed Corpus Christi a few years earlier.

Today, Corpus Christi is a center for petrochemical manufacturing, large-scale fabrication, marine research, maritime shipping, and tourism. The tropical climate, exceptional opportunities for entertainment and premier health care facilities enhance the City's progressive growth and economy creating a great living environment. The Port of Corpus Christi is the sixth largest U.S. Port in cargo tonnage and is growing. The City is a major trade gateway for Mexico and Latin America.

There are five school districts located in the City with a number of parochial and private schools available throughout the area. Higher and continuing educational opportunities can be found in the city as well, including Texas A & M University Corpus Christi and Del Mar College, a two-year community college.

The combination of beaches, professional baseball, world-class entertainment, arena football, hockey, museums, three performing arts centers, state aquarium, music from symphony to jazz, diverse cuisine, short commutes and a relatively low cost of living make Corpus Christi an ideal location to live, work and play.

The Corpus Christi region's greatest strength has always been its location and rich natural assets. Between 5 and 6 million people visit the area each year, taking in the beauty of the crescent-shaped coastline and a host of recreational activities. Fishing, kite boarding, beachcombing, sunbathing and sailing are just a few of the many activities available to visitors who long to enjoy the natural resources of this coastal paradise.

For those who enjoy a leisurely stroll, there is no better place than the downtown seawall. Constructed in 1941, this impressive structure serves a dual purpose: it protects downtown from the waters of Corpus Christi Bay while also providing residents and visitors a perfect place to enjoy a long walk, a brisk run or a bike ride. The seawall is a magnificent 14-foot-high stairway that stretches two miles along the bay.

The city's shopping district is centered along South Padre Island Drive, where you will find the city's two malls as well as a large plaza with numerous stores and restaurants. In and around Corpus Christi you will find several smaller, quaint shopping centers that offer unique gifts, clothing, and folk art.



Corpus Christi has a marine climate, enjoying similar temperatures to those of other Gulf Coast regions, but lower precipitation as it is located in a semiarid region. Average high temperatures in the summer months exceed 90 °F (32 °C) while average nighttime winter lows in January, the coldest month, are a little less than 50 °F (10 °C). Corpus Christi is also incredibly windy. There is an average of 288 sun-filled and rain-free days, and wintertime temperatures in the 70s and 80s are common.



The Mission

The City of Corpus Christi is dedicated to delivering responsive services that address our diverse community's needs and enhance the quality of life in our All-America City. We will accomplish this through fiscal discipline, continuous improvement, straightforward communication, wise stewardship of resources, and excellent customer service.

The City functions under a Council/Manager form of government. The Mayor and City Council, composed of five district and three at-large representatives, are elected every two years. Under the direction of the Mayor and City Council, the City Manager is the Chief Executive Officer responsible for implementing City Council policy decisions,

administering the City budget, and ensuring delivery of City services. Work is accomplished by leading and directing the city's workforce, and communicating with the Council and community in order to build consensus and create partnerships.

Budgets

Founded in 1838-39

City Incorporated in 1852

Population: 285,175

Total number of employees: 3000

Total budget for all funds: \$650,000,000

This is a key position within the City government and it is essential for the successful candidate to work closely with the City Council in carrying out citywide initiatives and setting the tone and vision for the employees of the city.

The essential functions of the City Manager:

- Serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the City and is responsible to the City Council for the proper administration of all of the City's affairs.
- Maintains open lines of communications with the Mayor, the City Council, the public, the business community, and the media, fostering an atmosphere of trust and credibility within the operations of the city.
- Prepares and submits the City budget annually to the Council and is responsible for its administration after adoption.
- Keeps the Council advised of the financial condition of the City and makes recommendations concerning its future needs.
- Anticipates problems, identify alternative courses of action, prepare proactive recommendations, and to defend and support those recommendations before the City Council.
- Communicate effectively both verbally and in writing with all levels of city staff, city officials and citizens.
- Effectively delegates authority and responsibility while maintaining appropriate levels of operational control.
- Sets clear goals for the organization and report progress to the City Council on a regular basis.
- Sets a positive example of competence, professionalism, energy and work ethic to the organization and community at large.
- Performs such other duties as may be required by the City Charter or required of the City Manager by the City Council not inconsistent with the City Charter.



Interested candidates should possess a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Political Science or related discipline from an accredited college or university. Possession of a Master's Degree in Public Administration, Business Administration or a related field is preferred.

A minimum of ten (10) years progressively responsible, executive level experience in municipal management is required with a diverse, general background in all aspects of city government and significant, direct responsibility for management of municipal operations. Prior service as a City Manager, Assistant/Deputy City Manager or the equivalent in a comparable or larger community is preferred.

The ideal candidate will possess the ability to develop effective relationships utilizing highly developed communication skills at all levels of city government that result in creating an environment that encourages innovation in addressing the challenges facing Corpus Christi today. He/she will have superior leadership skills and documented success creating and implementing a citywide strategic plan. He / she will have a record of intergovernmental cooperation and building cooperative relationships with other units and levels of government. This individual should understand the political process without becoming actively involved in politics and have experience working with unions.

The ideal candidate's background and experience should include exposure to a coastal environment and possess a modern perspective on issues related to natural resources. He / she will have knowledge and familiarity relating to Green Technology. The ideal candidate should possess a record of accomplishment and success with new development and redevelopment projects and understand the concept of smart growth.

The ideal candidate will have a track record of sensitivity and proficiency in serving a racially and culturally diverse population; bilingual skills will be beneficial. He / she will have a willingness to maintain a high degree of visibility in the community, both on and off the job.

Salary

Corpus Christi is offering a competitive salary commensurate with experience. A comprehensive benefits package is also offered. Relocation assistance may be offered for the successful candidate if he/she lives outside of the area.

How to Apply

Interested applicants should forward a transmittal letter of interest and a resume to:

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