

AGENDA MEMORANDUM First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting June 27, 2023 Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting July 18, 2023

DATE: June 27, 2023

TO: Peter Zanoni, City Manager

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Utility Easement Closure for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Block 4 of Queens Landing by KenMs Homes

CAPTION:

Ordinance abandoning and vacating a 20-foot wide portion of a 50-foot wide by 537 feet long utility easement out of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 2, Queens Landing Subdivision, located off of Compton Rd near Bentley Ct

PURPOSE:

The City assesses a fee associated with the request to close an easement in the amount of \$1,159.40, as well as an Administrative Fee of \$52.17, which have been paid by the applicant.

The purpose of this ordinance is to close, abandon, and vacate approximately 10,078 square feet of utility easement on lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 2 of Queens Landing, which is in Flour Bluff at the center of Compton Road between Flour Bluff Dr. and Waldron Rd. the easement was originally dedicated for a gas line that has since been moved and been abandoned. The applicant, KenMS Homes, requests to close this portion of the easement so that the various homeowners can build outside structures, which are currently precluded with the easement. This closure request has been sent to all applicable city departments as well as private entities with vested interests, with no objections received. Closure represents the best interest of the city.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City has reviewed the request, including a review by the Corpus Christi Gas Department, and agrees with the closure. The current utility easement to be closed has no gas line since it was relocated. Closure of the easement does not preclude access to the other easements where the gas line was relocated. The City does not require an appraisal or to collect fair market value. The City assesses a fee associated with the request to close an easement in the amount of \$1,159.40 as well as an Administrative Fee of \$52.17. Both, of which, have been paid by the Applicant.

ALTERNATIVES:

Deny the applicant's request and keep current utility easements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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FUNDING DETAIL: N/A

Fund: Organization/Activity: Mission Element: Project # (CIP Only): Account:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff supports the Applicant's request for the easement closure. The closure of the easement will allow current homeowners the ability to build on their property thereby increasing the value of the home.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance with Exhibits Location Map Presentation