



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of July 8, 2014
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of July 15, 2014

DATE: June 11, 2014

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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Closing a 1,226-square foot portion of a 5-foot wide utility easement out of a part of Lots 8-10, Blk. 40, Bluff Portion Subdivision

CAPTION:

Ordinance abandoning and vacating a 1,226-square foot portion of a 5-foot wide utility easement out of a part of Lots 8-10, Blk. 40, Bluff Portion Subdivision, located south of the Leopard Street public right-of-way, and east of the North Staples Street public right-of-way; and requiring the owner, Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), to comply with the specified conditions.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is to eliminate a utility easement and allow for the future development of the subject property.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Regional Transportation Authority (Owner) is requesting the abandonment and vacation of a 1,226-square foot portion of a 5-foot wide utility easement out of a part of Lots 8-10, Blk. 40, Bluff Portion Subdivision, located south of the Leopard Street public right-of-way, and east of the North Staples Street public right-of-way. The abandonment and vacation of the utility easement is being requested by the Owner in order to allow for the development of the subject property.

Staff recommends that the Owner pay the fair market value of \$2,025.00 for the abandonment and vacation of the utility easement. The owner has been advised of and concurs with the specified conditions of the Ordinance in regards to the easement recording and filing of the ordinance. The Owner must also comply with all the specified conditions of the abandon and vacate ordinance within 180 days of Council approval.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denial of the utility easement closure. This will, however, adversely impact the Owner's ability to move forward with future development of the subject property.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

These requirements are in compliance with the City Code of Ordinances, Section 49-12 and Section 49-13.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY: Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

All public and franchised utilities were contacted. None of the City departments or franchised utility companies had any facilities, or objections regarding the proposed utility easement abandonment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2013-2014	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$2,025.00		
BALANCE		\$2,025.00		

Fund(s):

Comments: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the easement closure. The Owners must comply with all the following specified conditions of the easement closure ordinance:

- a. Owner is required to pay the fair market value fee of \$2,025.00 for the abandonment and vacation of the 1,226-square-foot portion of a 5-foot-wide utility easement out of Lots 8-10, Blk. 40, Bluff Portion Subdivision.
- b. Upon approval by the City Council and issuance of the ordinance, all grants of easement closure and specified conditions must be recorded at the Owners' expense in the Official Deed and Map Records of Nueces County, Texas, in which the affected property is located, with a copy of the recording provided to the City.
- c. Prior to the approval of the building permit and the permitting of any construction on the affected property, the Owners must submit up-to-date surveys, abstracted for all easements and items of record, to the Director of Development Services, or his designee.

- d. Owners must comply with all specified conditions of the ordinance within 180 days of City Council approval.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance with Exhibits