

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 21PROPERTY DONATION TO TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

SUBJECT

(CD 9) Authorize the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas A&M University System Regarding the Transfer of City Property Consisting of Approximately 0.545 Acres of Land Located at the Northwest Corner of East Lancaster Avenue and Calhoun Street to the Texas A&M University System for the Texas A&M Campus Project

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas A&M University System regarding the transfer of city property consisting of approximately 0.545 acres of land located at the northwest corner of East Lancaster Avenue and Calhoun Street to the Texas A&M University System for the Texas A&M Campus project.

DISCUSSION:

On January 24, 2023 The City of Fort Worth (City) and Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) entered into an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) (City Secretary Contract No. 62479) to establish their shared understanding regarding the development of the planned Texas A&M System Fort Worth Campus (Campus Project). The City identified two parcels of land along Lancaster Avenue at Jones Street and Calhoun Street as potential sites to support the Campus Project.

TAMUS has reviewed a property currently owned by Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) at the northeast corner of Calhoun Street and Lancaster Avenue as a possible location for their Performance Visualization and Fine Arts (PVFA) facility. TAMUS is in the process of acquiring this TxDOT-owned tract. Although the land can accommodate the PVFA facility, it is insufficient in size to include the required surface parking.

To support the PVFA facility and the broader higher education goals of the Campus Project, TAMUS aims to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City, whereby the City would donate a 0.545-acre, irregularly shaped parcel located at the northwest corner of Lancaster Avenue and Calhoun Street. This parcel would be used to build a small, well-screened surface parking lot to serve the PVFA facility's parking needs. The City originally obtained this land at no cost through a land exchange with TxDOT several years ago.

The legal description of the land is being approximately a 0.545 acre tract of land being part of the Block D-1- Dagget's Addition, an Unrecorded addition to the City of Fort Worth and being part of those tracts of land described as Tracts 19, and 22 in a Deed to the City of Fort Worth recorded in Volume 2853, Page 39 of the Deed Records of Tarrant County, Texas recorded on April 19, 1955 (Property).

The transfer of ownership of the Property to TAMUS would be carried out under the authority of Texas Local Government Code Section 272.001(j), which allows the City to donate real property to an institution of higher education to serve a public purpose related to higher education. The provision also states that the City will determine the terms and conditions of the transaction so as to effectuate and maintain the public purpose. The transfer would be subject to the following conditions:

1. TAMUS must commence construction of improvements on the Property within five (5) years from the date the City conveys ownership; otherwise, the Property will revert to the City.
2. Prior to initiating any development, TAMUS must submit a site plan detailing the proposed improvements for the City's review and approval.
3. The Property must always be used for a public purpose related to higher education.

It is understood that City Council approval of this Mayor and Council Communication and ILA serves the public interest and supports the advancement of higher education, which is of mutual benefit to all parties.

This property is in City Council District 9.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: Texas A&M

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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