

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 04/22/25

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 25-0315

**LOG NAME:** 06AX-23-009 WALSH RANCH PA5 - OWNER INITIATED

## **SUBJECT**

(Future CD 3) Conduct a Public Hearing, Authorize Execution of a Municipal Services Agreement and Consider Adopting an Ordinance for the Proposed Owner-Initiated Annexation of Approximately 238.8 Acres of Land and 24.85 Acres of Interstate Highway 20 in Parker County Known as Walsh Ranch PA5, Located within the Walsh Ranch Limited Purpose Annexation, North of Interstate Highway 20 and South of Old Weatherford Road in the Far West Planning Sector, AX-23-009

(PUBLIC HEARING - a. Report of City Staff: Derek Hull; b. Public Comment; c. Council Action: Close Public Hearing and Act on M&C)

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing for the proposed owner-initiated annexation of approximately 238.8 acres of land and 24.85 acres of Interstate Highway 20 in Parker County located within the Walsh Ranch Limited Purpose Annexation, north of Interstate Highway 20 and south of Old Weatherford Road, as shown on Exhibit A;
2. Authorize execution of a Municipal Services Agreement between the City and property owner, Quail Valley Devco V, LLC; and
3. Adopt an ordinance annexing AX-23-009 for full purposes.

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## **DISCUSSION:**

On November 17, 2023, representatives for the property owner Quail Valley Devco V, LLC, submitted a request for full-purpose annexation of the property shown on Exhibit A into the City of Fort Worth. The subject property is located entirely within that portion of the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction which is in Parker County. The site is located within the Walsh Ranch Limited Purpose Annexation (AX-03-0010), north of Interstate Highway 20 and south of Old Weatherford Road. The owner-initiated annexation, which is approximately 238.8 acres, is consistent with the urban development annexation criteria as established by the City's Annexation Policy. The subject area is currently agricultural land and the property owner's proposal of residential type development is consistent with the future land use map of the 2023 Comprehensive Plan. The proposed annexation includes 24.85 acres of Interstate Highway 20 adjacent to the property.

The related Limited-Purpose Annexation Case (AX-03-0010) was approved by City Council on October 14, 2003. As a Limited-Purpose Annexation the City was able to approve a regulatory plan to specify the planning, zoning, health and safety ordinances the City would enforce and to state the date by which the City would annex that area for full purposes. City Council approved the related zoning case (ZC-16-115) on June 21, 2016. Zoning for this area is identified as "PD/LDR" Planned Development / Low Density Residential for single family uses in "A-43" One-Family through "R-2" Townhouse/Cluster in accordance with Ordinance No.13896. AX-21-015 is also related to Preliminary Plat Case PP-21-079 (filed on September 10, 2021) and Concept Plan Case CP-17-005 (on file as of November 20, 2017). The Concept Plan and Preliminary Plat were approved by the City Plan Commission. According to the Walsh Ranch development agreement (City Secretary Contract No. 28585), the Owner shall submit preliminary subdivision plats and requests for full purpose annexation pursuant to the procedure for development of the property.

Subchapter C-3 of Chapter 43 of the Texas Local Government Code (LGC) provides for the process of annexation of an area upon a request of an owner of land. Section 43.0672 of the LGC requires a municipality that elects to annex an area upon the request of an owner first negotiate and enter into a written agreement with the owners of land in the area for the provision of municipal services.

The agreement must include:

1. A list of each service the municipality will provide on the effective date of the annexation; and
2. A schedule that includes the period within which the municipality will provide each service that is not provided on the effective date of the annexation.

The municipal services agreement includes these provisions in accordance with state law.

The site proposed for annexation is located fully within the City of Fort Worth's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN), which grants the City exclusive rights to provide retail water and/or sewer utility service. The site is also within the 20-Year Planned Service area as identified in the 2023 Comprehensive Plan.

The proposed uses were considered while assessing the financial impact to the General Fund. A fiscal impact analysis was prepared by the Fort Worth Lab with the assistance of other City Departments. City tax revenue is expected to have a positive fiscal impact over the next ten years after the proposed development has been built. Based on the operating costs projected from the Police, Code Compliance and Transportation and Public Works Departments, the fiscal impact shows a slightly negative effect to the General Fund for the first year, but will have a positive impact thereafter. Therefore, due to the ability of the area to meet the City's criteria for full-purpose annexation, staff recommends approval of the requested owner-initiated annexation, AX-23-009.

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed annexation. The public hearing is an opportunity for persons interested in the annexation to be heard. Once the City Council has conducted the required public hearing, Council may close the hearing and vote on annexing AX-23-009 for full purposes.

If annexed, this property will become part of COUNCIL DISTRICT 3.

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that based upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached ordinance, the annexation will have a long-term positive impact to the General Fund.

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