Thursday, August 28, 2008

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 76

Subject: Set public hearings to consider comments on issues related to the full purpose annexation of the Springwoods Non-MUD annexation area (approximately 348 acres located in Williamson County between Pond Springs Road and Parmer Lane on the north and south sides of Anderson Mill Road). Full purpose annexation is anticipated in December 2010 in accordance with the City's Municipal Annexation Plan. (Suggested dates and times: October 20, 2008, 6:30.pm., at Northwest Fellowship, 13427 Pond Springs Rd, Austin, Texas; and October 23, 2008, 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street).

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The Springwoods Non-MUD annexation area was included in the City's Municipal Annexation Plan (MAP) on December 6, 2007. Inclusion in the MAP starts a three-year process leading up to annexation. Following the public hearings scheduled for October 20, 2008 (on site) and October 23, 2008, city staff and representatives of the property owners selected by the Williamson County Commissioners Court will negotiate the terms of the annexation service plan. The annexation itself will not take place until December 2010.

The Springwoods Non-MUD annexation area includes approximately 348 acres in Williamson County and is located between Pond Springs Road and Parmer Lane on the north and south sides of Anderson Mill Road. On the north side of Anderson Mill Road, the area includes the developed, Town and Country Park, Clear Creek Addition, Ganzert Park, Bailey Oaks, Jolly Oaks, Wayne Smith Estates, and a portion of Jefferson Center. On the south side of the road are the developed, Estates at Hunters Chase, Deer Park/Live Oak, Springwoods Park, and Turtle Rock Estates neighborhoods and the Round Rock Independent School District Deerpark Middle School and Live Oak Elementary School.

The Springwoods Non-MUD annexation area is the area between and adjacent to the non-contiguous pieces of Springwoods MUD and is being added to the City of Austin's Municipal Annexation Plan so that its annexation will coincide with the annexation of the adjacent Springwoods MUD. Springwoods MUD is the subject of a Strategic Partnership Agreement and is exempt from the requirement to be included in the MAP. Annexation of the MUD is planned to take place in 2010 in accordance with a strategic partnership agreement (SPA). This MAP annexation provides the contiguity to the city limits required to annex the non-contiguous pieces of the MUD. In addition, this annexation will create efficiencies in service delivery, expand the city's tax base, and extend city regulations to the area.