Thursday, December 18, 2008

Neighborhood Planning & Zoning RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 37

Subject: Approve an ordinance to annex the Peninsula Municipal Annexation Plan Area for full purposes. (The area is approximately 432 acres in Travis County located west of Westlake Drive approximately 210 feet south of the intersection of Westlake Drive and Trailview Mesa Drive).

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding necessary to provide general governmental services to this tract is available in the budgets of the departments which will be providing the services.

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Prior Council Action: December 15, 2005: Council approved an amendment to the City of Austin's Municipal Annexation Plan to include the Peninsula area and begin the annexation process; August 24, 2006 and August 29, 2006: Council conducted public hearings; November 6, 2008: Council approved an ordinance agreeing to arbitrator's decision and approving a service plan.

The Peninsula annexation area was included in the City's Municipal Annexation Plan (MAP) on December 15, 2005. The Peninsula annexation area includes approximately 432 acres in Travis County located west of Westlake Drive approximately 210 feet south of the intersection of Westlake Drive and Trailview Mesa Drive. The area is bounded by the existing full purpose City limits on the east along Lake Austin and portions of the area are currently in the City's limited purpose jurisdiction. Most of the area is subdivided into large single family lots in addition to a few apartment and condominium complexes, utility facilities, and parking lots for adjacent commercial uses.

Being included in the Municipal Annexation Plan started a three-year process leading to annexation. The process included notification, an inventory of existing services, public hearings and the negotiation and arbitration of an annexation service plan. At this point all of the steps in the process have been completed and approval of the ordinance will annex the area with an effective date of December 31, 2008.