Thursday, July 23, 2009

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 14

Subject: Approve an ordinance vacating 0.373 acres of an un-constructed portion of Springdale Road between Heflin Lane and Oak Cliff Drive, to allow Travis County to rezone the property to civil and public and develop the property by constructing a Travis County administrative building.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Planning Commission and the Urban Transportation Commission.

The request for the vacation of the 0.373 acres (shown on Exhibit A) of an un-constructed portion of Springdale Road between Heflin Lane and Oak Cliff Drive, has been submitted by Roger El Khoury on behalf of Travis County.

The area being requested for vacation will be rezoned and a 16,500 sq. ft. Travis County administrative building will be constructed. All affected departments and franchise holders have reviewed this request and recommend approval, subject to a 5 foot Electric Utility Easement being dedicated to the City of Austin from Travis County (shown on Exhibit B). Property owners within 300 feet of the area to be vacated were notified on February 5, 2009. No objections were submitted to our office.

The street right-of-way was originally dedicated to Travis County by Right-of-Way Deed recorded in Volume 1200, Page 419. When that area was annexed by the City of Austin, it became City of Austin's Right-of-Way, but Travis County continued to own the underlying fee. Travis County was the original dedicator of the street right-of-way, therefore, no revenues will be generated for the City on this vacation.