

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG OLD SAN ANTONIO ROAD AND ONION CREEK FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A PUBLIC PARK; NAMING THIS PROPERTY “WUNNEBERGER PARK”; AND WAIVING THE APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF CITY CODE CHAPTER 14-1 RELATED TO NAMING THIS PROPERTY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. FINDINGS.

1. One of the top priorities in the Parks and Recreation Department’s Long Range Plan and Travis County Greenprint for Growth is acquiring parkland along Onion Creek. The proposed 23.431 acre acquisition provides over a quarter mile of creek frontage and serves as a connection between existing parkland.
2. The lower portion of this property serves as a connection between existing parkland, and the upper portion provides excellent opportunities for more active recreational facilities, such as open field play.
3. Arnold and Betty Wunneburger both served in the U.S. Air Force as officers in World War II and the Korean War. After retiring from military service, they purchased the land around Onion Creek, building the last home they would both ever live in, and raised their four sons on this piece of property. Arnold’s love for the area motivated him to move the log cabin he was born in from Bastrop County to the banks of Onion Creek, but it was unfortunately lost to a major flood several years ago. Cattle and horse ranching, fishing, hunting, boating, and lots of extended family picnics were held in the beautiful setting on Onion Creek. In addition to raising their sons, Arnold and Betty both held active lives after military retirement with Arnold teaching physics, science, and math at Reagan High school, and Betty spending many years as a nurse administrator at both Brackenridge and St. David’s Hospitals, as well as assistant principal at Del Valle schools.
3. As a condition of the purchase and sale agreement, the owners request that the tract of land be named Wunneburger Park.

PART 2. Council authorizes the negotiation and execution of all documents necessary to purchase property located along Old San Antonio Road and Onion Creek, as further described in Exhibit A, in an amount not to exceed \$885,000.

PART 3. The new park is named “Wunneburger Park.”

PART 4. Council waives the requirements of Chapter 14-1, Article 4 (*Approval of a Name for a Public Facility or Property*).

PART 5. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2014.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2014

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Lee Leffingwell
Mayor

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
Karen M. Kennard Jannette S. Goodall
City Attorney City Clerk