

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: November 9, 2017

Item Number: **024**

Office of Real Estate Services

Approve an ordinance vacating approximately 8,470 square feet of right-of-way, being that unconstructed portion of Viola Street, also known as Christopher Street, located north of Copeland Street, east of Christopher Street and west of the 900 block of South 2nd Street, to 1st Street Highlands, LP.

District(s) Affected: District 9

Lead Department	Office of Real Estate Services.
Fiscal Note	There is no fiscal impact.
Prior Council Action	<p>March 26, 2015, Agenda Item 12 was referred to Council Committee with direction to return to Council. The motion was passed on a 9-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Tovo and Council Member Troxclair recused themselves.</p> <p>May 7, 2015, Agenda Item 7 was withdrawn on consent. The motion was passed on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Gallo was absent..</p>
For More Information	Lauraine Rizer, Office of Real Estate Services, (512) 974-7078; Megan Herron, Office of Real Estate Services, (512) 974-5649.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	<p>April 8, 2014, Urban Transportation Commission Recommended (record of vote: 4/0/1/2). Commissioner McKinnon abstained; Commissioners Blocker and Gilbert absent</p> <p>October 10, 2017, Urban Transportation Commission Recommended (record of vote: 8-0). Commissioners Gins and Davis</p>

	<p>off of the dais.</p> <p>March 25, 2014 Planning Commission Recommended (record of vote: 8-0). Commissioner Smith absent.</p> <p>August 22, 2017 Planning Commission Recommended (record of vote: 12-0). Commissioner Nuckols absent.</p>
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Additional Backup Information:

A request has been received for the vacation of approximately 8,470 square feet of the unimproved Viola Street right-of-way. The owner of the adjoining property is 1st Street Highlands, LP. The vacation tract is planned for assemblage with the adjacent tract for redevelopment.

A water line easement will be retained over the entire proposed right-of-way vacation. A drainage easement and a sidewalk, trail, and recreational easement will be retained over a portion of the right-of-way vacation. The sidewalk, trail, and recreational easement will allow the residents and the public future access and connection to Parks & Recreation Department trail systems.

Property owners within 300 feet of the area to be vacated were notified on August 1, 2017. No objections were received by the Office of Real Estate Services. A prior public notice letter was sent on April 11, 2014; ten objections were received.

The right of way vacation request came before City Council on March 26, 2015, it was referred to Open Space, Environment, and Sustainability Committee and required to return to City Council. The vacation request was rescheduled for the May 7, 2015 City Council meeting and was withdrawn by the Office of Real Estate Services.

The right of way vacation request was presented before Planning Commission on March 25, 2014, and Urban Transportation Commission on April 8, 2014, with each Commission supporting the vacation. It was again brought to Planning Commission on August 22, 2017, and Urban Transportation Commission on October 10, 2017, with each Commission supporting the increased vacation area from 8,200 square feet to 8,470 square feet.

The appraised market value of the 8,470 square foot right-of-way segment to be vacated is \$27,987. A check in the amount of the appraised value has been submitted to the Office of Real Estate Services for processing upon approval of this vacation request..