

# **Recommendation for Council Action**

#### **AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting: November 29, 2018 Item Number: 012

### **Office of Real Estate Services**

Approve an ordinance vacating approximately 5,410 square feet of right-of-way, being that certain 20 foot wide alley located between East 5th Street and East 6th Street, traversing from Navasota Street to Onion Street, the north half of the alley to Hall Family Properties, LLC, and the south half of the alley to Fifth & Onion 2016, LP.

### District(s) Affected: District 3

Lead Department	Office of Real Estate Services.
Fiscal Note	This item has no fiscal impact.
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For More Information	Alex Gale, Interim Officer, Office of Real Estate Services, (512)
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Council Committee,	August 28, 2018: Approved by Planning Commission on a 12-0 vote.
<b>Boards and Commission</b>	One vacancy on the Commission.
Action	October 9, 2018: Approved by Urban Transportation Commission on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Johnson, Davis, Hennessey and O'Reilly absent.

# **Additional Backup Information:**

The alley right of way consists of a 20 foot wide tract of land that is unimproved except for utility infrastructure. It is located between E. 5<sup>th</sup>Street and E. 6<sup>th</sup>Street, traversing from Navasota Street to Onion Street, adjacent to Lots 1-12, Block 4, of Outlot 4, Division "A", also known as M. A. Taylor Subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume W-1, Pages 391-393, Deed Records, Travis County, Texas.

The abutting property owners have requested the city to vacate and perpetually close for public travel the said 20 foot alley. The north half of the alley is 10 feet wide, at approximately 2,705 square feet, and is to be vacated to Hall Family Properties, LLC; and the south half of the alley is 10 feet wide, at approximately 2,705 square feet, and is to be vacated to Fifth & Onion 2016, LP.

Property owners within 300 feet of the vacation tract were notified on July 5, 2018. No objections were received by the Office of Real Estate Services.

All affected City departments and utility franchise holders have reviewed the alley right of way vacation request and recommend approval subject to retaining a public utility easement and a drainage easement. The easements to be retained as part of the right of way vacation are for existing utilities and will envelope the entire vacation tract.

The appraised market value for the north half of the alley is \$31,405 and the south half of the alley is \$30,188. The payments in the amount of the corresponding appraised values have been submitted to the Office of the Real Estate Services for processing upon approval of this right of way vacation request.