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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AUSTIN TOMORROW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING THE CENTRAL AUSTIN COMBINED NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN.

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

PART 1. Findings.

- (A) In 1979, the City Council adopted the "Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan."
- (B) Article X, Section 5 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to adopt by ordinance additional elements of a comprehensive plan that are necessary or desirable to establish and implement policies for growth, development, and beautification, including neighborhood, community, or area-wide plans.
- (C) In December 2002, the Central Austin neighborhood was selected to work with the City to complete a neighborhood plan. The Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan followed a process first outlined by the Citizens' Planning Committee in 1995, and refined by the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Planning Committee in 1996. The City Council endorsed this approach for neighborhood planning in a 1997 resolution. This process mandated representation of all of the stakeholders in the neighborhood and required active public outreach. The City Council directed the Planning Commission to consider the plan in a 2002 resolution. During the planning process, the Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Planning Team gathered information and solicited public input through the following means:
 - (1) neighborhood planning team meetings;
 - (2) collection of existing data;
 - (3) neighborhood inventory;
 - (4) neighborhood survey;
 - (5) neighborhood workshops;
 - (6) community-wide meetings; and

- (7) a neighborhood final survey.
- (D) The Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan recommends action by the Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Planning Team, City staff, and by other agencies to preserve and improve the neighborhood. The Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan has six major goals:
 - (1) preserve the integrity and character of the single-family neighborhoods;
 - (2) preserve the historic character and resources of the Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan area neighborhoods;
 - (3) allow mixed-use development along the existing commercial corridors that is pedestrian oriented, neighborhood friendly, neighborhood scaled, and serves neighborhood needs;
 - (4) West Campus should become a dense, vibrant, mixed-use and pedestrian oriented community;
 - (5) provide a safe environment and opportunities for people to use all modes of transport; and
 - (6) enhance and preserve existing open space, parks, and the natural environment.
- (E) On April 27, 2004, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan and recommended adoption of the Plan.
- (F) The Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan is appropriate for adoption as an element of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan. The Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan furthers the City Council's goal of achieving appropriate, compatible development within the area. The Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan is necessary and desirable to establish and implement policies for growth, development, and beautification in the area.

PART 2. Adoption and Direction.

- (A) Chapter 5 of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan is amended to add the Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan as Section 5-19 of the Comprehensive Plan, as set forth in Exhibit A to this ordinance, and incorporated as part of this ordinance.

- (B) The city manager shall prepare zoning cases consistent with the land use recommendations in the Plan.
- (C) The city manager shall provide periodic updates to the City Council on the status of the implementation of the Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan.
- (D) The specific provisions of the Central Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan take precedence over any conflicting general provision in the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2004.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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 Will Wynn
 Mayor

APPROVED: _____
 David Allan Smith
 City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
 Shirley A. Brown
 City Clerk