

AGENDA



Thursday, June 24, 2010

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 13**

Subject: Approve an ordinance vacating a portion of the public access of the 20 foot wide alley on Block 18, of the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to the Map or Plat thereof, on record at the General Land Office of the State of Texas, adjoining Lots 1-4, and a portion of Lot 5, and Lots 10, 11, and 12 to FINLEY COMPANY and a portion of Lot 8 and all of Lot 9 to LACK & HURLEY, INC.

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 Urban Transportation Commission and the Planning Commission.

The request for the vacation of a portion of the public access of the 20 foot wide alley on Block 18, of the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, according to the Map or Plat thereof, on record at the General Land Office of the State of Texas, adjoining Lots 1-4, the southern 14.7 feet of Lot 5, and Lots 10, 11, and 12 to Finley Company and a portion of Lot 8 and Lot 9 to Lack & Hurley, Inc., has been submitted by Michael Whellan of Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody.

The area being requested for vacation will be redeveloped as a single project, to consist of a hotel complex. All affected departments and franchise holders have reviewed this request and recommend approval, subject to retaining a public utility and drainage easement over the vacated portion. Property owners within 300 feet of the area to be vacated were notified on April 28, 2010. No objections were received by our office.

The appraised value is \$81,795. A cashier's check in the amount of the appraised value has been submitted to the Real Estate Services Division for processing upon approval of this vacation request.

The Planning Commission recommended the alley vacation contingent upon a hotel complex, if the development is not for a hotel project, then the portion of public access of the alley remains.