ACTION FORM
BRYAN CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date (?) 05/10/2016

Subject Matter* (?) RA16-02 (BISD): SFA Middle School
This must match rolling agenda entry

Department of Origin* DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Submitted By* Martin Zimmermann

Type of Meeting* ○ BCD ○ Special ◉ Regular

Classification* ○ Public Hearing ○ Consent ◉ Statutory ○ Regular

Ordinance* ○ None ◉ First Read ○ Second Read ○ First & Only Read

Strategic Initiative* ☐ Public Safety ☐ Service ☑ Economic Development ☑ Infrastructure ☐ Quality of Life

Agenda Item Description* A request to abandon 2.81 acres of undeveloped public street rights-of-way for East Dodge Street and East 33rd Street, between East 32nd Street and East Pease Street as well as South Ennis Street and South Coulter Drive, respectively, in Bryan, Brazos County, Texas (RA16-02).

Summary Statement* The applicant, Jeff Windsor on behalf Bryan ISD, is requesting the official abandonment of portions of public street rights-of-way for East Dodge Street and East 33rd Street. East Dodge Street is proposed to be abandoned between East 32nd Street and East Pease Street, and East 33rd Street (formerly Jones Street) is proposed to be abandoned between South Ennis Street and South Coulter Drive. The rights-of-way requested to be abandoned comprise 2.81 acres of land that have never been improved as part of the adjoining roadway network, but, rather, are currently developed with facilities as part of the Stephen F. Austin Middle School campus.

Acting on behalf of the general public, only Bryan's City Council is authorized to officially abandon all or portions of rights-of-way dedicated for public use. The Planning and Zoning Commission hears and makes a recommendation on proposals to abandon any such rights-of-way.

The applicant also has submitted a replat document, which proposes to combine these two right-of-way segments and four (4) adjacent city blocks in the Philips Addition into one new city block of about 17 acres to redevelop the campus of Stephen F. Austin Middle School. That replat (case no. RP16-03) was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission during its meeting on April 7, 2016, subject to the City Council's prior approval of this right-of-way abandonment request.

Staff Analysis & Recommendation* During its regular meeting on April 7, 2016, the Planning and Zoning Commission, by a unanimous vote, concurred with staff and recommended approving the requested right-of-way abandonments, subject to the condition that a formal replat encompassing all property the applicant owns or will own after abandonment of these rights-of-way is filed with the City for recording.

• The rights-of-way requested to be abandoned have never been improved with a driving surface and have long been functionally integrated with adjacent land as part of the Stephen F. Austin Middle School campus.

• Abandoning the subject rights-of-way will not interfere with the smooth circulation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic or otherwise negatively affect the adjoining transportation network.

Options* (In Suggested Order of Staff Preference)
1. approve the requested right-of-way abandonments;
2. approve the requested right-of-way abandonments with modifications, which may require consideration at a future City Council meeting; or
3. deny the requested right-of-way abandonments.

Funding Source * N/A

Attachments

ATTACHMENTS CAF RA16-02 ROW Philips Addition - SFA.docx 2.2MB

Please detail attachments and note attachments available for viewing in City Secretary's Office:

1. location map;
2. draft ordinance and exhibits;
3. excerpt from Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes of April 7, 2016; and
4. staff report to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Dept. Head Signature

Kevin Russell

Deputy City Manager Signature

City Manager Signature

City Attorney Signature

Janis K Hampton