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Matt -

Please see the below response to the question regarding appraisal requirements for acquisitions of property by the City. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The Local Government Code does not set forth appraisal requirements or methodology for voluntary property acquisitions. The Local Government Code appraisal requirements are limited to certain types of real property dispositions and eminent domain acquisitions only. While the City generally obtains appraisals in all acquisitions and dispositions of real property, there is no mandate in Texas law that the City do so for voluntary floodplain acquisitions. Therefore, instructions provided to appraisers and the method of appraisal are not dictated by the Local Government Code in these instances.

Further, City Council passed Ordinance No. 20151108-003 with respect to current City-funded buyouts. This ordinance allows for the appraisal of property as of October 29, 2015.

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