R E S O L U T I O N
Planning Commission
Zoning Software

WHERAS the City Council previously passed CodeNext Approach 2.5 with the goal of improving the Land Development Code's effectiveness, clarity, consistency, predictability, and ease of implementation and administration, and the City Council is continuing to study new code changes, and

WHEREAS the Zucker Report recommended that the City implement digital plan review services to reduce the reliance on paper and improve the efficiency of the review process, and

WHEREAS Gridics, Zonar and other companies have software platforms that can build a database using zoning rules, overlays, property records, GIS shapes, as well as infrastructure capacity and topography, and

WHEREAS such software can be used to provide 3D visualization of the zoning in both the current and any proposed new zoning changes; and

WHEREAS the changes proposed in many zoning requests and recent council resolutions are difficult to understand without 3D models including adjacent properties, and

WHEREAS such software can be used to easily check and expedite permit applications; a particularly important benefit as Development Services Department adapts to the use of any new zoning and a potential new land development code; and

WHEREAS Austin has a strong tech community and a reputation as a forward-thinking city,

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2018 the Zoning and Platting Commission approved a similar resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission asks the Mayor and City Council to direct the City manager to acquire the services of a software company that will provide the necessary digital services to allow Commissions, Council, and citizens to visualize and understand the impact of the any code change proposals and provide the digital tools to facilitate permit and plan reviews.

Adopted: March 12, 2019__   Attest: _____
                                              James Shieh
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