



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1518, **Agenda Item #:** 10.

4/11/2019

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance vacating approximately 4,857 square feet of alley to Travis County, Texas and approximately 689 square feet of alley to Stephen McNally, being that certain 20 foot wide alley located between West 17th Street and West 18th Street, traversing from San Antonio Street to Guadalupe Street.

Lead Department

Office of Real Estate Services

Fiscal Note

This item is projected to result in additional revenue of \$1,291,627 in FY 2018-2019 for the Office of Real Estate Services within the Support Services Fund.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

December 11, 2018 - Approved by the Urban Transportation Commission on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Hosek, O'Reilly, and Wilfley absent, and Commissioner Davis off the dais.

December 11, 2018 - Approved by the Planning Commission on a vote of 11-0. Commissioners Kenny and Flores absent.

December 17, 2018 - Approved by the Design Commission on a vote of 6-0-0 Vice-Chair M. Gonzalez and Commissioner S. Franco recused.

December 19, 2018 - Approved by the Downtown Commission on a vote of 7-0.

Additional Backup Information:

Background Information:

This item is an Alley Right-of-Way Vacation related to the development of the Travis County Courthouse project. Travis County is in the process of acquiring the remaining privately held interest in the block.

The vacation tract is an alley right-of-way consisting of an improved 20 foot wide tract of land. It is located between W. 17th Street and W. 18th Street, traversing from San Antonio Street to Guadalupe Street, also known as Outlot 33, Division E, according to the map of the Government Tract Adjoining the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas.

The abutting property owners have requested the city to vacate and perpetually close for public travel the said 20 foot alley. Approximately 4,857 square feet of the alley to be vacated to Travis County, Texas, and approximately 689 square feet of the alley to be vacated to Stephen McNally.

Process Information:

Property owners within 300 feet of the vacation tract were notified on November 1, 2018. One objection and one inquiry were received by the Office of Real Estate Services. The objection has been retracted

All affected City departments and utility franchise holders have reviewed the alley right of way vacation request and recommend approval subject to retaining a wastewater line easement. The easement to be retained as part of the right of way vacation is for the existing 6-inch concrete wastewater line and will envelope the entire vacation tract.

Market Value Information:

The appraised market value for 4,857 square feet of the alley is \$1,145,903. The appraised value for 689 square feet of the alley is \$145,724. Payments in the amount of the corresponding appraised values have been submitted to the Office of the Real Estate Services for processing upon approval of the right of way vacation requests.