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2 AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF CITY CODE TITLE  
3 14, CHAPTER 14-1, ARTICLE 4 (*APPROVAL OF A NAME FOR A PUBLIC*  
4 *FACILITY OR PROPERTY*), NAMING THE FUTURE PARK TO BE LOCATED  
5 AT 1212 WEST SLAUGHTER LANE IN THE WATTINGER ACRES  
6 SUBDIVISION THE “VERNON R. WATTINGER JR. NEIGHBORHOOD  
7 PARK,” AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO UPDATE APPLICABLE  
8 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES RELATED TO PARK NAMING.

9 | **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

10 || **PART 1.** The City Council makes the following findings:

- 11 A. On February 18, 2021, the City Council approved the acquisition of  
12 approximately 4.2 acres of land in the Wattinger Acres subdivision, located  
13 at 1212 West Slaughter Lane, from the family of Vernon R. Wattinger Jr. for  
14 the purposes of developing affordable housing by the Austin Housing  
15 Finance Corporation and parkland by the City of Austin.
- 16 B. The contractual terms of the sale of this property, agreed to by the City of  
17 Austin, included the naming of the park portion of the property for Vernon  
18 R. Wattinger Jr.
- 19 C. Vernon R. Wattinger Jr. was born in Austin on October 15, 1932, and passed  
20 away on May 27, 2012. Vernon was a fourth-generation Austinite and was  
21 active in commercial construction as a general contractor. In a career  
22 spanning close to five decades, he constructed medical facilities, higher  
23 education facilities, local school district facilities, State of Texas, Travis  
24 County and the City of Austin. The Wattinger family has been prominent in  
25 construction over multiple generations and were contracted to build the  
26 Austin Public Library (now the Austin History Center) and the Travis  
27 County Courthouse (now the Heman Marion Sweatt Courthouse), among  
28 many other local landmarks.

29 **PART 2.** The City Council waives the requirements of City Code Title 14, Chapter  
30 14-1, Article 4 (*Approval of a Name for a Public Facility or Property*).

31 **PART 3.** The future park to be located at 1212 West Slaughter Lane is hereby named  
32 “Vernon R. Wattinger Jr. Neighborhood Park.”

**PART 4.** The City Manager is directed to update City applicable administrative policies for when the proposed conditions to purchase property include naming of City property. This updated policy shall require notification of relevant City departments at the earliest opportunity and to the City Council before Council consideration of the purchase of the property by including such information within publicly posted agenda backup materials.

**PART 5.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2023      §  
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Kirk Watson  
Mayor

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Anne L. Morgan  
City Attorney

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Myrna Rios  
City Clerk