

ORDINANCE NO.

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

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The City Council makes the following findings:

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

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

PART 3. The future park to be located at 1212 West Slaughter Lane is hereby named “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

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Kirk Watson
Mayor

APPROVED: _____

Anne L. Morgan
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk