



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1927, **Agenda Item #:** 54.

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Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance granting a site-specific amendment to City Code Section 25-8-514 of the Save Our Springs Initiative, granting variances to City Code Sections 25-8-364 and 25-8-641, and waiving requirements of City Code Sections 25-8-41 and 25-8-643 to allow construction of the Slaughter Lane Improvement Project from Loop 1 (MoPac) to 650 feet east of Brodie Lane, located at 5015 ½ West Slaughter Lane (SP-2022-0336D). This project is located within the Barton Springs Zone.

Lead Department

Watershed Protection Department.

Prior Council Action:

October 27, 2022 - City Council approved Resolution No. 20221027-038 initiating site specific variances and amendments to the Land Development Code as minimally required to address proposed improvements to the mobility and transportation infrastructure located along Slaughter Lane from Loop 1 (MoPac) to 650 feet east of Brodie Lane.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 1, 2023 - Considered by the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee without recommendation on a 3-0-1 vote.

May 3, 2023 - Amendment to City Code Section 25-8-514 (*Pollution Prevention Required*) and variance to Section 25-8-364 (*Floodplain Modification*) recommended for approval by the Environmental Commission on a 10-0 vote. Variance to Section 25-8-641 (*Removal Prohibited*) recommended for approval by the Environmental Commission on a vote of 9-1.

May 9, 2023 - Recommended for approval by Planning Commission on a vote of 12-0 with one vacancy.

Additional Backup Information:

This agenda item is to conduct a public hearing and for council to consider site-specific amendments to the Land Development Code, Chapter 25-8 (*Environment*) to allow for the construction of the Slaughter Lane Improvement Project at 5015 ½ West Slaughter Lane (SP-2022-0336D). This action includes amendment of Chapter 25-8, Subchapter A, Article 13 (*Save Our Springs Initiative*), which requires an affirmative vote of a three-quarters majority of council.

In response to Resolution No. 20221027-038, staff has prepared a draft ordinance amending certain provisions of the Land Development Code to allow for the construction of the Slaughter Lane Improvement Project from Loop 1 (MOPAC) to East of Brodie Lane. The draft ordinance represents the minimum

departure from environmental requirements of the Land Development Code to allow for the development of these critical mobility and safety improvements.

The Slaughter Lane Improvement Project from Loop 1 (MOPAC) to East of Brodie Lane is located within both the Williamson Creek and Slaughter Creek watersheds within the Barton Springs Zone (BSZ) defined by the City. Without an amendment to the Save Our Springs Initiative (SOS), these critical mobility and safety improvements may not be developed as there would be no allowable additional impervious cover. SOS restricts impervious cover in this area to 15% of the net site area.

The site-specific code amendment would allow the Slaughter Lane Improvement Project from Loop 1 (MOPAC) to East of Brodie Lane, SP-2022-0336D, to exceed maximum impervious cover limits set out in City Code Section 25-8-514 (*Pollution Prevention Required*) of SOS. The amendment will also allow the project to modify the floodplain as set out in City Code Section 25-8-364(B)(3) and remove a heritage tree as set out in City Code section 25-8-641. Per City Code Section 25-8-512 (*Amendment*), approval of this ordinance requires an affirmative vote of a three-quarters majority of council to amend requirements of SOS.