## MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (MUD) CONSENT AGREEMENT REVIEW

CASE: C12M-2023-0157
DISTRICT: 2
LOCATION: The Moore's Crossing Municipal Utility District is located in southeastern Travis County east of FM 973 at the intersection of FM 973 and Elroy Road.

SITE AREA: approx. 785 acres
APPLICANT/OWNER: SR Development, Inc. MC Joint Venture (William G. Gurasich)
AGENT: Husch Blackwell - Racy Haddad
CASE MANAGER: Sara Groff 512-974-8074, Sara.Groff@austintexas.gov
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:
The staff recommendation is to approve the amendments to the Consent Agreement as presented.

## PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION/ RECOMMENDATION:

March 12, 2024

## CITY COUNCIL ACTION:

## ORDINANCE NUMBER:

## ISSUES:

The application for amendments to the Consent Agreement originally included a request to transfer all TIA requirements to Travis County. After discussions between City staff and the applicant, the request for TIA requirement changes has been removed from the application. The applicant is no longer requesting any amendments to the Consent Agreement involving TIA requirements.

## CASE MANAGER COMMENTS:

The application to amend the Consent Agreement was distributed for review to staff members of the following departments: Austin Water, Development Services, Fire, Law, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, Planning and Zoning, Finance, Transportation and Public Works, and Watershed Protection. The comments from these departments have been reviewed and compiled to form the following recommendations:

1) Change the amount of reimbursements to the Developer for internal water, wastewater, drainage, and water quality facilities from $70 \%$ to $100 \%$
2) Remove the requirement for the Developer to dedicate seven (7) acres to Austin Housing and Community Development (AHCD)
3) Add the Developer's commitment to pay $5 \%$ of the net cash proceeds from the Bond Issue to AHCD
a) The City will receive approximately $\$ 1,430,168.00$ over the next 10 years
4) Add the Developer's commitment to pay the District 2\% of the net cash proceeds from each Bond Issue to be invested in District park facilities
a) The District would receive approximately $\$ 357,542.00$ over the next 10 years

## BACKGROUND:

In 1986, the City of Austin consented to the creation of the Moore's Crossing Municipal Utility District located within the corporate limits of the City in southeastern Travis County east of FM 973 at the intersection of FM 973 and Elroy Road. The Consent Agreement between the City and the MUD contains provisions regarding development requirements for future development within the MUD.

In 1994, the first amendment to the Agreement deferred by five years the first possible date for the City to dissolve the MUD due to delays in beginning the development within the MUD.

In 1995, special state legislation afforded several municipal utility districts in the Austin area the option to provide tax relief to their residents by petitioning the City to alter the annexation status of land in the municipal utility district from full purpose to limited purpose. The MUD did so in September of 1995.

In 1998, the second amendment to the Agreement provided for a reduction in the amount of reimbursement to the Developer to not exceed $70 \%$ of the actual cost for design and construction of internal water, wastewater, drainage, and water quality facilities.

In 2003, the Agreement and Land Plan were amended again to reflect the amount and location of land to be dedicated to the City for parkland, affordable housing, and for sites for fire stations, emergency medical services, and library facilities and to update the proposed alignment of Elroy Road and Ross Road.

In 2016, the Developer brought forth Consent Agreement Amendments that contained asks for (1) increase in bond reimbursements from $70 \%$ to $100 \%$ for water/wastewater infrastructure and (2) update to the Developer's obligations for right-of-way dedication and roadway improvements. On March 23, 2017, City Council approved an ordinance that amended the Consent Agreement to allow for the right-of-way dedication and roadway improvements. However, the bond reimbursement was not approved nor was it recommended by staff. At the time, there were concerns about the amount of remaining outstanding bond debt which may have been passed on to the City at the time of full purpose annexation. C12M-2016-0006

Currently, The MUD has approved bonding authority up to $\$ 32,000,000$ of which $\$ 12,420,000$ has been issued.

EXISTING ZONING AND LAND USES:
Zoning designations located throughout the MUD include residential, community commercial, limited industrial service and public districts.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA: N/A
WATERSHED: Dry Creek East and Onion Creek (Suburban)
CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR: No SCENIC ROADWAY: No
SCHOOLS: Del Valle Independent School District
COMMUNITY REGISTRY LIST:

Austin Lost and Found Pets
Del Valle Community Coalition
Del Valle Independent School District
Elroy Neighborhood Association

Friends of Austin Neighborhoods Onion Creek Homeowners Assoc. Sierra Club, Austin Regional Group

## CONSENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT PROCESS:

Section 25-9-253 of the City Code requires staff and boards and commissions determined to have an interest in this application to review and make a recommendation on the application no later than the $60^{\text {th }}$ day after the date the application is filed. The City Council will act on the application no later than the second regular Thursday City Council meeting following board and commission recommendations.

INDEX OF EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS TO FOLLOW:
A. Aerial Map
B. Fifth Amendment to Consent Agreement


Moore's Crossing Municipal Utility District

