

RESOLUTION NO. {{item.sequential_number}}

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR THE AVENUE D CONNECTIONS AND ALLEYS PROJECT; AUTHORIZING CLOSING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PURCHASE IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$185,000 AND RELOCATION BENEFITS IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$89,885; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

Whereas, the City is in the design phase for the Avenue D Connections and Alleys Project - this project will create improvements to the connection and walkability of Avenue D and connecting roads and alleys based on concepts identified in the 2019 Ferguson Park Master Plan;

Whereas, the project extends along Avenue D from 14th Street to 18th Street, along the alley between Avenue D and Avenue C from 14th Street to 18th Street, and along 16th Street, from Avenue E to the alley between Avenue C and Avenue D;

Whereas, for the project, this property will require demolition of the house and relocation of the family living there - while, initially, the offer was for the purchase of a portion of the parcel, including the house, and a temporary construction easement for another large portion of the parcel, after negotiations, an agreement has been reached with the owner for the purchase of the whole parcel and for an amount of \$181,440.00, plus associated closing costs;

Whereas, this acquisition does require the owner to relocate his household and Stateside Right of Way Services (Stateside) has worked with the owner to estimate relocation benefits of approximately \$89,885 - relocation benefits are reimbursement-based and capped by Federal statute;

Whereas, Stateside is the City's contracted agent for easement acquisition services - appraisals for the right-of-way property and associated easements have been conducted and initial offers have been made to each owner based on the appraisal report for each property;

Whereas, the City has acquired the needed easements from three property owners and continues to negotiate with the remaining property owners - the address and Bell County Tax Appraisal District Identification Number of the property where the property acquisition is located are 804 East Avenue D, No. 9085;

Whereas, Staff recommends Council authorize the purchase of property necessary for the Avenue D Connections and Alleys Project, as well as closing costs associated with the purchase in an estimated amount of \$185,000 and relocation benefits in an estimated amount of \$89,885;

Whereas, funding for this purchase of property, closing costs associated with the purchase in an estimated amount of \$185,000, and relocation benefits in an estimated amount of \$89,885 is available in Account No. 362-3400-531-6974, Project No. 102249; and

Whereas, the City Council has considered the matter and deems it in the public interest to authorize this action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS, THAT:

Part 1: Findings. All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council of the City of Temple, Texas, and they are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

Part 2: The City Council authorizes the purchase of property necessary for the Avenue D Connections and Alleys Project, closing costs associated with the purchase in an estimated amount of \$185,000 and relocation benefits in an estimated amount of \$89,885, and the City Manager, or her designee, after approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office, to execute any necessary documents.

Part 3: It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the **1st** day of **May, 2025**.

THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS

TIMOTHY A. DAVIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jana Lewellen
City Secretary

Kathryn H. Davis
City Attorney