



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

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Item Creation Date: 8/12/2020

LGL - Parcel CY19-001; City of Houston v. Vikram and Aatri Mehta, et al.; Cause No. 1155557; Westridge Regional Lift Station Construction Project; WBS/CIP No. R-000267-0128A-2

Agenda Item#:

Summary:

Authorize the City Attorney, by Motion, to deposit the amount of the Award of the Special Commissioners of \$1,875,000.00 into the registry of the court and pay all costs. Funding will be provided by a previously approved blanket appropriation ordinance.

Background:

The Westridge Regional Lift Station Construction Project is part of the City's ongoing program to improve its wastewater infrastructure through rehabilitation, replacement, consolidation, or diversion of wastewater lift stations throughout the City. The project provides for the design and construction of the required improvements as well as structural, mechanical, and electrical components at lift stations.

This eminent domain proceeding involves the acquisition of fee interest to one parcel of land containing a total of 42,362 square feet. The property is located at 2630 Westridge Street in the City of Houston. The property is owned by Vikram and Aatri Mehta. Prior to sending the matter to the Legal Department, the City attempted to negotiate a purchase of the property, but those efforts were unsuccessful. The matter was then referred to the Legal Department to initiate eminent domain proceedings to acquire the needed property. The Legal Department filed the eminent domain petition and a Special Commissioners' hearing was held.

City's Appraisal/Valuation:\$1,594,480.00

Landowner's Appraisal/Valuation: \$2,753,530.00

Award of the Special Commissioners' Hearing.\$1,875,000.00

Court & Misc. Costs: Special Commissioners' fees; \$900.00 (\$300.00 x 3); Court Filings; \$250.00; **Estimated Total Court & Misc. Costs:** \$1,150.00.

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Prior Council Action:

Ordinance No. 2019-356, passed 5/15/2019; Ordinance No. 2018-756, passed 9/19/2018

Amount of Funding:

1,875,000.00; Funds previously appropriated under Ordinance No. 2018-756 out of the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund.

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