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CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 11/10/2020 District G Item Creation Date: 9/3/2020

HPW20GS07R / HILLCROFT PAVING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT (from Bissonnet to Beechnut)

Agenda Item#: 43.

Summary:

ORDINANCE finding and determining public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of real property interests in connection with the public improvement project known as the Hillcroft Paving and Drainage Project: from Bissonnet to Beechnut; authorizing the acquisition of fee simple or easement interest to parcels of land required for the project with twenty parcels situated in the H.T. & B.R.R. Survey, Abstract No. 417 in Harris County, Texas, by gift, dedication, purchase and the use of eminent domain and further authorizing payment of the costs of such purchases and/or eminent domain proceedings and associated costs for relocation assistance, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees, court costs, and expert witness fees in connection with the acquisition of fee simple or easement interests to the twenty parcels of land required for the project - **DISTRICT G-TRAVIS**

Background:

<u>SUBJECT:</u> An ordinance for the HILLCROFT PAVING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT be passed approving and authorizing the acquisition of parcels by dedication, purchase, or condemnation.

RECOMMENDATION: (Summary) An ordinance for the HILLCROFT PAVING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT be passed approving and authorizing the acquisition of parcels by dedication, purchase, or condemnation.

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION: This project provides for the design and reconstruction of Hillcroft Avenue including curbs, sidewalks, driveways, street lighting, traffic control and necessary underground utilities. The project will be designed and constructed to improve traffic circulation, drainage and safety in the service area.

This action authorizes payment for costs of land purchases/condemnations, relocation assistance expenses, appraisal fees, title policies/services, recording fees and other acquisition costs in connection with negotiations to settle purchases; finds a public necessity for the project; and approves and authorizes the condemnation of the land and improvements thereon. If negotiations to acquire the property cannot be concluded as a dedication or purchase or for any reason for which acquisition by condemnation is warranted, this action authorizes the City Attorney to file or cause Eminent Domain proceedings to be filed and acquire land, rights-of-way and/or easements for said purposes and authorizes payment for the Award of Special Commissioners and court costs associated with condemnation proceedings. Parcels with a consideration that exceeds the spending authority threshold set by State law will be submitted to City Council as they are finalized. This will expedite the process of acquiring land, rights-of-way and/or easements in support of the HILLCROFT PAVING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT.

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Houston Public Works

WBS No. N-100012-0001-2

Prior Council Action:

Ordinance 2019-931, passed November 20, 2019

Amount of Funding:

No additional funding required. (Funds were appropriated under Ordinance 2019-931)

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