



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

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Item Creation Date: 7/20/2023

LGL - Parcel QY22-006; City of Houston v. Stephen Truong's Enterprises, Inc. et al.; Cause No. 22-CCV-072435; Lift Station Renewal and Replacement – N. Macgregor Way #3, Wheeler, Gilpin, West Orem, Quail View, and Hillcroft Lift Stations Project; WBS/CIP No. R-000267-0160-02.

Agenda Item#:

Summary:

Authorize the City Attorney, by Motion, to deposit the amount of the Award of the Special Commissioners of \$61,315.00 into the registry of the court and pay all costs. Funding will be provided by a previously approved blanket appropriation ordinance.

Background:


The Lift Station Renewal and Replacement – North McGregor #3, Wheeler, Gilpin, West Orem, Quail View, and Hillcroft Lift Stations Project is intended to improve wastewater infrastructure through rehabilitation, replacement, consolidation, or diversion of wastewater lift stations throughout the City and is being executed to address potential capacity and performance issues, ensure compliance with regulatory requirements, reduce operation and maintenance costs, and protect public health.


This eminent domain proceeding involves the acquisition of easement interest in a parcel of land containing a total of 5780 square feet. The property is located at 14501 East Hillcroft Avenue in the City of Houston, Fort Bend County. The property is owned by Stephen Truong's Enterprises, Inc. 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 for the Special Commissioners:\$61,315.00

Award of the Special Commissioners' Hearing.\$61,315.00

Court & Misc. Costs: Special Commissioners' fees; \$1,500.00 (\$500.00 x 3); Process Service; \$90.00; Court Filings; \$250.00;
Estimated Total Court & Misc. Costs: \$1,840.00.

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Arturo G. Michel, City Attorney

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 8/24/2023
Carol Ellinger Haddock, P.E.
Director, Houston Public Works

Prior Council Action:

Ordinance No. 2018-756, passed 9/19/2018; Ordinance No. 2022-683, passed 9/7/2022.

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$61,315.00; Funds previously appropriated under Ordinance No. 2018-756 out of the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund.

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