



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date:

District A

Item Creation Date: 9/14/2023

Parcels: GY23-007, GY23-007, G23-014; City of Houston v. Joseph Khuat, et al.; Cause No. 1205315; North Regional Library Project; WBS No. E-000266-0002-2

Agenda Item#:

Summary:

Authorize the City Attorney, by Motion, to deposit the amount of the Award of the Special Commissioners of \$90,000.00 into the registry of the court and pay all costs. Funding will be provided by a previously approved blanket appropriation ordinance.

Background:

Houston Public Library's multi-year capital improvement plan, "One Houston One Library" will transform delivery of library services by providing equitable access to library resources throughout the City of Houston.

This eminent domain proceeding involves the acquisition of three separate parcels of land: parcel GY23-007 containing a total of 5,750 square feet of land, parcel GY23-014 containing 11,500 square feet of land and parcel GY23-016 containing 5,750 square feet of land (the "Properties"). The Properties are located in northwest Houston in the Inwood Forest Area off of Victory Drive. 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:\$ 80,000.00

Landowner's Appraisal for the Special Commissioners:\$100,000.00

Award of the Special Commissioners' Hearing.\$ 90,000.00

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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Director, Houston Public Library

Prior Council Action:

Ordinance No. 2023-161, passed 3/14/2023

Amount and Source of Funding:

\$90,000.00; Funds previously appropriated out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund (4507).

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