



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 1/2/2019

District E

Item Creation Date: 12/19/2018

HAS - Land Exchange at EFD

Agenda Item#: 52.

Background:

RECOMMENDATION:

Enact an ordinance approving and authorizing a land exchange between the City of Houston, Texas, and the United States of America, acting by and through the Secretary of the Air Force, for tracts of land on or adjacent to Ellington Airport (EFD).

SPECIFIC EXPLANATION:

Landlocked within the federally-owned portion of EFD, operated as the Ellington Airport Joint Reserve Base (JRB), is a vacant 0.8698-acre (37,888 sq. ft.) tract of land located on the east side of Kirk Avenue north of Ashely Street belonging to the City of Houston through its Houston Airport System (HAS). The site once served as a water plant site but has been decommissioned and demolished. The land is surplus to HAS, but of value to the US Government, through operation by Texas Air National Guard (TANG) at the JRB. Conversely, the US Government, through operation by TANG owns a 0.6990-acre (30,448 sq. ft.) tract of land located at 11603 Brantley, landlocked within HAS-controlled portions of EFD. The site controlled by TANG once served as an airside aircraft rescue and fire-fighting (ARFF) station and has been decommissioned and relocated to a site within the JRB. The land is surplus to TANG's needs, but of value to HAS given the tract's adjacency to the airfield.

In a proposed mutually beneficial transaction, TANG is willing to trade its tract for HAS' tract. The exchange parcels are of equal consideration and the exchange has been approved on a federal level and shall be transferred in accordance with the Texas Property Code and the City of Houston Code of Ordinances.

Fiscal Note: This land exchange expends no funds nor produces revenue. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

Director's Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario C. Diaz".

Mario C. Diaz
Houston Airport System

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