



Legislation Text

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Discussion of issues relating to the acquisition of property from Deer Park Independent School District.

Summary:

In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, staff identified those areas of Deer Park which sustained the greatest amounts of flood damage. One such area is the Heritage Addition Subdivision in south Deer Park, near Dabbs Elementary School. The City then hired the engineering firm CobbFendley to assess drainage improvement needs in Heritage Addition, in hopes of determining solutions to the subdivision's localized flooding. CobbFendley examined a 6.19 acre property near the subdivision which is owned by DPIISD. They concluded this property could be utilized to create a detention pond to help alleviate flooding in Heritage Addition.

Staff next discussed with Victor White, DPIISD's Superintendent of Schools, and his staff. They were agreeable to working with the City to acquire this property. DPIISD staff next presented this matter to their Board of Trustees, where it was met favorably. DPIISD officials then had the property appraised to determine its fair market value, and that was determined to be \$675,000. It now is recommended the City purchase this property from DPIISD in the amount of \$675,000.

On Tuesday evening, staff will provide an update on the matter to Council and review the next steps involved in purchasing the property. These include having an environmental assessment of the property completed, having the property surveyed, establishing its legal description, having the City Attorney and DPIISD's attorney agree to a purchase contract, establishing a closing date, and having City Council and the DPIDS School Board approve the sale. It is anticipated the sale will take place in mid-March.

Also of note, DPIISD has expressed an interest in allowing the City to take over maintenance of the detention pond located near the northwest portion of the DPHS - South Campus property. This potentially could allow for the City to deepen the pond to take on drainage from the neighboring Deer Meadows Subdivision. Staff will provide additional information on this project on Tuesday evening, as well.

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:

\$675,000

Discussion only in Workshop