

ORDINANCE

APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (SAISD) TO PROVIDE MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, AND OPERATION OF THE THESPIAN ISLAND AND FOUNTAIN AND THE WILSON BOULEVARD MEDIAN AND ASSOCIATED IRRIGATION SYSTEM PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL AREA STREETS PROJECT; AND CONVEYING THE UNDERLYING FEE SIMPLE INTEREST IN THE WILSON BOULEVARD MEDIAN LOCATED BETWEEN DONALDSON AVENUE AND CLUB DRIVE, IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7, TO SAISD WHILE RETAINING A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT INTEREST.

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WHEREAS, Wilson Boulevard is included in San Antonio’s original 36 square miles, and thus is owned by the City of San Antonio (“City”). The Wilson Boulevard median, running between Donaldson Avenue and Club Drive, is adjacent to Thomas Jefferson High School. In May 2017, as part of the 2017 bond voters approved \$3,600,000 to construct street improvements for the Thomas Jefferson High School (Area Streets) project. The project completed improvements to the Wilson Boulevard median, including underground utility conversion at the intersections of Wilson Boulevard/Donaldson Avenue and Wilson Boulevard/Club Drive, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping and Thespian Island fountain restoration, and other improvements. SAISD agreed to provide long-term maintenance and repairs of Thespian Island, the fountain, as well as the Wilson Boulevard median and irrigation system if it is the property owner of all the subject parcels; and

WHEREAS, the City owns fee-simple title and has right-of-way interest in Wilson Boulevard and the median. By conveying the City’s underlying fee simple interest in the Wilson Boulevard median, SAISD can provide long-term maintenance to the median. The City will retain its public right-of-way easement interest in the median as it is part of the roadway. SAISD already owns fee simple title to the property known as Thespian Island; and

WHEREAS, by conveying the City’s underlying fee simple interest in the Wilson Boulevard median to SAISD, SAISD can enter into an MOU with the City to provide long-term maintenance to the median. The City will retain a public right-of-way easement interest in the median since it is part of the City’s right-of-way.; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance allows SAISD to provide long-term maintenance to the Wilson Boulevard median adjacent to Thomas Jefferson High School. City departments and utilities were canvassed and there were no objections; and

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WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio’s Planning Commission approved this request at its regular meeting on March 27, 2024. This action is consistent with the City Code and Ordinances, which require City Council approval for the sale or disposition of City-owned or controlled real property.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, severally, are authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) in a form substantially similar to **Attachment I** to provide maintenance, repairs, and operation of the Thespian Island and fountain and Wilson Boulevard median and associated irrigation system project improvements related to the Thomas Jefferson High School Area Streets Project and convey the underlying fee simple interest in the Wilson Boulevard median located between Donaldson Avenue and Club Drive, as depicted in **Attachment II** and more accurately described in **Attachment III**, in Council District 7 to SAISD while retaining its public right of way easement interest.

SECTION 2. The City Manager and designee, severally, are authorized to do take any additional action necessary or convenient to convey the property according to the requirements of law.

SECTION 3. This ordinance becomes effective 10 days after passage, unless it receives the eight votes requisite to immediate effectiveness under San Antonio Municipal Code § 1-15, in which case it becomes effective immediately.

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PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of June, 2024.

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Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

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