



## **AGENDA MEMO**

### **6/18/2013 Agenda**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Gene R. Smallwood, P.E.; Director of Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Abandonment of Certain Street-Alley Rights-of-Way

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#### **BACKGROUND:**

SMU recently acquired all of the residential properties in the area bounded by Airline Road, McFarlin Blvd, Dublin Ave, and University Blvd. The university has plans for the near term to develop additional surface parking (see attached site map) along the east side of Airline, south from the University-Fondren alley to McFarlin. To accomplish this task, SMU requests that the City abandon the following street and alley rights-of-way:

- University-Fondren alley, east from Airline to Dublin;
- Fondren, east from Airline to Dublin;
- Fondren-McFarlin alley, east from Airline to Dublin;
- SMU-Dyer alley, east from Airline to Bush Ave;

If the City Council is amendable to the requested abandonment, staff will obtain an appraisal (at SMU's cost) to determine the fair market value (FMV) of the rights-of-way. The City Attorney then prepares an abandonment ordinance for Council consideration at a subsequent meeting. If approved, SMU remits the FMV to the City and receives a certified copy of the abandonment ordinance.

In addition to the abandonment ordinance, the City and SMU must enter into an agreement which will detail how utility services will be provided to the subject properties. The City currently serves the area with water and sanitary sewer, however, with the proposed changes, SMU will provide those services. This agreement will be brought to Council prior to their consideration of the abandonment ordinance.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends City Council approval of SMU's request to abandon the above-referenced street and alley rights of way, and authorization to obtain an appraisal.