

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jacob Speer, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: License Agreement with the Plaza at Preston Center

BACKGROUND:

The parking spaces and majority of the sidewalk along the east side of Preston Road, adjacent to the Plaza at Preston Center are within the City's right-of-way (ROW). The ownership of the Plaza desires to make improvements to the sidewalks along the Preston Road frontage which would improve the accessibility and also expand the design aesthetic of the Plaza to that area. Part of the Plaza's proposed design for the area includes steps and planter boxes within the street ROW. The City's current design standards do not allow such features within the ROW. A license agreement is one possible mechanism to allow those items within the ROW. The Plaza ownership has expressed a willingness to assume all responsibility for the maintenance of the parking space paving, sidewalks, landscape features, and parking space markings within the licensed area.

At the December 4, 2018 meeting, Council asked staff to reach out to the owner to discuss design alternatives. The owner and architect has reviewed design alternatives and will be at the meeting to make a presentation to Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approval of the proposed license agreement with the Plaza at Preston Center.

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