

City Council
Agenda Memo



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Meeting Date: 8/22/2013

TO: Larry D. Gilley, City Manager

FROM: Jon James, AICP
Director of Planning and Development Services

SUBJECT: First reading on a request to amend the Master Thoroughfare Plan regarding Campus Court, between Ambler Avenue and Interstate 20; and setting a public hearing for September 12, 2013.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of Abilene received a request to rezone property to allow for a nursing home at the north end of Campus Court. As part of the discussion, staff was directed to bring an amendment to the Master Thoroughfare Plan to discuss the need for the connection of Campus Court to I-20. The designation of Campus Court as a 'collector' road makes the connection necessary.

The proposed amendment would change the designation of the roadway from a 'collector' street to a 'local' street. The change of designation would then eliminate the requirement that the right-of-way connect to I-20.

The request was reviewed by the Plat Review Committee and was deemed unsatisfactory. Staff has several concerns about the proposed amendment.

- The proposed collector connection is the only collector road between the flood zone area to the west and Judge Ely Blvd to the east. Due to this condition, the status of Campus Ct as a 'collector' road is important.
- A collector connection in this location would provide greater connectivity between the university and the interstate. As development to the north continues, this collector street will provide vital connectivity for the neighborhood.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends denial of the proposed amendment. The roadway connects to an existing expressway and will provide future connectivity from the residential area to I-20 as development occurs.

BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of change of designation by a vote of five (6) in favor (Glenn, McClarty, Rosenbaum, Todd, Yungblut and Famble) to none (0) opposed.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance

Prepared by:

Name: Ben Bryner

Title: Planning Services Manager

August 13, 2013

Item No. 6.11

Disposition by City Council

- Approved Ord/Res# _____
 Denied
 Other

City Secretary

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S MASTER THOROUGHFARE PLAN MAP AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

WHEREAS, an effective and efficient transportation system for the movement of people, goods and services is an essential component of a municipality; and,

WHEREAS, thoroughfare planning ensures an adequate transportation system for the future of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Thoroughfare Plan must be adapted periodically to new patterns of development and changes in existing or expected conditions; and,

WHEREAS, a potential for increased traffic due to connection of Campus Ct to the I-20 frontage road (E. Stamford St) through an established neighborhood is resulting in a need to reassess future thoroughfares within this area; now therefore:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1: That the Master Thoroughfare Plan is hereby amended by changing the designation of Campus Ct from a 'collector' street to a 'local' street as shown on Exhibit "A," attached hereto and made a part of this resolution for all purposes, and the Master Thoroughfare Plan map will reflect the change.

PART 2: That this amendment is effective immediately.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 22nd day of August A.D. 2013.

A notice of the time and place, where and when said ordinance would be given a public hearing and considered for final passage, was published in the Abilene Reporter-News, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Abilene, said publication being on the 19th day of July, 2012, the same being more than fifteen (15) days prior to a public hearing to be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall in Abilene, Texas, at 8:30 a.m., on the 12th day of September, 2013, to permit the public to be heard prior to final consideration of this ordinance. Said ordinance, being a penal ordinance, becomes effective ten (10) days after its publication in the newspaper, as provided by Section 19 of the Charter of the City of Abilene.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THIS 12th day of September, A.D. 2013.

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY

MAYOR

APPROVED:

CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT "A"

