

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2005

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ABILENE TO SELL PROPERTY (TEXAS LOCAL GOV'T CODE ANN. SEC. 272.00) CONSISTING OF TWO PARKING LOTS LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SOUTH 1ST STREET BETWEEN CHESTNUT AND OAK STREETS NORTH OF THE TAYLOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE BETWEEN THE HINDS SQUARE OFFICE BUILDING ON THE WEST AND THE PARK OFFICE BUILDING ON THE EAST.

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene strongly supports the revitalization of its downtown area recognizing its importance to the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene has an overall master plan for the revitalization program which calls for improved streetscaping in the core area of the historic commercial district, including Cypress Street and South First Street through the TIF District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene owns two parking lots consisting of:

Property One:

Legal Description: Being All of Lots 10, 11, and 12, and the west 75 feet of the 20 feet abandoned public alley extending east and west adjacent to Lots 10, 11, and 12, all in Block 3, Original Town of the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas.

Property Two:

Legal Description: Being All of Lots 3 and the East 15 feet of Lot 4, Block 3, Original Town of Abilene and the East 85 feet of an alley 20 feet in width running east and west lying adjacent to Lots 1, 2, 3, and the East 15 feet of Lot 4, Block 3, Original Town of Abilene, and a 15' x 36' strip of land out of Lot 21, Block 3 Original Town of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene requested and received proposals for potential sale of the subject properties pursuant to Chapter 272 of the Texas Local Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS:

PART 1. That the City of Abilene accepts the proposal to sell the cited properties for use to expand an existing downtown business.

PART 2. That as a condition precedent to closing the sale of said properties, the business shall provide proof of obtaining forty (40) additional off-street spaces for employees, necessitated by said expansion, for a minimum period of five years from the date of closing and further that the owner of such business shall direct their employees to park in the lots owned or leased by

such business or on South 2nd or Oak Streets and to not use the on street parking spaces on Chestnut Street from South 1st to South 2nd.

PART 3. That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to finalize negotiations and execute any and all necessary documents on behalf of the City of Abilene.

ADOPTED this 17th day of November 2005.

ATTEST:



Jo Moore, City Secretary



Norman Archibald, Mayor

APPROVED:



Sharon E. Hicks
City Attorney



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FAX TRANSMITTAL

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Date: 11-17-05
Subject: Response to parking concerns and memorandum to employees
3 Pages including this page
Comments: Bruce, please confirm that you've received this. Thanks

"Exhibit A"

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Leslie Hammond
TO: Lauren Employees
RE: South 1st Parking

Lauren has begun the process of expanding our downtown Abilene office facilities. This expansion will involve construction in the west parking lot immediately adjacent to the Park office building. In addition, we anticipate increased hiring in the near future which will require additional parking capacity beyond those spaces that will be displaced by the construction. Lauren employees should be aware that neighboring businesses can be negatively affected by our regular use of public parking spaces in or near their facilities. It is important that Lauren Employees refrain from utilizing public parking spaces anywhere along Chestnut Street. Use of these spaces by Lauren employees is detrimental to our neighboring businesses along that street and we expect everyone to be respectful of the needs of our neighbors to accommodate visitors to their businesses.

In order to meet the company's parking needs, Lauren has leased additional private parking to the rear of the Morning Star Community Church building on Oak Street between South 2nd and South 3rd. This parking lot addition, the existing private parking at the corner of South 1st and Chestnut, and the available public parking along South 2nd between Oak and Chestnut and on Oak Street between South 1st and South 3rd will be adequate to meet our increased parking requirements.

"Exhibit A"

November 16, 2005

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Mr. Bixby,

Richard Burdine relayed to me your request that Lauren ask that it's employees avoid parking in the public parking spaces along Chestnut street. We are happy to do so and will issue a memorandum to that effect to our employees prior to the commencement of any construction related to the potential expansion of our South 1st offices.

Regards,

Leslie Hammond
Chief Financial Officer
Lauren Engineers & Constructors, Inc.