## AGENDA MEMO BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF FULSHEAR, TEXAS

AGENDA OF: August 5, 2025 ITEMS: viii.A

**DEPARTMENT:** Administration **PREPARED BY:** Kimberly Kopecky

PRESENTER: Zach Goodlander

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-674, A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONTINGENT SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE WESTPARK TOLLWAY THROUGH THE DOWNTOWN FULSHEAR AREA

Expenditure Required:
Amount Budgeted:
Funding Account:
Additional Appropriation Required:

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 2016 the City Council of Fulshear passed Resolution No. 2016-332 opposing the Westpark Tollway coming into the City, and stating that the "extension of West Park Tollway in the City Limits will provide no benefit to the mobility of our residents or commercial interests within the City."

The Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority already owns the right-of-way necessary to extend the Westpark Tollway to Eagle Lake, although at this time there's no detailed plans beyond the current construction (Spring Green/723 to Charger/Bois d'Arc). However, the City's Downtown Wastewater Treatment Plant property is blocking the future toll's path, and is on city owned land, having been there for over three decades before FM 1093 went around it. Now, while there are no detailed plans for the tollway to continue west it is an opportune time to begin planning in earnest for what that may look like, and the County has expressed a desire for the City Council to rescind its prior opposition.

Staff has prepared the resolution for Council consideration, supporting the tollway, with the following conditions: Fort Bend County Toll Road Authority purchase at fair market value of the treatment plant property, assistance with its future decommissioning, payment for design change order costs on the City's diversion lift station which was planned for that site, and a role in the design process for the tollway through the Downtown area of Fulshear. It being important to plan for mobility while also ensuring that it include landscaping, enhanced materials, or design features to help mitigate aesthetic, noise, light, and north/south connectivity concerns where possible. It's a recognition as well that the toll road authority does already own most of the necessary right-of-way, and the City already approved the expenditure of EDC dollars to look into the feasibility of an alternative design for the tollway through Downtown.

This resolution has been reviewed by the County and Toll Road Authority and is an opportunity for Council to express expectations and can provide direction for staff in the codification of a more binding interlocal agreement between entities to formalize the purchase of land, design elements, and

other items.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

City of Fulshear Resolution No. 2025-674 Fort Bend Toll Road(712194024.2) (1).pdf RESOLUTION NO. 2016-332 (Regarding extension of West Park Tollway).pdf