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File Name: Permanent drainage easement from David Stanley Final Action:

Family Realty for the West Lindsey Street Widening

Project.

Title: CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT E-1314-43, A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT FROM DAVID STANLEY FAMILY REALTY, L.L.C., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,425, FOR THE WEST LINDSEY STREET WIDENING PROJECT

FROM 24TH AVENUE N.W. TO BERRY ROAD.

Notes: ACTION NEEDED: Motion to accept or reject Easement No. E-1314-43; and, if accepted, direct

the filing thereof with the Cleveland County Clerk and payment in the amount of \$11,126 to

David Stanley Family Realty, L.L.C.

Agenda Date: 06/10/2014

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Attachments: Location Map, Easement Table, E-1314-43.pdf

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BACKGROUND: On November 22, 2011, the Norman City Council approved Programming Resolution No. R-1112-63 requesting federal funds for the West Lindsey Street Improvements. This resolution states the City's commitment to adhere to the terms and conditions of a federally funded project. Through the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG), the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) agrees to provide 80% of the cost, up to \$9.7 million, and administer the construction contract. In order to receive the federal funding, the City of Norman is required to enter into an agreement with ODOT to complete the design, acquire all necessary rights-of-way and relocate utilities and encroachments at 100% the City's cost, and to pay the remaining 20% of construction costs.

On August 28, 2012, the citizens of Norman voted in favor of a Bond Election to finance the local share of eight transportation/storm water improvement projects. One of the eight projects was the West Lindsey Street Improvement Project.

The roadway portion of the project includes transportation and aesthetic improvements to West Lindsey Street. The West Lindsey Street corridor between Interstate No. 35 (I-35) and Berry Road is the most congested corridor in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area. This section of West Lindsey Street has a traffic accident rate three (3) times the national average for similar urban arterial streets.

Proposed improvements for the roadway project include:

- 1. Widening West Lindsey Street from 3 lanes to 4 lanes with additional lanes at intersections
- 2. New bridge over Imhoff Creek
- 3. Continuous sidewalks on both sides of the street
- 4. Access management to adjacent properties
- 5. Multi-modal improvements including on-street bicycle lanes
- 6. Aesthetic enhancements including decorative pavement, landscaping and roadway lighting
- 7. Underground utilities
- 8. Accessibility improvements for disabled individuals
- 9. Storm water improvements

The storm water portion of the project addresses the flooding problems along West Lindsey Street, most notably at the Lindsey Street and McGee Drive intersection. The design will include conveying storm water from a 3.4 square mile watershed to an underground pipeline which will discharge directly to the Canadian River.

DISCUSSION: The City must acquire nine (9) easements along the I-35 Corridor between Lindsey Street and State Highway No. 9 for the drainage portion of the West Lindsey Street Improvement Project. Currently, staff has secured six (6) easements. Negotiations are currently under way for the remaining three (3) easements. One of the easements required for the project, Parcel No. 4, is owned by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the remaining two (2) easements are in private ownership. Staff requested donations prior to making any offers of fair market value. The attached table provides the details of each easement. Also a map is attached providing the location of each easement necessary for the project.

Staff and ODOT have agreed on the alignment of the drainage box along the I-35 corridor. The original corridor was within the ODOT right-of-way. However, due to recent changes in policy at ODOT, utilities are allowed to cross ODOT right-of-way but not parallel to the roadway inside ODOT right-of-way. The proposed alignment keeps the drainage box outside of ODOT right-of-way as much as possible and minimizes the negative impacts to local businesses.

Parcel No. 6 is being acquired as a permanent drainage easement for the purpose of constructing and maintaining the drainage box from Lindsey Street to the Canadian River. (See Attachment A - Easement Table for Lindsey Street Improvements)

Funds are available in Lindsey Widening: 24th-Berry, Land (account 050-9552-431.60-01; project BP0189).

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Staff recommends Easement E-1314-43 be accepted, payment be authorized, and the filing thereof be directed.