



To: Fayetteville City Council

- Thru: Mayor Lioneld Jordan Don Marr, Chief of Staff
- From: David Jurgens, Utilities Director UU Fayetteville Water and Sewer Committee

Date: June 29, 2012

Subject: Approval of a settlement agreement with John Brown for an easement on Highway 265 (Crossover Road)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends accepting a settlement agreement with John David Brown concerning condemnation litigation filed as part of the Highway 265 (Crossover Road) water and sewer relocation project in a total amount of \$46,666.50. This amount reflects a \$19,066.50 increase above the \$27,600.00 previously placed on deposit with the court.

BACKGROUND

The Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) is widening Highway 265 (Crossover Road) from Mission Boulevard north to Joyce Boulevard. Due to AHTD's acquisition of additional right-of-way to widen the road, utility lines have been relocated outside of the expanded right-of-way. These utility easements are adjacent to the new highway right-of-way and/or existing utility easements. On November 2, 2010, in order to not delay the project, the City Council approved condemnation proceedings against several properties, including John David Brown. Negotiations with property owners continued; of the original nine that were submitted for condemnation, only two were filed in court, including Mr. Brown's.

DISCUSSION

After continued negotiations and through meetings with a court appointed mediator, staff and Mr. Brown have reached the attached settlement agreement, which reflects a \$ 19,066.50 increase in the compensation. Both sides feel this negotiated settlement is fair and reasonable. Mr. Brown's property is the one lot on this project that received the greatest negative impact from the combined highway and utility work, because the lot is very shallow but has a wide street frontage, as shown on the attached easement plat. A significant portion of the lot was removed for right of way; the remainder was impacted such that commercial development was no longer possible on the remainder. The land was zoned for commercial development. Water and sewer construction is completed; the contractor has been notified of the changes reflected in this settlement agreement.

BUDGET IMPACT

This settlement for \$46,666.50 is \$19,066.50 above the \$27,600.00 previously placed on deposit with the court. The additional \$19,066.50 is available within the approved project budget.

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH JOHN DAVID BROWN, CONCERNING CONDEMNATION LITIGATION FILED AS PART OF THE HIGHWAY 265 WATER AND SEWER RELOCATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$46,666.50

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

<u>Section 1:</u> That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby approves an agreement with John David Brown, in a total amount of \$46,666.50, as full and final settlement of condemnation litigation (<u>City of Fayetteville v. Brown</u>, Washington County Circuit Court Case No. CV 2011-1266-4) filed as part of the Highway 265 Water and Sewer Relocation and Improvement Project.

<u>Section 2:</u> That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas, in furtherance of the settlement, hereby approves payment of an additional \$19,066.50 over and above the \$27,600.00 placed on deposit with the court.

PASSED and **APPROVED** this 17th day of July, 2012.

APPROVED:

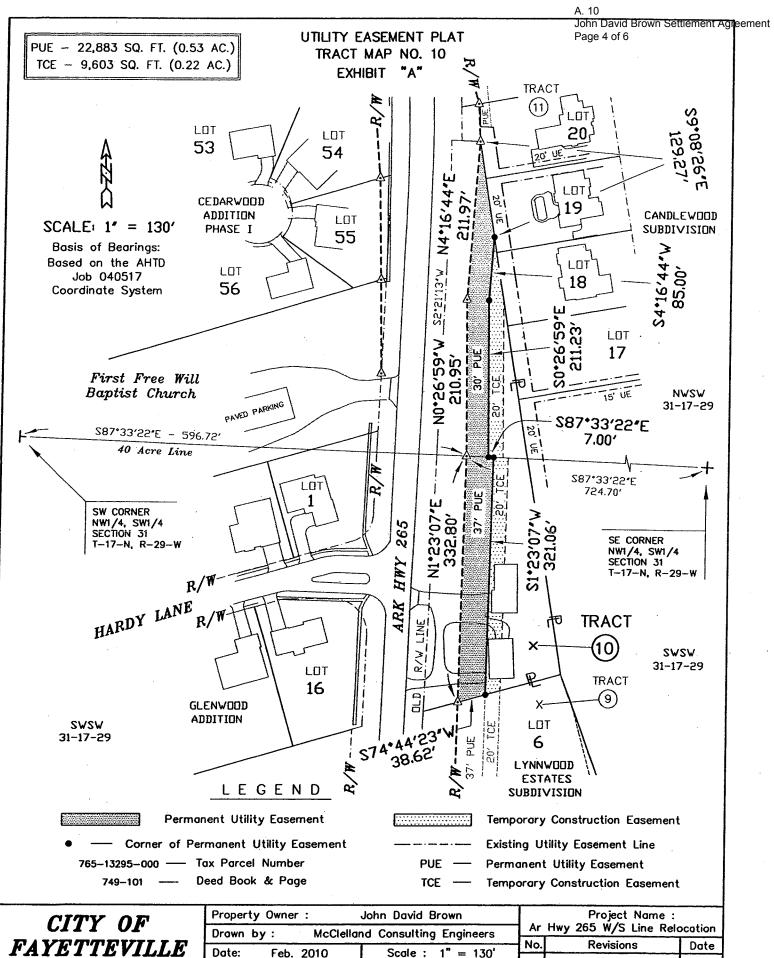
ATTEST:

By:

LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By: ____

SONDRA E. SMITH, City Clerk/Treasurer



Project No. 082146 Tract No. 10

Water & Sewer Department

AHTD Tract No. 20

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MEDIATION SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

We, having participated in mediation on $3 \cdot 30 \cdot 12$, and being satisfied that we have reached a fair and reasonable settlement, hereby agree as follows: The city of Frateville agrees to pay #46,666.50 in settlement of The City of Fryetaille US. JOHN BAVID BROWN WASHED. CU. 2011-1266-4. This is subject to City Council Approval and will be presented to The City Conneil ONA July 17, 2012. John David Brown Azpers to ACCEPT SAI 846666.50 トレ The City of Forretterille and the presentation the opposition July 17, 2012. Spid #46, 666.50 ant Includes The 27,600.00 A leasy poid by the city to the const and ignot the addition to The \$27,600. This will settle Any and All claims by Sohn David Brown celated to Trislansmit and the nt 3 (New Subject of it.

We recognize that James M. Hall has not given us legal advice or legal counsel, and we understand that we have the right to consult with an attorney before signing this Agreement.

We intend the above Agreement to be a legally binding and enforceable settlement contract.

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