

ORDINANCE NO. 2773

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS, DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS A COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL REINVESTMENT ZONE, CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AGREEMENTS WITHIN THE ZONE, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE REINVESTMENT ZONE AND THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sulphur Springs, Texas, (the "City"), desires to promote the development or redevelopment of a certain contiguous geographic area within its jurisdiction by the creation of a Reinvestment Zone, as codified in Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, a hearing before the City Council was set for 7 p.m. on the 6th day of October, 2020, such date being at least seven (7) days after the date of publication of the notice of such public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Sulphur Springs; and

WHEREAS, the City has called a public hearing and published notice of such public hearing, and has properly notified the proper officials of Hopkins County, Sulphur Springs Independent School District, and Hopkins County Hospital District as required by the Act; and

WHEREAS, upon such hearing being convened there was presented proper proof and evidence that notices of such hearing had been published and mailed as described above; and

WHEREAS, the City at such hearing invited any interested person, or his attorney, to appear and contend for or against the creation of the Reinvestment Zone, whether all or part of the territory, which is depicted by the map in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and in a legal description attached hereto as Exhibit "A-1", should be included in such proposed Reinvestment Zone; and

WHEREAS, all owners of property located within the proposed Reinvestment Zone and all other taxing units and other interested persons were given the opportunity at such public hearing to protest the creation of the proposed Reinvestment Zone or the inclusion of their property in such Reinvestment Zone; and

WHEREAS, the proponents of the reinvestment zone offered evidence, both oral and documentary, in favor of all of the foregoing matters relating to the creation of the reinvestment zone, and opponents of the reinvestment zone appeared to contest creation of the reinvestment zone; and

WHEREAS, after considering all testimony and evidence offered at the public hearing, the City Council finds that improvements in the Reinvestment Zone will enhance significantly the value of all taxable real and personal property in the Zone, will be of general benefit to the City of Sulphur Springs and that it will be in the public interest to pass this ordinance creating a Reinvestment Zone;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this ordinance are hereby found and declared to be true and correct.

SECTION 2: The City, after conducting such hearing and having heard such evidence and testimony, pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code (TTC), has made the following findings and determinations based on the evidence and testimony presented to it:

- (a) That the public hearing on adoption of the Reinvestment Zone has been properly called, held, and conducted and that notice of such hearing has been published as required by law.
- (b) That the City has jurisdiction to hold and conduct this public hearing on the creation of the proposed Reinvestment Zone pursuant to the Act; and
- (c) That creation of the proposed zone with boundaries as described in Exhibits "A" and "B" will result in benefits to the City, its residents and property owners, and to the property, residents, and property owners in the reinvestment zone.
- (d) That the Reinvestment Zone, as defined in Exhibits "A" and "A-1", meets the criteria for the creation of a Reinvestment Zone as set forth in Chapter 312 of the Act in that:
 - (1) It is a contiguous geographic area located wholly within the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City.
 - (2) The area will reasonably be likely, as a result of the designation, to contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment, or to attract major investment in the Zone that would be a benefit to the property and that would contribute to the economic development of the City.
 - (3) No part of the property in the Reinvestment Zone is owned or leased by a member of the governing body of the City or by a member of a zoning or planning board or Council of the city.
 - (4) Improvements in the Reinvestment Zone will significantly enhance the value of all taxable real property in the Reinvestment Zone.

SECTION 3: That the City hereby creates a Reinvestment Zone over the area depicted by the map in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and in a legal description attached hereto as Exhibit "A-1" and such Reinvestment Zone shall hereafter be identified as the Commercial-Industrial Reinvestment Zone, Number 2020-01, City of Sulphur Springs, Texas (the "Zone").

SECTION 4: That operation of the Zone shall commence on December 31, 2020 for a period of five years or may terminate sooner by subsequent ordinance.

SECTION 5: That if any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6: That it is hereby officially found, determined, and declared that a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting of the City Council at which this

ordinance was adopted was posted at a place convenient and readily accessible at all times to the general public at the city Hall of the city for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 et seq of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, and that this meeting has been open to the public as required by law at all times during which this ordinance and the subject matter hereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. The City Council further ratifies, approves, and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

SECTION 7: That the contents of the notice of public hearing, which hearing was held before the City Council on October 6, 2020, and the publication of said notices, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 1st day of September 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this the _____ day of _____ 2020.

CITY OF SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

ATTEST:

John A. Sellers, Mayor

Gale Roberts, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EFFECT:

Jim McLeroy, City Attorney

EXHIBITS TO ORDINANCE

Map of zone (Exhibit A)

Legal description of zone (Exhibit A-1)

A public hearing will be conducted October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the final reading of Ordinance No. 2773. Exhibits are available for review in the City Secretary's office, 201 N. Davis St. during normal business hours.