

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS RELATED TO THE HUNTERS CROSSING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 ANNUAL SERVICE PLAN UPDATE, INCLUDING PROVISIONS RELATED TO ASSESSMENTS FOR THE HUNTER'S CROSSING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; APPROVING A FISCAL YEAR 2025 ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE DISTRICT; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE HUNTER'S CROSSING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND THE HUNTER'S CROSSING LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION; PROVIDING FOR RATIFICATION OF PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop, Texas (the "City"), pursuant to and in accordance with the terms, provisions, and requirements of the Public Improvement District Assessment Act, Chapter 372, Texas Local Government Code, as amended (the "PID Act"), has previously established the "Hunters Crossing Public Improvement District" (the "District"), pursuant to Resolution No. R-2001-19 adopted by the City Council of the City (the "City Council") on September 11, 2001 (the "Original Creation Authorization"); and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2003, the City Council passed and approved Resolution No. R-2003-34 amending the Original Creation Authorization by reducing the estimated costs of the public improvements for the PID (the "Public Improvements") and modifying the method of assessment; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2003, the City Council passed and approved Ordinance No. 2003-35 (the "Original Assessment Ordinance") levying assessments and adopting the Service and Assessment Plan, including the Assessment Roll for the PID attached thereto (collectively, the "Service and Assessment Plan"); and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2004, the City Council passed and approved Ordinance No. 2004-42 (the Original Assessment Ordinance as amended by Ordinance No. 2004-42, and as the same may be amended from time to time, is referred to collectively as the "Assessment Ordinance"), to correct omissions or mistakes discovered in the Assessment Roll consisting of scrivener's and mathematical errors as well as a failure to denote the effects of rounding in the conversion of square feet; and

WHEREAS, the service plan and assessment roll contained in the Service and Assessment Plan are required to be reviewed and updated annually pursuant to the PID Act; and

WHEREAS, the Hunter's Crossing Local Government Corporation "HCLGC" was established by the City Council to operate the District and make recommendations to the City Council regarding District operation which is controlled by the City Council, including the District's annual service plan update and assessment roll.

WHEREAS, the HCLGC met on July 1, 2024, where the Board deliberated upon the Annual Service Plan Update, including the FY2025 Assessment Roll item and unanimously approved its recommendation to the City Council for adoption as the Fiscal Year 2024 annual update to the Service Plan and FY2025 Assessment Roll.

WHEREAS, after staff and consultant preparation, public hearing was conducted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on August 13, 2024, where the Hunters Crossing Public Improvement District Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Service Plan Update, including the FY2024 Assessment Roll (attached hereto as Exhibit A) was presented; where opportunity for public testimony was provided; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to proceed with the adoption of this Ordinance to conduct the annual update to the Service and Assessment Plan and set forth the FY2024 Assessment Roll, in conformity with the requirements of the PID Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the passage of this Ordinance is required by the PID Act and is in the best interest of the citizens of Bastrop.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Terms.

Terms not otherwise defined herein, including in the preambles to this Ordinance, have the meanings ascribed thereto as set forth in the FY2025 Annual Service Plan Update.

Section 2. Findings.

The findings and determinations set forth in the recitals hereof are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes as if the same were restated in full in this Section.

Section 3. Ratification of Previous City Council Actions.

The City Council does hereby approve and ratify all prior actions of the City Council taken related to the Hunters Crossing Public Improvement District, including the creation of the District and the levy of assessments.

Section 4. Service and Assessment Plan.

The City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas does hereby approve and adopt the Service and Assessment Plan, dated August 13, 2024, as the FY2025 Annual Service Plan Update for the District, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and is incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section 5. Assessment Roll.

The Assessment Roll attached to the FY2025 Annual Service Plan Update is hereby accepted and approved pursuant to the PID Act as the assessment roll of the District.

Section 6. Method of Assessment.

The method of apportioning the Costs of the Authorized Improvements is set forth in the FY2024 Annual Service Plan Update.

Section 7. Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Assessments.

Delinquent Assessments shall be subject to the penalties, interest, procedures, and foreclosure sales set forth in the Amended and Restated Service and Assessment Plan and as allowed by law.

Section 8. Lien Priority.

The City Council intends for the obligations, covenants and burdens on the landowners of the Assessed Property, including without limitation such landowners' obligations related to payment of the Assessment and the Annual Installments thereof, to constitute covenants that shall run with the land. The Assessment and Annual Installments thereof, which were levied by the Assessment Ordinance and which are described in and apportioned by the FY 2025 Annual Service Plan Update, shall be binding upon the landowners of the Assessed Property, and their respective transferees, legal representatives, heirs, devisees, successors and assigns in the same manner and for the same period as such parties would be personally liable for the payment of ad valorem taxes under applicable law. The Assessment shall have lien priority as specified in the PID Act.

Section 9. Appointment of Administrator and Collector of Assessments.

(a) Appointment of Administrator.

The Hunters Crossing Local Government Corporation was designated by the City as the Administrator of the Service and Assessment Plan and of the Assessment levied by the Assessment Ordinance (the "Administrator"). The Administrator shall perform the duties of the Administrator described in Service and Assessment Plan and in this Ordinance. The Administrator's fees, charges and expenses for providing such service shall constitute an Operational and Maintenance Supplemental Service. The City delegates authority to the City Manager (or her designee) to appoint the Administrator or a replacement Administrator.

(b) Appointment of Collector.

The Bastrop County Tax Assessor-Collector is hereby appointed and designated as the collector of the Assessment (the "Collector"). The City Manager, or her assignee, is directed to provide the Assessment Roll to the Collector no later than close of business on September 30, 2024, and to request that such assessments be assessed to and collected from Assessed Property in the PID.

Section 10. Applicability of Tax Code.

To the extent not inconsistent with this Ordinance, and not inconsistent with the PID Act or the other laws governing public improvement districts, the provisions of the Texas Tax Code shall be applicable to the imposition and collection of Assessment by the City.

Section 11. Filing in Land Records.

The City Secretary is directed to cause a copy of this Ordinance, including the FY2025 Annual Service Plan Update and Assessment Roll, to be recorded in the real property records of Bastrop County. The City Secretary is further directed to similarly file each Annual Service Plan Update approved by the City Council.

Section 12. Severability.

If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or the application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council that no portion hereof, or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, or invalidity or any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 13. Conflict.

All other ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of any such conflict or inconsistency.

Section 14. Public Meeting.

The City Council met in two public meetings conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, and which allowed the public to address the City Council on the passage of this Ordinance, the first on August 13, 2024 and the second on August 27, 2024, and took all necessary action to adopt this ordinance by majority vote of the City Council.

Section 15. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect and the provisions and terms of the FY2025 Annual Service Plan Update and Assessment Roll shall be and become effective upon passage and execution hereof.

READ and ACKNOWLEDGED on the First Reading on the 10th day of September 2024.

READ and ADOPTED on the Second Reading on the 17th day of September 2024.

ADOPTED:

By: _____

Lyle Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____

Irma G. Parker, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By: _____

George Hyde, Special Legal Counsel to City of Bastrop, Texas

EXHIBIT A

**HUNTERS CROSSING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
FY 2025 Annual Service Plan Update and Assessment Roll
[Attached]**