

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: December 6, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Melinda Moritz, Public Works Director

THROUGH: Crystal Caldera, City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to Fund a Backflow Prevention Device - We Care Shopping Center LLC, as an Economic Development Project, not to Exceed \$10,000

PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is for the Leon Valley City Council to consider funding a portion of a Backflow Prevention Device - We Care Shopping Center LLC, as an Economic Development Project, not to Exceed \$10,000.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Jonah Obasi is completing a \$1.9 million dollar project to include efficiency units and 12 townhomes. City Council approved the zone change to a Planned Development District on November 2, 2021, City Council Meeting. The PD was to construct 10 multi-family structures at the rear of the property, 6 of the structures would be two-story apartment units and the other 4 structures would be one-story efficiency units. Each of the 10 structures would consist of two units, bringing the total number of units to 20. These units enhance the shopping center WeCare Shopping Center put in the front of the property.

Mr. Obasi states he was unaware that the backflow prevention was at his cost. The City's received a cost estimate of \$15,928 without installation costs. Mr. Obasi's cost quote with installation is \$29,000.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding would come from the Economic and Community Development Sales Tax. The total cost to fund the project shall not exceed \$10,000. Council budgeted \$65,000 for the project's line item. This would be the first project of the year.

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Social Equity: Economic and Community Development projects encourage collaborative participation between its residents, businesses, and stakeholders.

Economic Development: The city will attract, expand, and retain viable businesses to promote development. We Care Shopping Center LLC aims to support economic and community development by exhibiting a distinctive and welcoming identity in the community.

Environmental Stewardship: The Backflow prevention devices prevent contaminated water or chemicals from flowing back into the public drinking water supply system.

STRATEGIC GOALS

Economic Development is a strategic goal outlined in Leon Valley's Strategic Plan - To attract, retain, and expand quality businesses that will generate sales tax revenue within the City of Leon Valley.

RECOMMENDATION

The Economic Community Development Advisory Committee recommended approval.

ATTEST:

SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Secretary