

RESOLUTION 2015-15

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS FOR THE SR 96 WEST PEDESTRIAN FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin (City) has determined that certain pedestrian facility improvements are necessary on SR-96 West from Vintage Grove Lane to Freedom Middle School Access Road; and

WHEREAS, these improvements are generally described as the construction of a multiuse trail on the North side of SR-96 West (Project); and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary for the City to obtain right-of-way and easements from landowners for the construction of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen expressly finds that the City has the power of eminent domain to extend public roads, *see* T.C.A. §29-17-301 *et seq.*, and to acquire Rights-of-Way and Easements necessary for proper completion of the said Project, and that the acquisition of such Rights-of-Way and/or Easements is for a public purpose and for a public use, and that the acquisition of the private property hereinafter described is necessary to accomplish said public use.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE, that the City Engineer and/or City Attorney are authorized to obtain the necessary rights-of-way, permanent easements and/or temporary easements across the properties listed in Exhibit A hereto and may enter into agreements with property owners with respect to the compensation to be paid for the said rights-of-way and easements, so long as such amounts are reasonable, within the project budget and supported by a qualified appraisal.

The City Engineer and City Attorney are authorized to continue negotiating with any landowner for the acquisition of the rights-of-way and/or easements without resort to condemnation. However, if an impasse is reached with a property owner and condemnation is the only alternative, then the City Attorney, or his/her designee, is authorized to commence necessary condemnation proceedings. After condemnation proceedings have commenced, the City Engineer and/or City Attorney are authorized to enter into settlement agreements with property owners with respect to the compensation to be paid for the said rights-of-way and easements, so long as such amounts are reasonable, within the project budget and supported by a qualified appraisal.

IT IS SO RESOLVED AND DONE on this the 24th day of March, 2015.

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

By: _____
ERIC S. STUCKEY
City Administrator/Recorder

By: _____
DR. KEN MOORE
Mayor

Approved As To Form By:

Shauna R. Billingsley
City Attorney