

City of Houston, Texas, Ordinance No. 2003- 476

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE PROJECT PLAN AND REINVESTMENT ZONE FINANCING PLAN FOR REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SIXTEEN, CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS (UPTOWN); AUTHORIZING THE CITY SECRETARY TO DISTRIBUTE SUCH PLANS; CONTAINING VARIOUS PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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WHEREAS, by City of Houston Ordinance No. 1999-709, adopted July 7, 1999, the City created Reinvestment Zone Number Sixteen, City of Houston, Texas (the "Uptown Zone") pursuant to Chapter 311 of the Texas Tax Code (the "Code") for the purposes of redevelopment in the area of the City generally referred to as the Uptown area; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Uptown Zone has adopted and recommended, and the City has approved, by City of Houston Ordinance No. 1999-758, adopted July 21, 1999, the Project Plan and Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan (the "Plans") for the Uptown Zone; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 311 of the Code authorizes the amendment of the Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Uptown Zone, at its January 22, 2003 board meeting, considered and adopted proposed amendments to the Plans (the "Amendments"), and recommended the Amendments for approval by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, before the Board of Directors of the Uptown Zone may implement the Amendments, the City Council must approve the Amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Plans, as amended by the Amendments, continue to provide that one-third of the tax increment is dedicated to providing low-income housing during the term of the Uptown Zone; and

WHEREAS, the Amendments do not reduce or increase the geographical area of the Uptown Zone; increase the amount of bonded indebtedness to be incurred; increase or decrease the percentage of a tax increment to be contributed by a taxing unit; increase or decrease the total estimated project costs; or designate additional property in the zone to be acquired by the City; and

WHEREAS, no public hearing on the Amendments is required to be held by the provisions of Section 311.011 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article V.B. of the Interlocal Agreement between the City, the Uptown Zone, and the Houston Independent School District (“HISD”), the Superintendent of Schools of HISD has had an opportunity to review and comment upon the proposed Amendments; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON, 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 and are hereby adopted as part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. That the Project Plan and the Reinvestment Zone Financing Plan approved by City of Houston Ordinance No. 1999-757, passed and adopted on July 21, 1999, are hereby amended as follows:

- A. By substituting page 24R attached hereto as Exhibit "1" for page 24 in the Plans; and
- B. By substituting page 26R attached hereto as Exhibit "2" for page 26 in the Plans;

The Plans as so amended (the "Amended Plans") are hereby determined to be feasible and are approved. The appropriate officials of the City are authorized to take all steps reasonably necessary to implement the Amended Plans.

Section 3. That the City Secretary is directed to provide copies of the Amended Plans to each taxing unit levying ad valorem taxes in the Uptown Zone.

Section 4. That City Council officially finds, determines, recites and declares a sufficient written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of this meeting of the City Council was posted at a place convenient to the public at the City Hall of the City for the time required by law preceding this meeting, as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code 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 thereof has been discussed, considered and formally acted upon. That City Council further ratifies, approves and confirms such written notice and the contents and posting thereof.

Section 5. That there exists a public emergency requiring that this Ordinance be

passed finally on the date of its introduction as requested in writing by the Mayor; therefore, this Ordinance shall be passed finally on such date and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; however, in the event that the Mayor fails to sign this Ordinance within five days after its passage and adoption, it shall take effect in accordance with Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of May, 2003.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2003.

Mayor of the City of Houston

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 6, Houston City Charter, the effective date of the foregoing Ordinance is MAY 27 2003.



City Secretary

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(Prepared by Legal Dept. 
(CSL/csl 4/24/03) Assistant City Attorney
(Requested by Robert M. Litke, Director, Planning and Development)
(L. D. File No. 0619900060024)

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✓		TATRO
✓		GALLOWAY
✓		GOLDBERG
✓		EDWARDS
✓		WISEMAN
	ABSENT DUE TO BEING ILL	ELLIS
✓		KELLER
✓		VASQUEZ
✓		ALVARADO
✓		PARKER
✓		QUAN
✓		SEKULA-GIBBS
✓		BERRY
✓		ROBINSON
CAPTION	ADOPTED	

C. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed improvements include:

- The Local Mobility Improvement Program,
- Educational facility improvements, and
- Affordable housing improvements.

Local Mobility Improvement Program

An examination of Uptown's mobility needs found that severe congestion persists on key streets, overburdened intersections and on streets with inadequate capacity. A poor pedestrian network and ineffective transit service compound this congestion.

In response to local mobility deficiencies in streets and related utilities, pedestrian network, and parking, the Uptown Local Mobility Improvement Program has been developed that will:

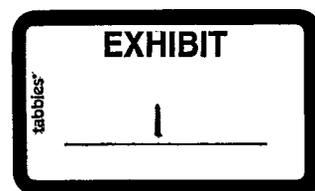
1. **Improve existing streets,**
2. **Create a street grid network,**
3. **Improve intersections,**
4. **Develop a parking management program, and**
5. **Create a pedestrian network.**

The Uptown Local Mobility Improvement Program is shown in Figures 14 and 15 on Pages 26 and 27. A detailed listing of Program projects is given in Appendix J, Uptown Local Mobility Improvement Program.

1. **Improve existing streets**

Streets with insufficient capacity will be widened or improved, adding 11 lane-miles of new roadway. Such key streets as Sage Road, San Felipe, Westheimer, Richmond and Chimney Rock will be improved to:

- Increase capacity,
- Reduce congestion,
- Improve air quality, and
- Encourage additional development.



Uptown Houston TIRZ Local Mobility Improvement Program

