

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R-63

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A FEE WAIVER AND A TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAREDO AND ANDREA ARELLANO FOR A PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATED AT 405 GUERRERO ST, LOT 8&9; BLOCK 244; EASTERN DIVISION THAT CONSISTS OF ADDITION OF A GAME ROOM AND SWIMMING POOL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUTHORIZED GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA ESTABLISHED FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT ZONE (NEZ). THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE FOR A FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD AND WILL ABATE TAXES ON NEW IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE PROJECT HAS AN ESTIMATED CAPITAL INVESTMENT TOTAL OF \$55,043.00, ESTIMATED ANNUAL TAX ABATEMENT TOTAL OF \$350.00 AND ESTIMATED TOTAL FEE WAIVERS OF \$369.00. GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR THE AGREEMENT ARE SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT AND INFORMATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo has previously approved Resolution No. 2013-R-023, creating the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) which outlined potential incentives for projects located within the NEZ and the guidelines for approval process.

WHEREAS, ANDREA ARELLANO is proposing a project located at 405 GUERRERO ST, LOT 8&9; BLOCK 244; EASTERN DIVISION, located within the NEZ District III, that meets the required criteria;

WHEREAS, the project is eligible for fee waivers and tax abatement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Laredo that:

The project located at 405 GUERRERO ST is hereby approved for fee waivers which will approximately total \$369.00 and tax abatement which will approximately total \$350.00 annually, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR on this 20th day of June, 2017.

BY:

PETE SAENZ, JR

MAYOR

ATTEST:




HEBERTO L RAMIREZ



ACTING CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristina Laurel Hale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent loop at the beginning of the first name.

BY: KRISTINA LAUREL HALE

ACTING CITY ATTORNEY

City Council-Regular

Meeting Date: 06/05/2017

Initiated By: Horacio De Leon, Interim City Manager

Staff Source: Ramon E. Chavez, P.E. Building Development Services Director

SUBJECT

2017-R-63 Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Andrea Arellano for a proposed project located at 405 Guerrero St, lots 8 & 9; block 244; eastern division that consists of an addition of a game room and swimming pool, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$55,043.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$350.00 and estimated total fee waivers of \$369.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

Approval of Resolution 2015-R-95 on October 19, 2015 amending the guidelines and boundaries for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone. Approval of Resolution 2013-R-023 on March 18, 2013 creating the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) and outlined the potential incentives for projects located within the NEZ and the guidelines for approval process.

BACKGROUND

The City of Laredo created the NEZ Program to improve City Council Districts III and VIII by encouraging private investment in housing, businesses, and services in NEZ areas. The NEZ Program is the vehicle by which incentives such as building permit fee waivers and municipal property tax abatements may be granted to homeowners, investor-owners and developers proposing new construction projects or rehabilitation projects that are located within the NEZ area. ANDREA ARELLANO has proposed a new project located at 405 GUERRERO ST. The project will CONSTRUCT a ADDITION OF A GAME ROOM AND SWIMMING POOL on the property. The estimated capital investment of the project is \$55,043.00. The project is located within the NEZ District III and meets the zoning requirements as established by the NEZ criteria. The City of Laredo would waive associated fees for the following permits: Building Permit, Plan Review, Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, Fire, Right-of-Way (curb and street cut), Water Permit, Sprinkler System Fees.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

n/a

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

staff recommend City Council approval of this resolution

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Year:

Budgeted Y/N?:

Source of Funds:

Account #:

Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Based on the above representations the estimated fee waivers by the City of Laredo will approximately total: \$369.00 and estimated FIVE (5) year total tax abatement is anticipated to be \$ 1753.00

Attachments

Tax Abatement

Resolution
