

Memorandum

File #: 19-00479

City Council

12/12/2019

### LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

**SPONSOR:** Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

PUBLIC HEARING - REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION - BAPTIST HOSPITAL OWNED PROPERTIES

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council conduct the second of two (2) required public hearings on December 12, 2019 to consider the voluntary annexation of thirty-four (34) parcels owned by Baptist Hospital.

#### HEARING REQUIRED: Public

#### SUMMARY:

Baptist Health Care officially requested Annexation into the City of Pensacola on October 17, 2019. The requested parcels are located in the southwest quadrant of I-110 and Brent Lane which is in an unincorporated portion of Escambia County. The proposed area for annexation is on the west border of the City and is referred to as "Baptist Annexation Area."

The Baptist Annexation Area is contiguous to the City and encompasses approximately fifty-three (53) acres. When added to the City's current area of 16,057 acres, the new proposed City area would be 16,110 acres.

Approval of the annexation request will necessitate a subsequent amendment to the City's Zoning and Future Land Use Maps to include the subject properties. The recommended designation of C-3 is consistent with the adjacent industrially and commercially zoned properties currently located within the City limits. Additionally, Baptist Health Care will request the vacation of the following rights-ofway within the annexed area subject to City Council approval: Rawson lane from Brent Lane to Corday Street, Corday Street from Dixie Drive to 1-110 and Joe Elliot Way in its entirety.

F.S. 171.0413 provides that:

Annexation procedures.-Any municipality may annex contiguous, compact, unincorporated territory in the following manner:

(1) An ordinance proposing to annex an area of contiguous, compact, unincorporated territory shall be adopted by the governing body of the annexing municipality pursuant to the procedure for

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the adoption of a nonemergency ordinance established by s. 166.041. Prior to the adoption of the ordinance of annexation, the local governing body shall hold at least two advertised public hearings. The first public hearing shall be on a weekday at least 7 days after the day that the first advertisement is published. The second public hearing shall be held on a weekday at least 5 days after the day that the second advertisement is published. Each such ordinance shall propose only one reasonably compact area to be annexed. However, prior to the ordinance of annexation becoming effective, a referendum on annexation shall be held as set out below, and, if approved by the referendum, the ordinance shall become effective 10 days after the referendum or as otherwise provided in the ordinance, but not more than 1 year following the date of the referendum.

(6) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), if the area proposed to be annexed does not have any registered electors on the date the ordinance is finally adopted, a vote of electors of the area proposed to be annexed is not required. In addition to the requirements of subsection (5), the area may not be annexed unless the owners of more than 50 percent of the parcels of land in the area proposed to be annexed consent to the annexation. If the governing body does not choose to hold a referendum of the annexing municipality pursuant to subsection (2), then the property owner consents required pursuant to subsection (5) shall be obtained by the parties proposing the annexation prior to the final adoption of the ordinance, and the annexation ordinance shall be effective upon becoming a law or as otherwise provided in the ordinance.

Therefore, in accordance with paragraph (6) of F.S. 171.0413, a referendum is not required as there are no registered electors on the parcels in the proposed annexation area. Pursuant to F.S. 171.044, no referendum is required for a voluntary annexation request.

## PRIOR ACTION:

November 14, 2019 - The City Council conducted the first of two required public hearings.

#### FUNDING:

N/A

## FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City would receive stormwater and franchise fees and where applicable, ad valorem and public service tax revenues from the subject parcels as well as from any future improvements.

## CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

10/27/2019

# STAFF CONTACT:

Keith Wilkins, City Administrator Kerrith Fiddler, Deputy City Administrator - Community Development Sherry H. Morris, Planning Services Administrator

## ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Letter from Baptist Hospital requesting annexation of parcels dated 10/17/19
- 2) Map of Annexation Area Baptist Hospital Properties and Adjacent Properties
- 3) Proposed Ordinance Draft
- 4) Aerial Map Requested During Agenda Conference
- 5) Proof of Publication Public Hearing
- 6) Overhead Graphics

**PRESENTATION:** No