

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 21, 2023

TO: Mayor & City Council
CC: Mercy Rushing, City Manager

FROM: David Madsen

SUBJECT: **Council Meeting Agenda Item:** Permission to use City owned property for a medical helipad.

Background Information:

The civic center has let the Fire Dept use their property to set up a landing zone for the medical helicopter. This has been the location for at least 30 years. When the splashpad was built, we moved the location across the road but still within the civic center property. Recently, the helicopter landed and damaged the new shade cloths for the splash pad. Although the damage was not major, the effect of the shade cloths becoming unattached from the poles could have been catastrophic had the cloths broken completely free and gotten into the tor blades of the helicopter. Although the civic center did not ask us to change locations, the Fire Department decided to look for another location to avoid any future issues. The city owned property at the north end of the old landfill was found to be a desirable location. Air 1 from UT Health landed at the location and determined that this was acceptable to them. The main concern was the animal shelter, ACO Jordana Green, was at the shelter when they landed and advised that there were no effects from the landing to the shelter or animals. We will use this location temporarily and have plans to build a permanent pad with lighting and easily accessible patent transport from the pad to the road. The council needs to approve the site so that we can proceed with the project. There is no zoning hearing for the project as helipads are allowed in industrial zones.



Recommendation: Staff and the fire department recommend that the council approve the location.

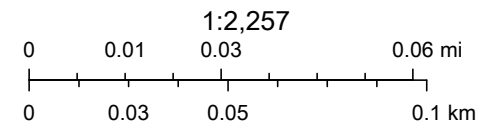
Final Disposition:

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