Housing from A6

the council revisit the way the program is used in the future while tracking how to create housing for people in need.

"One thing I've been asking myself is, 'Would this project have come to town if we didn't have this MUPTE?" he said of the Gateway Boulevard development.

Councilor Chalice Savage attested to the great need for the program to create more opportunities.

watching friends' kids have to move away because there's no housing, so I support this," she said.

The approval of the application Monday night made it the third use of the MUPTE since the city adopted the program.

The city granted the first use of the program to JDL Construction on behalf of Dave and Carol Rogers, whose iconic house at 1308 E. Main St. burned down in a fire in August 2019.

In meeting its public benefit qualification, the applicant proposed to dedicate 2.5 feet as a rightof-way for code compliant eight-foot-wide sidewalks.

In addition, the applicant agreed to install new eight-foot-wide sidewalks in front of each of the tax lots as well as a fully ADA-compliant ramp at the northwest corner of E. Main Street and N. 14th

The total approximated value of the public benefits was \$16,000.

Estimates performed by staff show that the city will be waiving approximately \$29,000 to \$31,000 over the 10-year period of the tax exemption. At the end of the exemption period, the city will receive approximately \$3,900 annually on the improvement

The second use of the MUPTE program came in January when it was approved for the property owners Nolan and Ariel Booher who proposed the development of a fourunit project located at the southeast corner of E. Whiteaker Avenue and N. 22nd Street.

The Boohers had planned on constructing a duplex on the site until they were made aware of the MUPTE program, which they said made the project financially feasi-

"Without the MUPTE program, we would not have built a multi-family structure," they stated in a letter to the city council.

In meeting the public benefit requirement, the Boohers proposed to include a fully ADA accessible unit with a van-accessible ADA parking space.

At the time, the applicant and staff were ad-

ditionally working on implementing either a right-of-way dedication or an easement for the area associated with the ADA ramp at the southeast corner of the property.

Estimates performed by staff showed the city will be waiving approximately \$37,000 to \$39,000 over the 10-year period of the program.

At the end of the exemption period, the city will receive approximately \$3,900 annually on the improvement area.

An approximation of the value of the public benefit for this project was not included in the city's memorandum at the time.

Staff estimations stated the three projects in total could amount to as much as \$320,000 waived over their 10-year periods assuming development started this year without the MUPTE.

While addressing concerns from council on Monday, Fleck recommended that conversations about the program continue and that the city council consider revisiting or revising the provisions at the end of the construction period in September or October.



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