

**City Council
Agenda Memo**



**City Council
Meeting Date: December 3, 2009**

TO: Larry D. Gilley, City Manager

FROM: Jon C. James, AICP, Director of Planning & Development Services

SUBJECT: First Reading and Public Hearing on an ordinance annexing property in accordance with the City's Annexation Plan adopted December 7, 2006 and amended July 10, 2008; and set a Public Hearing for December 17, 2009.

GENERAL INFORMATION

On December 7, 2006, the City Council adopted a Three-Year Annexation Plan, which includes approximately 3,436 acres of land southeast of the current city limits. This land was divided into 3 separately considered areas (Area A, Area B, and Area E).

Over the past 3 years, staff has studied the area, prepared an inventory of existing types and levels of service, posted notice and held 2 public hearings, and prepared and posted a Service Plan with the help of an appointed citizen committee.

Section 23-304.3 of the Zoning Ordinance states, "All territory hereafter annexed to the City of Abilene shall be classified in the AO, Agricultural Open-space district..." Therefore, zoning of any property that is annexed should be AO until such time that a property owner requests some other classification through the normal rezoning process.

Two public hearings were held in the month of October, 2007. An additional public hearing was held on July 10, 2008 with the City Council approving an amended annexation area.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Comprehensive Plan recommends that this area be annexed in the future. Staff recommends annexing the amended annexation area as approved by City Council on July 10, 2008.

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinance
Approved Service Plan

Prepared by:

Name: Jon C. James

Title: Director

Item No. _____

Disposition by City Council

- Approved Ord/Res# _____
- Denied _____
- Other _____

City Secretary