



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Clay Phillips, City Manager

Date: May 14, 2013

Reference: Consider approval of an Ordinance designating Naterra International, Inc., Reinvestment Zone No. 70 pursuant to Section 312.201 of the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

2030: Business Prosperity

Introduction:

Since 1923, Naterra International Inc. has been making exceptional quality beauty and skin care products. Naterra International, Inc. is a leading United States manufacturer and marketer of beauty, baby care and personal care products.

Naterra is constructing a 300,000 square foot facility at the southeast corner of Freeport Parkway and Wrangler Drive. This facility will serve as the corporate headquarters and distribution center for Naterra International. They will have approximately 300 employees.

Analysis:

In order to grant a tax abatement, a reinvestment zone must be created by ordinance. In order to create a reinvestment zone by ordinance, a public hearing must be held. This item satisfies both requirements. The public hearing is held to determine if the improvements in the zone are feasible, practical and of benefit to the land. The public hearing notice was published in the *Citizens' Advocate* on Friday, May 3, 2013, as required by Chapter 312 of the Texas Property Code. The 18.4 acre tract of land included within the boundaries of Reinvestment Zone No. 70 is at the southeast corner of Freeport Parkway and Wrangler Drive. The legal description for the property is Lot 1R, Block B of Gateway Business Park II..

Legal Review:

Agenda item did not require legal review.

Fiscal Impact:

N/A

Recommendation:

Economic Development recommends approval.