OA-992-32 Rogers City Resolution No. 2007-65

STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROGERS AND THE TOWN OF HASSAN PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 414

ORDER

WHEREAS, a joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Rogers and the Town of Hassan; and

WHEREAS, a resolution was received from the City of Rogers indicating their desire that

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certain property be annexed to the City of Rogers pursuant to M.S. 414.0325; and

WHEREAS, M.S. 414.0325 states that in certain circumstances the Director of Strategic

and Long Range Planning may review and comment, but shall within 30 days order the

annexation of land pursuant to said subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, Reorganization Order No. 192, effective March 8, 2005, has transferred the duties of the Director to the Chief Administrative Law Judge; and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2007, the Chief Administrative Law Judge has reviewed and accepted the resolution for orderly annexation;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the following described property is hereby annexed in accordance with the terms of the joint resolution to the City of Rogers, Minnesota, the same as

if it had originally been made a part thereof:

All that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 120 North, Range 23 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Hennepin County, Minnesota described as commencing at the Southwest corner of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North along the West line thereof a distance of 523.5 feet to the actual point of beginning of the tract to be hereby described; thence East at right angles a distance of 212.50 feet; thence North parallel with said West line a distance of 205.0 feet; thence West at right angles a distance of 212.50 feet to the West at right angles a distance of 212.50 feet to the West line of said Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South along said West line a distance of 205.0 feet to the point of beginning. PID #27-120-23 11 0006; 0.84 acres

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That pursuant to Minn. Stat. 414.036, the Town of Hassan

will be reimbursed by the City of Rogers in accordance with the terms of the Joint Resolution

signed by the City of Rogers and Hassan Township on October 22, 2003.

Dated this 20th day of December, 2007.

For the Chief Administrative Law Judge P. O. Box 64620 St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620

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Christine M. Scotillo Executive Director Municipal Boundary Adjustments

MEMORANDUM

In ordering the annexation contained in Docket No. OA-992-32, the Chief Administrative Law Judge finds and makes the following comment:

Planning in the area designated for orderly annexation must be provided for by one of three provisions set forth in Minnesota Statutes Section 414.0325, Subd. 5. The joint resolution does not make reference to which of the three statutory provisions the parties have agreed on to govern planning in the designated area.

Section 13.01 states in part, "This agreement will terminate on August 15, 2030 in all respects..." End dates or ending mechanisms are problematic in that they appear contrary to the act of conferring jurisdiction to the Chief Administrative Law Judge. Once jurisdiction is conferred, it cannot be taken away by written consent of the parties. Jurisdiction ends when all the designated area is annexed. The issue whether jurisdiction could be "given back" by the Chief Administrative Law Judge upon written request of the parties to the agreement to mutually end their agreement has not been addressed.

The parties are encouraged to consider this comment in light of any further amendments that may be otherwise necessary to this agreement for orderly annexation.