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Consideration of the March, 2022 Employee of the Month Award (William Sims, GIS/Real Property Coordinator, Engineering Department).

William Sims is the GIS/Real Property Coordinator in the Engineering Department. He typically assists Staff across the City organization with determining the type, use, and location of easements and right-of-way so they can perform their work without encroaching on private property. He will also assist by going into the field and help to mark and locate such easements or right-of-way.

Part of William 's job description is to assist Departments with negotiating easements and right-of way or assisting with disposal of real property if the City should decide to sell a property. However, this portion of his job description is typically not to any large degree of his assigned workload, or to any grand scale or effort. Rather, most property acquisition or disposal assignments are limited and ancillary to a capital improvement project or a maintenance effort or where a City-owned parcel is no longer needed. After all, the City's primary mission is not in the real estate sales or acquisitions business, so this portion of Mr. Sims workload is minimal.

On April 9, 2020, the City Manager received a notice-to-proceed to begin the acquisition of right-of-way for the Jerry Jones Project. There are 153 parcels along the corridor, and mostly all parcels were impacted needing purchase of temporary or permanent easements or right-of-way. The original Project timeline was 24 months (January, 2020 through December 31, 2021). Thus, based on the April 1st notice, the