



City of Longview Agenda Summary Sheet

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Introduced by: Council Member Ken Botero

Date: 10/01/2018

Supported by: Council Member Chet Makinster

For Agenda of: 10/11/2018

SUBJECT TITLE:

Alley Vacation Reconsideration

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

At the 07/12/18 council meeting, council approved Resolution No. 2272 setting a public hearing to vacate the northerly 290 feet of alley right-of-way in Block #12, Plat of Longview #7, located between 7th & 8th Avenues, south of Hudson Street, as requested by property owner Vince Penta. At the 8/9/18 meeting, council held the public hearing and subsequently approved the alley vacation request. The approval had conditions set, as can be reviewed on the attached minute excerpt from that meeting.

Recently Mr. Penta had a conversation with City of Longview staff concerning that approval. We would like to revisit this issue after Mr. Penta expressed a different view of what our intent was. It seems that city staff and the State of Washington are not on the same page on the funding issue. The City of Longview, following tradition, has the option to collect the payment for the vacations. Mr. Penta is asking to earmark the funds being paid into a fund, separate from general fund monies, and be set aside for the required relocation and other infrastructure that may be required through building permits. It was noted that "housing can only be affordable to rent, if the cost to build be affordable".

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Revisit council intent regarding the alley vacation approval as mentioned above.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Preserve and enhance neighborhoods.

Expenditure Required:

Amount Budgeted:

Appropriation Required:

Mayor Jensen opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

Vince Penta of Longview, property owner requesting the vacation, addressed Council in support of the vacation. Mr. Penta provided draft motions for Council to consider.

Lyle Watenpaugh of Cowlitz County, owner of a property affected by the proposed vacation, addressed Council with concerns about the proposed vacation, particularly whether a garbage truck could make a ten foot wide turn if an access road were to be constructed.

Mayor Jensen closed the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Ken Botero, seconded by Council Member Scott Vydra, to

1. Approve the proposed alley vacation contingent upon retaining full public ingress/egress access and utility easements, and payment of vacation fees.
2. Include easement conditions to keep the access and utility easements free from damage, debris and obstructions at all times until such time that the remaining section of the alley is vacated.
3. Direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for adoption after access/utility easements have been obtained and vacation fees have been paid.
4. Set the vacation fees at \$35,920.83.
5. Said right-of-way/easement shall include an unobstructed roadway surface, ten feet in width, which is comparable to the existing rocked alleyway being vacated.

The motion passed unanimously.