



AGENDA MEMO

9/18/2018 Agenda

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jacob Speer, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Consider an ordinance abandoning alley right-of-way at 3615 Amherst Avenue

BACKGROUND:

When approached by their neighbors at 3606 Lovers Lane about their request to the City for a potential alley abandonment, the owners of 3615 Amherst determined they would also like to purchase a portion of the alley right-of-way. It was determined that two abandonments of 5' x 88.98' portions of the alley right-of-way would best meet the needs of both property owners, each being comprised of 445 square feet. The attached ordinance pertains to the abandonment adjacent to 3615 Amherst Avenue.

Pursuant to the original abandonment request by the owners of 3606 Lovers Lane, an appraisal was performed and a value of \$164.00 per square foot was assigned for the alley right-of-way. In accordance with Council policy, the requested right-of-way abandonment has a value of \$72,980.00. The residents of 3615 Amherst have offered to purchase the right-of-way for \$10,000.00. The residents offer an explanation for the proposed valuation in an attached email.

Staff has identified no current or future need by the City for this 445 square feet of alley right-of-way.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends City Council approval of the ordinance abandoning alley right-of-way adjacent to 3615 Amherst at a value to be determined by the City Council.