



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Public Works

Date: October 8th, 2013

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Reconveyance of a Tax Forfeited Land Parcel.**

Recommendation:

Authorize the proper City Officer to execute the necessary documents to reconvey the tax forfeited land parcel at 213 17th Ave NE, acquired for an alley right of way, to the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information:

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Approved by: _____

Steven A. Kotke, P.E., Director of Public Works

Presenters in Committee: Dennis Morris, Right of Way Supervisor

Supporting Information

Periodically, properties are forfeited to the State of Minnesota for failure to pay real estate property taxes. These tax-forfeited properties, which are administered by the county, are first made available to local government taxing subdivisions for specific public purposes. The local subdivisions may use the land indefinitely, provided it is used for the public purpose originally identified.

The City of Minneapolis acquired the tax-forfeited property adjacent to 213 17th Ave NE in 1945 for the intended purpose of creating a public alley. The parcel was only eight feet wide and 132 feet in length. A functional alley would be 16 feet in width and have an outlet to an adjacent street. Since that time no other property has been acquired by the City to create a functional alley and, consequently, no alley was built. Recently Mr. Matt Hiltner at 213 17th Ave NE, the abutting property owner, has requested the City of Minneapolis to release the property. The City Engineer, Director of Public Works (after consulting with CPED and all applicable Public Works Divisions) has declared this parcel as excess land in accordance with

the City's Land Disposition Policy. The purpose of this action is to reconvey the property from the City of Minneapolis back to the State of Minnesota. Once this action is accomplished, the abutting property owner will approach the State of Minnesota with a request to acquire the parcel for their use as additional yard space to their property.

The property acquired by the City has never been assigned a street address or a Hennepin County Tax Identification Number. It is described as "The East 8 feet of Lots 9 and 10, Block 14, Bottineau's Second Addition to the Town of Saint Anthony".

CC: Don Elwood, Public Works

