



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

Date: October 25, 2005
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Subject: **Set a Method of Sale and Set a Public Hearing Date for the Sale of Excess Land at 112 ½ University Ave SE and 210 – 2nd Avenue SE**

Recommendations:

That the City-owned vacant and excess land at 112 ½ University Ave SE and 210 – 2nd Ave SE be sold by the method of “private sale to the adjacent owner.” Further, that Transportation & Public Works Committee set a Public Hearing time certain for November 22, 2005 regarding this proposed sale.

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Approved by:

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Presenter: Steven A. Kotke, Deputy Director of Public Works for Internal Services

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Other financial impact (Explain):
- Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

The City of Minneapolis owns a vacant parcel at 112 ½ University Ave SE adjacent to the City’s St. Anthony Main Parking Ramp. All of this parcel and part of the parking ramp parcel with the address of 210 – 2nd Ave SE have been used as a surface parking lot since the ramp was constructed.

Public Works recently received an offer to purchase an 80’ x 48’ piece of the City’s parking lot from the adjacent owner. That adjacent owner is offering \$75,000 for the land. The proposed sale is a landlocked parcel without access to a public street or alley. Such a parcel is only useful to an adjacent owner who wants to combine it with their property. The City Engineer has determined that this strip of land is no longer needed for municipal operations purposes.

Due to the parcel’s small size and landlocked status, we recommend that your Committee approve the sale method for this land as “private sale to adjacent owner only.” City Ordinance section 14.120 requires that a public hearing be conducted before any city-owned real estate is sold. We further recommend that a time certain be set for the public hearing for the

Transportation & Public Works Committee meeting on November 22, 2005. The details of the proposed sale will be presented to your Committee during the public hearing.

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Att. 1: Map 1

Att. 2: Map 2