



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

Date: July 26, 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 Vacant Land at 248 Hennepin Ave

Recommendation:

That the City-owned land at 248 Hennepin Avenue be sold by the method of private sale to the adjacent owner. Further, that T&PW Committee set a Public Hearing time certain for August 9, 2005 regarding this sale.

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Approved by:

Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenter: Steven A. Kotke, 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 small strip of land at 248 Hennepin Avenue. This parcel is L – shaped and is located in the center of the block. It contains 1,420 square feet and has been part of the public alley. All of the alley easements in the block are being vacated to make way for The Eclipse condominium project. The adjacent owner wants to buy the City's land and incorporate it into that development. Small parcels like this one are typically useful only for an adjacent owner. We recommend that this land be sold to the adjacent owner using the private sale method.

City Ordinance section 14.120 requires that a public hearing be conducted before any city-owned real estate is sold. We recommend that a time certain be set for the public hearing for the T&PW Committee meeting on August 9, 2005. The sale details will be presented to your Committee at that time.