



Staff Report

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TO: Urban Renewal Agency Board
THROUGH: Keith Stahley, Executive Director
FROM: Kristin Retherford, Director, Urban Development Department

SUBJECT:

Engineering consultant to aid in the vacation of 1st Street NW

Ward(s): Ward 1

Councilor(s): Stapleton

Neighborhood(s): WSNA

Result Area(s): Safe, Reliable and Efficient Infrastructure; Welcoming and Livable Community.

SUMMARY:

Engage a City of Salem consultant of record for engineering survey services to prepare materials needed to initiate vacation of the remaining 306 feet of 1st Street NW to encourage redevelopment of this block.

ISSUE:

Shall the Agency Board allocate \$25,000 from West Salem Urban Renewal Area (WSURA) funds committed to future projects and engage a surveying consultant to start the City of Salem (City) process to vacate 1st Street NW?

RECOMMENDATION:

Allocate \$25,000 from WSURA funds committed to future projects and engage a surveying consultant to start the City process to vacate 1st Street NW.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The vacation of 1st Street NW (Attachment A) will help redevelop this block by removing the burden of designing and constructing the street to City local street standards. The small section of 1st Street NW, roughly 306 linear feet, is not to City standards and only serves as access to the north or rear

entrance parking area of one building consisting of a few businesses where public or customer access and parking is off Edgewater Street NW.

This is a project under sections 701 and 703 of the WSURA Plan. At the September 7, 2022, West Salem Redevelopment Advisory Board meeting, the members voted to recommend that the Agency allocate the \$25,000 and start the process to vacate 1st Street NW.

If approved by the Agency, the next steps will be to contract with a City surveying consultant to help complete the street vacation process. This process involves a public hearing before the City Council, among other criteria contained in Salem Revised Code Section 255.065.

BACKGROUND:

City Council approved Ordinance Bill No. 14-15 on March 9, 2015, to vacate Lincoln Avenue NW and the majority of 1st Street NW east of Melinda Avenue NW. This area was later redeveloped by Goodwill Industries.

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Project Manager

Attachments:

1. Map of the proposed vacation area