

City Council Agenda Item Memo

From: Paul Briseno, City Manager

Council Meeting: July 22, 2025

Subject: Resolution 25-069: Purchase Land for Parking Lot

Presenter: Paul Briseno, City Manager

Summary and Recommended Action:

The proposed Resolution is presented to the City Council to authorize the purchase of land at 214 Front Street. The site was formerly the Dakota Service and Repair. The property will be developed into a public parking lot to support downtown commerce and redevelopment efforts. Council approval will initiate the acquisition for \$1,250,000 for the land, plus title work, closing cost and real estate commission for a total cost of \$1,317,305. A separate budget amendment is presented, allocating the necessary funds from the City Council Financial Policy Fund. Staff recommends approval.

Item Details:

The proposed land acquisition at 214 Front Street is a strategic investment for downtown parking. Additional parking will assist with future growth as redevelopment projects emerge within the downtown.

The total purchase price for the parcel is \$1,250,000 for the land, plus title work, closing cost and real estate commission for a total cost of \$1,317,305. A separate budget amendment will allocate appropriate reserves from the City Council Financial Policy Fund to complete the transaction.

While this initial action focuses solely on land acquisition, future phases may include site remediation, demolition of existing structures, and construction of a paved parking surface with appropriate lighting, drainage, and landscaping. These improvements will be proposed in the future for City Council review and approval.

Legal Consideration:

The City Attorney has reviewed the purchase agreement for legal sufficiency and compliance with state laws. The resolution accompanying this memo has been prepared accordingly for City Council consideration.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

- Economic Growth – The City of Brookings will support effective diversified community investment and equitable opportunities for prosperity.

Financial Consideration:

Funds for this acquisition will be drawn from the City Council Financial Policy Fund, which currently has adequate reserves to cover the cost. This expenditure aligns with the fund's purpose of supporting strategic, one-time investments.

Supporting Documentation:

Resolution

Location Map