

City Council Agenda Item Memo

From: Charlie Richter, City Engineer

Council Meeting: March 12, 2024

Subject: Resolution 24-029: Acquisition of Real Property for Future 20th Street South / 22nd Avenue Intersection Improvements

Person(s) Responsible: Charlie Richter, City Engineer

Summary:

Staff recommends approval of a Resolution authorizing the acquisition of real property for future 20th Street South / 22nd Avenue intersection improvements.

Background:

Development along 20th Street South has started to accelerate. Installation of the 20th Street South interchange has increased interest in commercial development along the 20th Street South corridor. Due to the increased interest in this area traffic along this corridor and at the 20th Street South / 22nd Avenue intersection is expected to grow.

At this time, the existing vehicle traffic movements are limited by tight radius which hinder truck movements and require trucks to make turns outside their lanes. Future traffic increases expected for this area will further these deficiencies and hinder safety and growth.

Preliminary design by the City's traffic engineer, HDR Engineering, identified future lane configurations which will require additional right-of-way to be purchased. To allow for future expansion at this intersection, right-of-way will need to be purchased before development prevents the intersection from being properly configured.

Item Details:

This resolution will authorize the City Manager to negotiate a price and enter into an agreement with the property owners on the southwest corner of this intersection. Due to the eminent development expected on this corner, it has become important to settle limits of the right-of-way for proper future alignment.

Legal Consideration:

City Attorney Steve Britzman has reviewed the Resolution.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

Economic Growth – Traffic improvements at this intersection are needed with expected growth of commercial and residential property in this portion of the City.

Financial Consideration:

The City will seek remaining funds in the 20th Street South Interchange grant to purchase this property. If unavailable, City funds have been put aside for this purchase.

Options and Recommendation:

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Move the item to a Study Session
5. Discuss / take no action / table

Staff recommends approval.

Supporting Documentation:

Resolution

Existing Plats of Lots 3-5

Location Map