

★ Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number


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Date May 8, 2006

WHEREAS, the City Plan and Zoning Commission has advised in the attached letter that at a public hearing held April 20, 2006, the members recommended by a vote of 11-0 for **APPROVAL** of a Public Works Director initiated request for vacation and conveyance of a dead-end segment of Hawthorne Street south of Indianola Road in the vicinity of 1945 Hawthorne Street.

MOVED by \_\_\_\_\_ to receive and file, and to refer to the City Manager for further processing in accordance with standard City property disposition procedures.

FORM APPROVED:

  
 Roger K. Brown  
 Assistant City Attorney

(11-2006-1.04)

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
BROOKS				
COLEMAN				
KIERNAN				
HENSLEY				
MAHAFFEY				
VLASSIS				
TOTAL				

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Mayor

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City Clerk

Public Works Director initiated request for vacation and conveyance of public right-of-way.			<b>File #</b>	
			11-2006-1.04	
<b>Description of Action</b>	Vacate and convey a dead-end segment of Hawthorne Street south of Indianola Road in the vicinity of 1945 Hawthorne Street.			
<b>2020 Community Character Plan</b>	Low-Density Residential.			
<b>Horizon 2025 Transportation Plan</b>	Indianola Avenue from 7 <sup>th</sup> Street to SE 1 <sup>st</sup> Street widen from 2 lanes undivided to 3 lanes divided.			
<b>Current Zoning District</b>	"R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential & "C-2" General Retail and Highway-Oriented Commercial.			
<b>Proposed Zoning District</b>	NA.			
<b>Consent Card Responses</b>	In Favor	Not In Favor	Undetermined	% Opposition
Inside Area				
Outside Area	2	0	0	N/A
<b>Plan and Zoning Commission Action</b>	<b>Approval</b>	11-0	<b>Required 6/7 Vote of the City Council</b>	Yes
	<b>Denial</b>			No

City Public Works Director Initiated Street Vacation

11-2006-1.04



Hawthorn Street - Indianola Avenue South to existing Vacated Hawthorn Street

May 8, 2006

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Des Moines, Iowa

Members:

Communication from the City Plan and Zoning Commission advising that at their meeting held April 20, 2006, the following action was taken:

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

After public hearing, the members voted 11-0 as follows:

Commission Action:	Yes	Nays	Pass	Absent
David Cupp	X			
Shirley Daniels				X
Dann Flaherty	X			
Bruce Heilman	X			
Jeffrey Johannsen	X			
Greg Jones				X
Frances Koontz	X			
Kaye Lozier	X			
Brian Meyer	X			
Brian Millard	X			
Brook Rosenberg	X			
Mike Simonson	X			
Kent Sovern				X
Tim Urban	X			
Marc Wallace				X

**APPROVAL** of a Public Works Director initiated request for vacation and conveyance of a dead-end segment of Hawthorne Street south of Indianola Road in the vicinity of 1945 Hawthorne Street. (11-2006-1.04)

Written Responses

2 In Favor

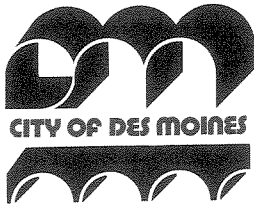
0 In Opposition

*This item would not require a 6/7 vote by City Council.*

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND BASIS FOR APPROVAL**

Staff recommends approval of the requested vacation and conveyance subject to the following conditions:

1. Provision of an access easement on the entire right-of-way to provide access to all adjoining parcels, unless waived by the owner of such parcels.
2. Provision of easements for access, operation, and maintenance of all existing utilities in place; and
3. Conveyance of a portion of the subject right-of-way with frontage along Indianola Road to the parcel recognized as 1945 Hawthorne Street.



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## STAFF REPORT

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Purpose of Request:** Vacation of the undeveloped street right-of-way would allow conveyance of a portion of the right-of-way to the adjoining undeveloped parcel recognized as 1945 Hawthorne Street. This parcel is a lot of record and may be developed with one single-family dwelling notwithstanding the fact that it has no frontage on an open public street. The owners have a right to use the unimproved Hawthorn Street right-of-way for access to their parcel, but as long as the right-of-way remains dedicated as a public street, any improvement to the right-of-way must conform to the standards for a public street. Construction of a public street within the Hawthorne Street right-of-way would be at the expense of the adjoining property owners. Vacation of the right-of-way would allow the vacated right-of-way to be sold for use as a private driveway.
2. **Size of Site:** 50' x 310' (15,500 square feet or 0.36 acre).
3. **Existing Land Use (site):** Undeveloped street right-of-way. A parking lot serving Mr. V's (restaurant use) encroaches into the portion of this right-of-way adjoining the property at 206 Indianola Road.
4. **Existing Zoning (site):** "R1-60" One-Family Low-Density Residential District and "C-2" Highway-Oriented Commercial District.
5. **Adjacent Land Use and Zoning:**
  - West* - "C-2" and "R1-60", Uses include an undeveloped parcel and a commercial structure oriented toward Indianola Road that includes Mr. V's restaurant use and a dwelling unit.
  - East* – "R1-60", Use is five (5) undeveloped lots of record.
6. **General Neighborhood/Area Land Uses:** The undeveloped right-of-way is located between a low-density residential neighborhood to the south and commercial uses along Indianola Road to the north.
7. **Applicable Recognized Neighborhood(s):** Indianola Hills Neighborhood Association.
8. **Relevant Zoning History:** N/A.
9. **2020 Community Character Land Use Plan Designation:** Low-Density Residential.
10. **Applicable Regulations:** The Commission reviews all proposals to vacate land dedicated for a specific public purpose, such as for streets and parks, to determine whether the land is still needed for such purpose or may be released (vacated) for other use. The recommendation of the Commission is forwarded to the City Council.

### II. ADDITIONAL APPLICABLE INFORMATION

1. **Natural Site Features:** The subject right-of-way slopes upward to the south from Indianola Road. The southern half of the subject right-of-way contains voluntary growth and several overstory trees.
2. **Utilities:** No existing utilities have been identified within this right-of-way. Easements must be provided for any existing utilities.

3. **Access or Parking:** There are five existing lots of record with frontage on the east side of the subject right-of-way. All five of these lots were platted with double frontage. The three northernmost lots also have frontage on developed Southwest First Street and the two southernmost lots also have frontage on the 15'-wide undeveloped Bryant Street right-of-way. Because these five lots would still have frontage on a public street right-of-way, these lots would retain Lot of Record status so long as the Lots are not altered or expanded in any way. Staff recommends that the vacation of the Hawthorne Street right-of-way be subject to provision of an access easement on the entire right-of-way area to ensure access to all adjoining parcels, unless waived by the owner of such parcels.

The adjoining undeveloped parcel recognized as 1945 Hawthorne Street has frontage solely on the undeveloped Hawthorne Street right-of-way. Staff recommends that the vacation of the right-of-way be subject to provision of access to 1945 Hawthorne Street through conveyance of a portion of the subject right-of-way with frontage on Indianola Road.

4. **Traffic/Street System:** The subject right-of-way serves no public purpose in its current state. The removal of this segment of street right-of-way would not have a detrimental impact on the traffic system, as the right-of-way is currently undeveloped and stubs 310' south of Indianola Road.

#### SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

*Trisha Punelli, 1957 Courtland Drive spoke noting the subject property has conveyance of Hawthorne Street on the south side; she is buying property at 1931 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 5 lots (42, 43, 44, 45 and 46). Conveyance into one person's ownership would be detrimental to their future plans. She was unaware of the staff recommendation and when explained to her, indicated it would be conducive to all parties and she was amenable to that.*

*Fran Koontz moved to approve the staff recommendation.*

*Motion passed 11-0.*

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Ludwig, AICP  
Planning Administrator

MGL:dfa

Attachment

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Date 4/17/06 9

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

Print Name Dale Hynan

Signature Dale Hynan

Address 300 Walnut #100

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below: Des Moines 50309

I need access to rear lot to build log home.

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Date 04-18-06

I (am) (am not) in favor of the request.

(Circle One)

RECEIVED

Print Name Charles R. Punelli

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Signature Charles R. Punelli

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT Address 1957 Courtland Dr.

Reason for opposing or approving this request may be listed below:

IN favor of the vacation of Hawthorn St.

Not in favor of conveyance to a single party. Favor conveyance to the three (3) parties involved, with access available to all.

Our concern is five lots, we own, at 1930 SW 1st St.