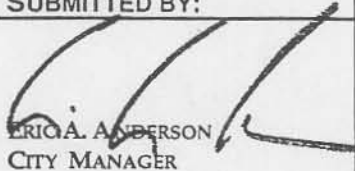


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CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-060
FEBRUARY 5, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	PREPARED BY:	SUBMITTED BY:
ENOS STREET BARRICADES	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JIM GRANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	 ERICA A. ANDERSON CITY MANAGER

SYNOPSIS —

On October 16, 1995, by Roll Call 95-3978, Council took action to place temporary barricades on Enos Avenue between 12th and 13th Streets as a test for possible permanent closure. Subsequently on December 18, 1995, a petition was submitted to the Council requesting the barricades be removed. A neighborhood-meeting was held on January 23, 1996, in which the neighborhood voted 25 to 2 in favor of removing the barricades. If the barricades are removed, further investigation should be done to determine whether street improvements are warranted.

FISCAL IMPACT —

There would be no fiscal impact unless Council would direct further improvements.

RECOMMENDATION —

Removal of barricades and direct City staff to investigate and report on any needed improvements on Enos Avenue.

BACKGROUND —

At the request of the neighborhood association representing the New Vision in Focus Neighborhood Family Estates, on October 16, 1995, Council directed that the barricades be placed on Enos Avenue for a 90-day test period. The letter was submitted by Janice Cochran, president of this neighborhood association.

On November 16, 1995, the City placed concrete barricades on Enos Street on the west right-of-way line at 12th Street and mid-point at the alley between 12th and 13th Streets.

On December 18, 1995, Council received a petition requesting the removal of barricades and reopening of the street. A map was prepared which indicated the location of the individuals signing the petition for barricade removal. Council directed staff to meet with residents to discuss the issue.

City staff arranged a meeting on January 23, 1996, for all property owners in the area. The New Vision in Focus Neighborhood Family Estates organization discussed the barricade issue with 25 of the 27 neighborhood residents attending in favor of removing the barricades.