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	Agenda Item No.	15
	Roll Call No.	<u>12-1242</u>
	Communication No.	<u>12-426</u>
	Submitted by:	Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary right-of-way and easements for the East Park Avenue Sidewalk Project – S.E. 14th Street to S.E. 18th Court by gift, negotiation or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend authorization to proceed with acquisition of the necessary right-of-way and easements for the East Park Avenue Sidewalk Project – S.E. 14th Street to S.E. 18th Court by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate right-of-way acquisition process under eminent domain. Two (2) permanent easements for public sidewalk and four (4) temporary construction easements are needed for this project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,000, estimated acquisition and closing costs.

Funding Source: 2012-13 CIP, Page Street Improvements – 29, Sidewalks – School and Priority Routes, STR081, G.O. Bonds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On August 29, 2011, by Roll Call No. 11-1532, City Council approved a revised assessment policy for new sidewalk construction modifying the existing policy to provide for assessment exemption for high priority sidewalks.

On August 29, 2011, by Roll Call No. 11-1533, City Council authorized construction of a sidewalk project on the south side of East Park Avenue from S.E. 14th Street to S.E. 18th Street as a high priority sidewalk, and that the construction cost not be assessed to the adjoining property owners.

On June 25, 2012, by Roll Call No. 12-1022, Council held an Informal Hearing to allow impacted property owners to express support or opposition to the project. Council subsequently approved proceeding with the project.

The proposed sidewalk project will improve pedestrian travel in the area. There are a high number of disabled residents at the Virginia Park Apartments Assisted Living Facility who use this route. In addition, this area also has three (3) elementary schools, six (6) grocery/convenience stores, and 90 bus stops.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 25, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-1022](#)

Action: Informal Hearing [On](#) construction of sidewalk on E. Park Avenue from SE 14th Street to SE 18th Court. Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: August 29, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1533](#)

Action: [Authorization](#) to proceed with a high priority sidewalk project on E. Park Avenue from SE 14th Street to SE 18th Court. Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: August 29, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1532](#)

Action: [Approving](#) revised assessment policy for new sidewalk construction. ([Council Communication No. 11-552](#)). Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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