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	Agenda Item No.	41
	Roll Call No.	<u>15-0230</u>
	Communication No.	<u>15-046</u>
	Submitted by:	Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Resolution approving limited access to SW McKinley Avenue between SW 46th Street and SW 56th Street to authorized traffic.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of limiting access to SW McKinley Avenue between SW 46th Street and SW 56th Street to authorized traffic. Limiting access to authorized traffic is necessary due to the poor condition of the bridge located approximately 160 feet west of SW 46th Street. Bicycles, pedestrians, and authorized motor vehicle traffic will continue to have public access and use of the street. Motor vehicles shall not be permitted to use the street, except when needed for maintenance of existing utilities and adjoining farming operations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,500

Funding Source: 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Page Bridge-5, City-wide Bridges, BR003

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On January 21, 2015, by Roll Call No. 15-0104, City Council received a recommendation from the City Plan and Zoning Commission that all of the SW McKinley Avenue right-of-way between SW 46th Street and SW 56th Street be vacated subject to the following conditions:

1. The Engineering Department to research the possibility of a temporary easement or other mechanism to allow continued access to and use of the bridge for bicycle and pedestrian recreational purposes.
2. Reservation of easements for all utilities in place until such time that they are abandoned or relocated.
3. Provision of restricted access for agricultural leaseholders of adjoining City property.

In order to allow for continued limited access to the right-of-way for authorized motor vehicles, pedestrians and bicycle traffic, as recommended by the Plan and Zoning Commission above, vacation of the right-of-way is no longer needed. Bicycles, pedestrians, and authorized motor vehicle traffic will continue to have public access and use of the street. Motor vehicle traffic shall not be permitted to use the street, except when needed for maintenance of existing utilities and adjoining farming operations. A gate will be installed at SW McKinley Avenue on the east side of SW 56th Street, and barricades will be placed at the east and west ends of the bridge over Frink Creek, to prevent unauthorized vehicle access. Openings will be placed at the gate and barricades to allow for unrestricted access to pedestrian and

bicycle traffic. This limited use of the right-of-way will be terminated when either the bridge or street is no longer serviceable for the above purposes, or when the Airport’s parallel runway project is funded and is under construction. Snow removal is not proposed as part of this limited use right-of-way.

Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code to add the location of SW 56th Street and SW McKinley Avenue as a four-way stop

McKinley Avenue will remain open to authorized vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycle traffic. In the past, SW McKinley Avenue traffic had the right-of-way through this intersection, with stop signs installed on the north and south approaches of SW 56th Street. Since the east leg of SW McKinley Avenue is now open to limited access only, staff recommends that a stop sign be installed for eastbound and westbound McKinley Avenue at SW 56th Street, creating a four-way stop condition. These stop signs will be installed by the City.

The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place this four-way stop into effect.

Sec. 114-319.03. Location of four-way stop intersections.

(51a) Southwest McKinley and Southwest Fifty-sixth Street



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 26, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-0104](#) and [15-0105](#)

Action: On items regarding vacation of SW McKinley Avenue from SW 46th Street to SW 56th Street:

(A) [Receive](#) and file Plan and Zoning Commission recommendation. Moved by Hensley to receive and file the communication from the Plan and Zoning Commission. Motion Carried 7-0.

(B) [Setting](#) date of hearing, (2-9-15). Moved by Hensley to adopt; refer to the City Manager for review and recommendation regarding placing a barricade on the bridge, so bicycles are able to use the bridge. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Plan and Zoning Commission

Date: January 15, 2015

Resolution Number: 11-2014-1.18

Action: APPROVAL of a City-initiated request by the Engineering Department to vacate Southwest McKinley Avenue from Southwest 46th Street to Southwest 56th Street, in the vicinity of 4700 Southwest McKinley Avenue, subject to the following conditions:

1. Research the possibility of a temporary easement or other mechanism to allow continued utilization of the bridge for bicycle and pedestrian recreational usage.
2. Reservation of easements for all utilities in place until such time that they are abandoned or relocated at the owner's expense.
3. Provision of restricted access for agricultural leaseholders for adjoining City property.

Board: Traffic Safety Committee

Date: January 13, 2015

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Staff recommended that stop signs be installed on McKinley Avenue at SW 56th Street, creating a three-way stop at this intersection.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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