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	Agenda Item No.	53
	Roll Call No.	<u>17-0516</u>
	Communication No.	<u>17-306</u>
	Submitted by:	Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Hold hearing for conveyance of the south eight (8) feet of the vacated alley right-of-way located north of and adjoining 3015 High Street to Chad S. Pickering for \$25.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of conveyance of the south eight (8) feet of the vacated alley right-of-way located north of and adjoining 3015 High Street to Chad S. Pickering, 3015 High Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50312, for \$25. This action is required by Iowa law prior to making a final determination on the proposed sale by resolution. The sale of the City’s property will allow the buyer to assemble the land with his existing residential property. There is no current or anticipated public need for this property, and this conveyance will eliminate future maintenance and liability costs for the City and will return the property to the tax rolls.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$25 (revenue)

Funding Source: Non-project related land sale proceeds are used to support general operating budget expenses: Org – EG064090.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On July 17, 1930, the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, approved Ordinance No. 3955 vacating and authorizing the sale of the east/west alley right-of-way located within the block bounded by Woodland Avenue, High Street, 31st Street and 29th Street.
- City and County records indicate that the entire vacated east/west alley was conveyed by the City to all adjoining owners in 1930, but an official deed for the south eight (8) feet of the east/west alley adjoining 3015 High Street was not able to be located during title work that was completed for the recent sale of 3015 High Street.
- In order to resolve this title issue, Chad S. Pickering, the current owner of 3015 High Street, has requested a deed from the City for the formal transfer of the south eight (8) feet of the vacated alley adjoining his property. Chad S. Pickering has offered the City the purchase price of \$25 for the conveyance of the south eight (8) feet of the vacated alley adjoining his property, which consists of approximately 400 square feet, and is equal to the fair market value of the vacated alley as

determined by the City's Real Estate Division. This conveyance is also subject to the reservation of an easement for any and all utilities now in place.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: March 6, 2017

Roll Call Number: [17-0368](#)

Action: On conveyance of the south 8 feet of the vacated alley right-of-way located north of and adjoining 3015 High Street to Chad S. Pickering for \$25, (3-20-17). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Gatto.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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