


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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|  | Number: | 19-007 | Meeting: | January 14, 2019 |
| | Agenda Item: | 45 | Roll Call: | 19-0066 |
| | Submitted by: | Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer | | |

AGENDA HEADING:

Authorization to acquire the necessary property interests for the Gray's Lake Park Expansion Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend authorization to acquire the necessary property interests for the Gray's Lake Park Expansion Project by gift, negotiation, or eminent domain. This action is required by Iowa law before the City can initiate the acquisition process under eminent domain.

FISCAL IMPACT:

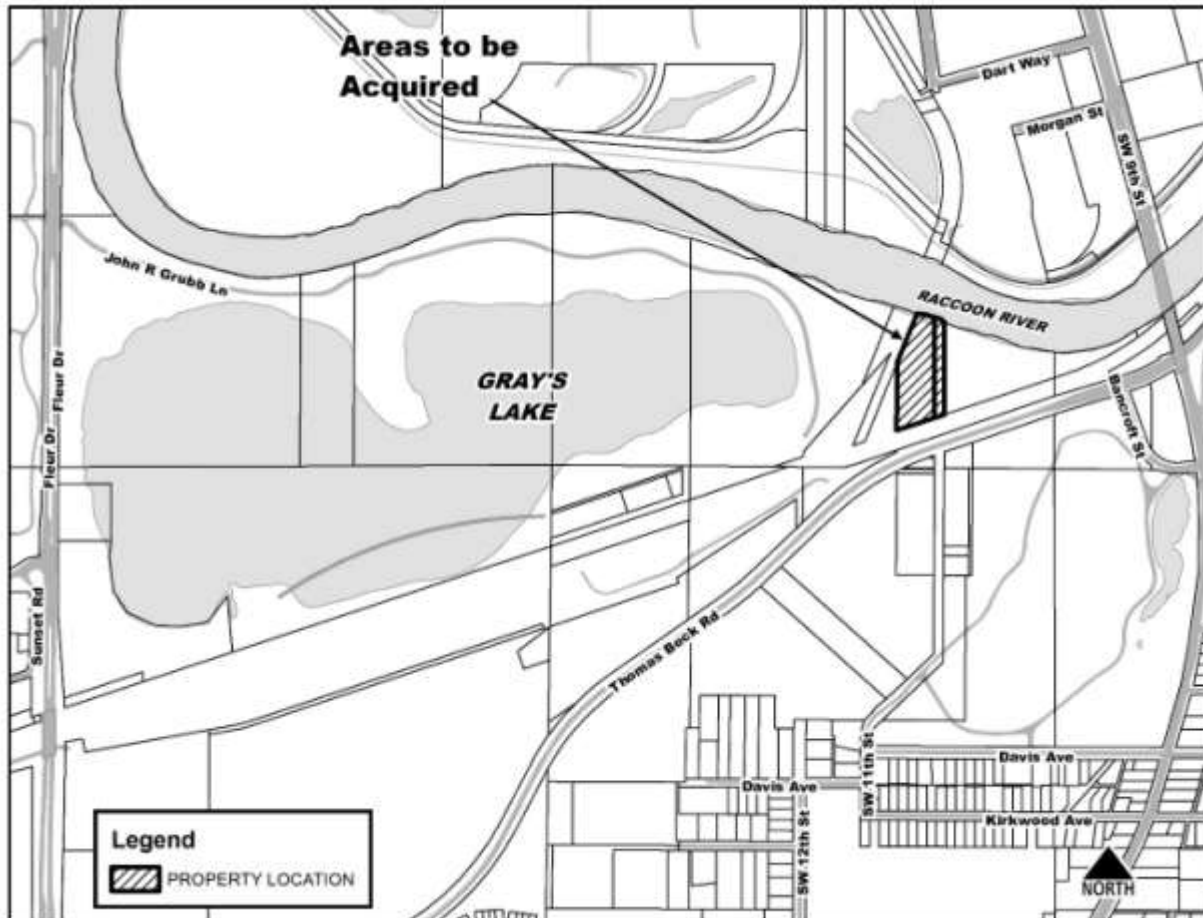
Amount: \$25,000 estimated acquisition costs.

Funding Source: 2018-19 CIP, Page Park Improvements – 6, Gray's Lake Park Improvements, PK140. The Gray's Lake Park and Meredith Trail Advisory Committee have committed up to \$50,000 toward the purchase of these two properties.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- On December 14, 2018, under provisions of Chapter 6B.2D of the Iowa Code, notice of the proposed resolution authorizing acquisition of private property by eminent domain for the Gray's Lake Expansion Project was mailed to each property owner, contract purchaser and tenant of the property proposed to be acquired for the Project.
- Additionally, a cover letter accompanied the notice to the affected property owners that provided the process utilized by the City for determining fair market value of the property interests to be acquired for the Project.
- Two (2) total-fee acquisitions of vacant land from two (2) separate property owners are required for the Project. Both properties are considered to be undevelopable and are located east of Gray's Lake situated within the floodway and floodplain. Additionally, both properties are landlocked by City-owned property on three (3) sides and the Raccoon River on the remaining side, without any frontage to a public street.

- The characteristics of these properties make them suitable for acquisition and incorporation into the adjoining Gray's Lake Park for park related purposes.
- Relocation assistance is not required for these acquisitions.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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