

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>20-359</b>	Meeting:	<b>August 17, 2020</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>53</b>	Roll Call:	<b>20-1389</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer</b>		

## AGENDA HEADING:

Hold hearing for approval of documents for vacation of excess parkland located east of and adjoining 101 Locust Street and conveyance to the United States of America, by and through the General Services Administration (GSA), in consideration of conveyance of a permanent storm sewer easement within 101 Locust Street.

## SYNOPSIS:

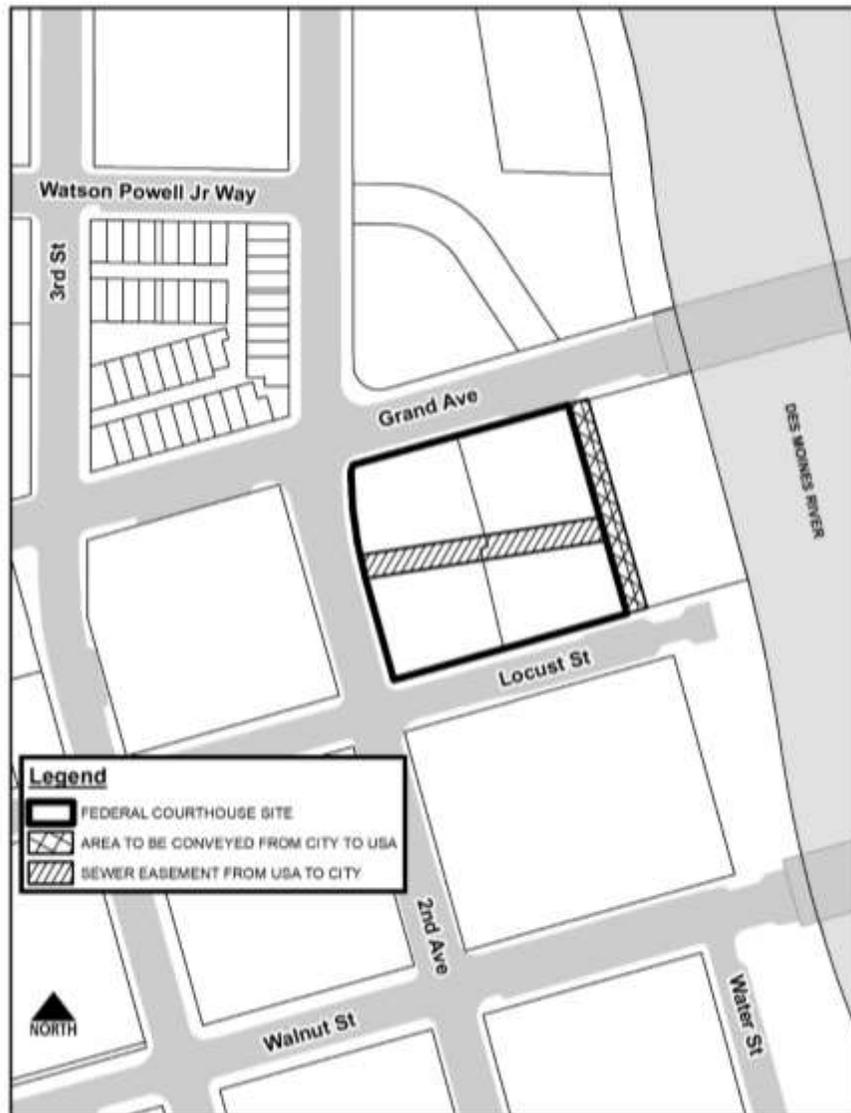
Recommend approval of the vacation of excess parkland located east of and adjoining 101 Locust Street (“City Property”) and conveyance to the United States of America, by and through the GSA, in consideration of conveyance of a permanent storm sewer easement within 101 Locust Street. This action is needed in order for the City to secure easement rights to the existing storm sewer and to allow GSA to incorporate the City Property into its redevelopment of a new federal courthouse at 101 Locust Street.

## FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City has an existing storm sewer that runs diagonally through the GSA property; however, there is no recorded easement for the sewer. GSA has offered to convey a 30-foot-wide storm sewer easement to the City at no cost, in consideration of the City’s vacation and conveyance of an approximately 25-foot-wide strip of excess parkland between the Principal Riverwalk and GSA’s property line.
- GSA would incorporate the City’s 25-foot-wide by 270-foot-long strip of excess parkland into their proposed federal courthouse site to make landscaping and other improvements that will enhance the transition and public experience between the federal courthouse building and the Principal Riverwalk.
- The City’s conveyance of the 25-foot-wide strip of land would be subject to the following restrictions and easements:
  - The property shall be open for public use during the hours that the Principal Riverwalk is open to the public.
  - The design and development of the 25-foot-wide strip of land shall take into consideration the comments and concerns of the City Manager.

- Reservation of an easement within the property for all existing utilities in place until such time that they are abandoned or relocated at no cost to the City.
  - Reservation of a Permanent Access Easement over the property for all activities related to the purpose of the City constructing, reconstructing, repairing, and maintaining (including snow storage), the adjoining Principal Riverwalk improvements.
- The GSA and City engineering and legal staff have reached an agreement on the final terms of the offer to purchase, quit claim deed, and storm sewer easement.



**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: August 3, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-1213](#)

Action: [Vacation](#) of excess parkland located east of and adjoining 101 Locust Street and conveyance to the United States of America, by and through the General Services Administration, in consideration of conveyance of a permanent storm sewer easement within 101 Locust Street, (8-17-20). Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: August 19, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-1327](#)

Action: [Memorandum](#) of Agreement with United States General Services Administration (GSA) for the conveyance of a storm sewer easement within 101 Locust Street from GSA to the City in consideration of the City's conveyance of City-owned property adjoining 101 Locust Street to GSA. ([Council Communication No. 19-366](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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