

**HOLD HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS FOR VACATION OF THE NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY RIGHT-OF WAY LOCATED WEST OF AND ADJOINING 2116 SEARLE STREET AND CONVEYANCE TO LEONARD COSIMO FOR \$50.00**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Des Moines, Iowa (“City”) is the owner of a certain dead-end segment of alley right-of-way located west of and adjoining 2116 Searle Street, Des Moines, Iowa (hereinafter “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, Leonard Cosimo, the owner of 2116 Searle Street, has requested the vacation of the north/south alley right-of-way located west of his property at 2116 Searle Street, which request was not presented to the City’s Plan and Zoning Commission for review and has instead been determined by the City Traffic Engineer to have no significant impact upon the public use of the right-of-way, in accordance with Municipal Code 102-286(b), Des Moines, Iowa, subject to the reservation of any necessary easements for all existing utilities in place until abandoned or relocated at the applicant’s expense; and

**WHEREAS**, Leonard Cosimo has offered to the City the purchase price of \$50.00 for the purchase of the vacated alley right-of-way for assemblage with his adjoining property, subject to the reservation of any necessary easements for all existing utilities in place until such time that they are abandoned or relocated, which price reflects the fair market value of the City Property as determined by the City’s Real Estate Division; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no known current or future public need for the alley right-of-way proposed to be vacated and sold, and the City will not be inconvenienced by the vacation and sale of said property; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 9, 2024, by Roll Call No. 24-1636, it was duly resolved by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, that the proposed vacation and conveyance of the alley right-of way be set for hearing on December 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, due notice of said proposal to vacate and convey the alley right-of way was given as provided by law, setting forth the time and place for hearing on said proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with City Council direction, those interested in the proposed vacation and conveyance, both for and against, have been given an opportunity to be heard with respect thereto and have presented their views to the City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

1. Upon due consideration of the facts and statements of interested persons, any and all objections to the proposed vacation and conveyance of alley right-of-way, as described herein, are hereby overruled and the hearing is closed.



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2. There is no public need or benefit for the alley right-of-way proposed to be vacated, and the public would not be inconvenienced by reason of the vacation of the north/south alley right-of way located west of and adjoining 2116 Searle Street, legally described as follows, and said vacation is hereby approved:

ALL OF THE NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY RIGHT OF WAY LYING WEST OF AND ADJOINING LOT 12, BLOCK 19, EASTON PLACE, AN OFFICIAL PLAT, ALL NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA, AND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 800 SQUARE FEET.

3. The proposed sale of such vacated right-of way, as legally described below and to the grantee and for the consideration identified below, subject to reservation of easements therein, and said conveyance is hereby approved:

Grantee: Leonard Cosimo  
Consideration: \$50.00

Legal Description:

ALL OF THE VACATED NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY RIGHT OF WAY LYING WEST OF AND ADJOINING LOT 12, BLOCK 19, EASTON PLACE, AN OFFICIAL PLAT, ALL NOW INCLUDED IN AND FORMING A PART OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, POLK COUNTY, IOWA, AND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 800 SQUARE FEET.

4. The Mayor is authorized and directed to sign the Offer to Purchase and Quit Claim Deed for the conveyance as identified above, and the City Clerk is authorized and directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

5. The City Manager is authorized to sign any minor and non-substantial amendments to the purchase agreement and is further authorized to grant any temporary rights of entry for construction-related activities prior to closing.

5. Upon proof of payment of the consideration, plus \$113.00 for publication and recording costs, the City Clerk is authorized and directed to forward the original of the Quit Claim Deed, together with a certified copy of this resolution and of the affidavit of publication of the notice of this hearing, to the Real Estate Division of the Engineering Department for the purpose of causing said documents to be recorded.

6. The Real Estate Division Manager is authorized and directed to forward the original of the Quit Claim Deed, together with a certified copy of this resolution and of the affidavit of publication of the notice of this hearing, to the Polk County Recorder's Office for the purpose of causing these documents to be recorded.

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7. Upon receipt of the recorded documents back from the Polk County Recorder, the Real Estate Division Manager shall mail the original of the Quit Claim Deed and a copy of the other documents to the grantee.

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

Moved by Simonson to adopt. Second by Gatto.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/ Chas M. Cahill  
Chas M. Cahill, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
BOESEN	✓			
SIMONSON	✓			
VOSS				✓
COLEMAN	✓			
WESTERGAARD	✓			
MANDELBAUM	✓			
GATTO	✓			
TOTAL	6			1

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED  
Connie Boesen Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

Laura Baumgartner  
Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk