



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Council Session

Item E-10

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of Right-of-Way Located at 922 N.
Lambert Street (Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity)**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Chad Nabity, AICP

Meeting: December 17, 2013

Subject: Property Exchange with Habitat for Humanity at 12th and Lambert in Grand Island

Item #'s: E-10, F-3, F-4 & G-30

Presenter(s): Chad Nabity AICP, Regional Planning Director

Background

The Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity has purchased property at 922 N Lambert Street in northeast Grand Island. The purchased property includes 2 fractional lots and 1 full lot of John W. Lambert's Addition to the City of Grand Island. The property is bordered by Lambert Street on the east, 12th street on the north, Evans Street on the west and an alley on the south. Habitat is requesting that the City of Grand Island vacate right of way for Lambert Street and 12th Street in exchange for right of way for Evans Street. The attached Exhibit A shows the properties to be involved in the exchange.

Discussion

The proposal is for Habitat to give the City parcel 2 on the west side of the property in exchange for parcels 1 and 3. The exchange as proposed will provide sufficient space for Habitat to replace the one existing home with 2 new homes in the neighborhood. The property has sewer and water available.

The additional city property along Evans Street will increase the likelihood that the City can at some point build Evans Street in a manner consistent with City of Grand Island modern street standards. The original subdivisions for this property and the surrounding properties were completed in the 1880s. The street right of way for Evans Street is only 25 feet. Evans is currently a narrow gravel road that looks more like an alley than a street.

A public hearing must be held prior to any acquisition of property by the City of Grand Island. Two ordinances and a resolution have been prepared to facilitate this exchange. One ordinance authorizes the sale of the property to Habitat. The other authorizes the acquisition of the property from Habitat. The resolution authorizes the exchange of the properties. All three need to be approved for this to move forward.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the proposed property exchange as presented.

Sample Motion

Move to approve as recommended.

