



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

Council Session

Item E9

**Public Hearing on Acquisition of Property Located at 1203-1205
West 3rd Street (Grand Island Library Foundation, Inc.
Previously Owned by S. Douglas Kucera and Marcia K. Almquist)**

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Douglas R. Walker, City Attorney

Meeting: April 12, 2005

Subject: Public Hearing on Acquisition of Real Estate Located at 1203-1205 West Third Street, Grand Island, Nebraska. (Grand Island Library Foundation, Inc., previously owned by S. Douglas Kucera and Marcia K. Almquist)

Item #'s: E-9 & G-22

Presenter(s): Douglas R. Walker, City Attorney

Background

Nebraska State Statutes require that the acquisition of property must be approved by the City Council. The public hearing for the acquisition of this property is being done to meet the requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat., §18-1755 and Neb. Rev. Stat., §25-2505. Subsequent to the public hearing, Item G-22 will be for approval for acquisition of this property.

Discussion

The Grand Island Library Foundation is continuing to acquire property in the block west of the city library for use in expanding the Edith Abbott Memorial Library. At several prior meetings of the City Council, including the meeting on October 19, 2004, presentations were made by the Library Board regarding plans for expanding the city library to the west of the current facility. This expansion will necessitate the acquisition of property in the block west of the current library building to accommodate the expansion and to provide parking for the enlarged facility. The Foundation has committed to purchase most of the property in the block west of the library to help facilitate the expansion. The property which is the subject of this public hearing is on the east side of that block. The Library Foundation has acquired this property and is donating it to the City of Grand Island.

Alternatives

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

1. Pass a resolution approving the acquisition of this real estate.
2. Do not pass a resolution approving the acquisition of the real estate.
3. Postpone the issue to future date.
4. Take no action on the issue.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the resolution for the acquisition of the real estate as set forth above.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the acquisition of the real estate located at 1203-1205 West Third Street and described as the Northerly Ninety-four feet (94') of Lot One (1), Block Sixteen (16), in Arnold and Abbott's Addition to the City of Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska.



Location of
1203-1205 W 3rd St.

3rd St W

Lincoln Ave N

Washington St N

Adams St N

2nd St W

LOCATION MAP