



Agenda Item: Orig. Ordinance - 3rd Reading

Title: Original Ordinance No. 2030, vacating a portion of Lewis Street, 11th Street, 12th Street and the Alley within and adjacent to Block 2, University Place Addition

Recommended Council MOTION:

Move to **Postpone** Original Ordinance No. 2030 on third and final reading, vacating approximately a 102,500 square foot area of right-of-way including a portion of Lewis Street, 11th Street, 12th Street and the Alley within and adjacent to Block 2, University Place Addition, as recommended by the Planning Commission; to the November 16, 2021 regular City Council meeting.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Vacation of the right-of-way would facilitate development in this area which is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the old University of Wyoming's Long Range Development Plan and current UW Master Plan for the area.

Postponement:

As noted in the staff report, approval of the Vacation can only occur after the fulfillment of all the requirements and obligations of the MOU between the City and the University of Wyoming. All necessary improvements for completion of the MOU have not been completed to date by UW and thus postponement is required until those items are completed to the satisfaction of the City of Laramie and the MOU.

Background:

The request for vacation is for rights-of-way within and adjacent to Block 2, University Place Addition. The vacation request includes an east-west alley between Bradley and Lewis Street between 12th and 13th Streets, Lewis Street right-of-way between 11th Street and 13th Street, and 11th and 12th Street south of Bradley Street to former Lewis Street. The total area requested for vacation is approximately 102,500 sq. ft in size.

The vacation request will facilitate continued expansion of the University of Wyoming to the North. Within this area, recent construction of the Engineering Education and Research (EERB) Building which is located between 11th and 12th Streets as well as the Anthropology Building located between 12th and 13th Street have continued this expansion northward. Because of this expansion, the University has been working with the City and Franchise Utilities regarding relocation of utilities presently located within the right-of-ways being vacated. At this time the University has acquired all properties adjacent to the alley and streets that are part of this request, thus the need for public rights-of-way are no longer required. Upon vacation, the University anticipates a "greening" of the Lewis, 11th and 12th Street right-of-ways through the creation of a pedestrian environment, similar to that of Prexy's Pasture.

The vacation request is in accordance with City Council Resolution No. 2012-04; the Lewis Street License and Transfer Plan that was approved by the City Council on January 17, 2012; the October 7, 2014 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning traffic flow, utilities within Lewis Street, vacation of Lewis Street and vacation of alleys and side streets between Lewis and Bradley Streets (attached); and the Amendment No 1 to the MOU (attached). The Resolution, License Transfer Plan and MOU acknowledged future conveyance of the Lewis Street right-of-way between 9th and 14th Streets and details that the City will not seek compensation for the land vacated.

The Planning Commission heard this item on May 24, 2021 and recommended that the City Council approve (4 yes, 1 no, 2 vacancies) the vacation. The May 24, 2021 Planning Commission staff report is attached and is unchanged.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

- Laramie Municipal Code. Chapter 15 Unified Development Code
- Wyoming State Statutes 15-4-305.
- Wyoming State Statutes Title 15 Cities and Towns, Article 5 Planning
- Wyoming State Statutes Title 15 Cities and Towns, Article 6 Zoning

BUDGET FISCAL INFORMATION:

REVENUE

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service	\$765.00	Application Fee
Grant		
Loan		
Other		
Total	\$765.00	

Responsible Staff:

Future dates are subject to change

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Work Session	
Advertised	
Public Hearing (PH) Held	9/7/2021
PH Advertised	8/28/2021
Introduction/1 st Reading	8/17/2021
2 nd Reading	9/21/2021
3 rd Reading	11/16/2021

Attachments:

Vacation Ordinance No. 2030
Planning Commission Staff Report dated May 24, 2021