



AGENDA REPORT

DATE: October 7, 2025

AGENDA OF: October 14, 2025

DEPARTMENT: City Council

SUBJECT: City Use of Property for Construction Staging and Spoils Deposits in residential areas

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Discuss and take action on the City identifying other areas of the City for staging of infrastructure projects including placement of parts and vehicles and/or making deposits of soil, rocks, and debris of any kind on City owned lots so as to cease these activities in residential areas.

BACKGROUND

This item primarily has to do with a large portion of the city block, bounded by London, Paris, Geneva and Athens, but should apply to all residential areas of the City.

This city owned portion of the block is critical for providing a rainwater runoff path to Athens Street which carries the water to the river. Historically, the City portion of the block was grass with the drainage channel through it. For approximately the last 10 years, the City has used its portion of this city block in a residential area to stage infrastructure projects including fire hydrant replacement, water line replacement and road repair. Tree and brush debris has been deposited in the past. Recently, huge amounts of dirt have been placed on the lot. Temporary fencing has been placed in the past around these projects and a wide variety of commercial vehicles and heavy equipment have operated out of the site.

I have spoken to all the residents on the block and facing the city portion of the block. Each has expressed frustration with the industrial look of the area and the noise, dust and interference with the normal drainage across that area. They expected a residential neighborhood and not the one they are now experiencing.

Athens and Geneva Streets are heavily traveled by residents and park patrons. Paris is the street used for cemetery traffic as the cemetery property is across Geneva from this lot. All the traffic on these roads experiences an unappealing visual assault that would be better placed in a less visible location

The City needs to identify other less visible city property to conduct the type of activities that have been going on at this location. After clearing, it needs to be left to grass or some other recreational activity useful for neighborhood and community.

FISCAL IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

Budgeted ☐ Requires Budget Amendment

Urgency (0-5 = Low Urgency to High Urgency): 4

Impact (0-5 = Low Impact to High Impact): 4

ATTACHMENTS:

Photographs of the lot.

Submitted by: Councilmember Lee