



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: November 17, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to remove the contingency from the purchase agreement for the real property parcel 91-550-0340.

PREPARED BY: Julie Kennedy, General Manager

BACKGROUND:

At the August 18, 2023 meeting, the Commission authorized staff to work with City Staff on the purchase of real property, PID 91-550-0340, for the full listed price, contingent upon rezoning the parcel to Public Use.

On behalf of the City, attorney Chad Sterle worked with the sellers to execute a purchase agreement for the property contingent upon the rezone. The closing is scheduled for this Friday, November 17, 2023.

At their October 5 meeting, the GR Planning Commission recommended to the City Council the rezone from SR-2 (Shoreland One and Two Family Residential) to SPU (Shoreland Public Use).

On November 13 the GR City Council held the public hearing on the rezone request. Four residents spoke opposing the request. A common theme of the opposition was the lack of a plan from GRPU showing what improvements are being proposed on the property. After much discussion, I rescinded the rezone request on behalf of the Commission (the applicant).

It is my opinion this property remains to be a strategic purchase, even with the current SR-2 zoning. GRPU would be able to move forward with the removal of the existing dwelling and improvements allowed under the current zoning. At a later date when we've been able to develop a more defined improvement plan for the property, we can apply for the rezone request in the event that essential services improvements cannot be accomplished without a Public Use rezone.

RECOMMENDATION:

Removal of the rezone contingency from the purchase agreement for the real property parcel 91-550-0340.