



# Planning Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item	Community Development Department	Date: 4/6/23
<b>Statement of Issue:</b>	Consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding the vacation of the platted N/S alley in Block 5, Grand Rapids Second Division and two utility easements recorded as Documents 183430 and 375506.	
<b>Background:</b>	<p>The Grand Rapids Economic Development requests the vacation of the previously described platted alley and public utility easements.</p> <p>Staff will present the attached PowerPoint presentation as background for this item.</p>	
<b>Considerations:</b>	When considering the vacation of public right-of-way, the Planning Commission must make findings of fact based on the attached list of considerations.	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<p>Staff recommends that the Planning Commissioners visit the site, review the comments submitted by the Review Committee, and review the relevant sections of the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Prior to making a recommendation to the City Council to approve/not approve the vacations, the Planning Commission should make specific findings to support its recommendation and reference those specific findings in their motion to either approve or not approve the right-of-way vacation.</p>	
<b>Required Action:</b>	<p>Pass a motion forwarding a recommendation to the City Council for approval or non-approval of the proposed public right-of-way.</p> <p><u>Example Motion:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Motion by _____, second by _____ that, based on the findings of fact presented here today, and in the public's best interest, the Planning Commission does hereby forward to the City Council a recommendation to <b>(approve) (not approve)</b> the vacation of public rights-of-way and easements described as:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><i>N/S alley in Block 5, Grand Rapids Second Division, Itasca County, Minnesota, and;</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><i>Two public utility easements recorded in the office of the Itasca County, MN Recorder as Documents 183430 and 375506</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Contingent on the following stipulation(s):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City Council approval of the final plat of Forest Lake Addition</li> </ul>	
<b>Attachments:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site/Area Maps and Plat</li> <li>• List of the Planning Commissions Vacation Considerations</li> </ul>	