



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: May 6, 2024

ITEM TITLE: 1500 6th Ave. NE Drainage Easement

DISCUSSION:

I have been contacted in the past about a drainage ditch along the north side of the above property. As I researched this situation, I discovered that when this subdivision was installed, there was not much thought given to the drainage ditch that runs through the farm to the east of the subdivision and where that water was discharged. As a result, this property owner took it upon themselves to dig a ditch to try to keep the water from flooding her home. The neighborhood, as you can imagine, is not happy with the outcome of her efforts, and in talking with our Streets Department, we believe that for approximately \$3,000, we can remedy this situation. The funds for this would come from the Stormwater Utility Fund and it would include installing an underground drainage pipe into the back of an existing storm sewer and filling in this ditch but leaving an above-ground swale to carry any excess water that the pipe may not be able to handle. A picture of what the area looks like today:



I worked with the City Attorney to come up with a draft easement that can be used for this, which is attached for Council's review and comment as well.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.