
AGENDA ITEM

TO: Tim Vandall, City Administrator
FROM: Anthony J. Zell, Jr., Wastewater Utility Director
DATE: November 27, 2024
SUBJECT: Easement Acquisition for City Project 2024-04 (Ida-Gamble Street Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project)

The next step in the Ida-Gamble Street Project is to acquire the necessary temporary and permanent sanitary sewer easements for the construction of the improvements. Attached is a summary table of the needed parcels, along with the values of the appraisals. While some of these improvements occur in existing easements or adjacent to road right-of-way, the new easements necessitate the removal of fences, gates, vegetation screening, and mature trees.

The acquisition consultant (SMH Consultants) is awaiting council approval before meeting with the affected property owners and negotiating agreements. An enabling resolution for condemnation will be filed later in December, and we have asked the consultant to move forward with acquisition as quickly as possible. Offer letters will be mailed next week.

The opinion of just compensation for the temporary easements, permanent easements, and cost to cure items as determined by the city's private real estate appraisal company (The Simmons Company) is \$27,800.00. Attached is a summary spreadsheet with the tract ID numbers and appraised values.

Policy Consideration: N/A

Financial Consideration: Funds will be taken from the Utility's acquisition account (Fund 50).

Recommended Action: A motion to authorize staff and SMH Consultants to complete easement acquisition activities for the Ida-Gamble Street Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project.