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## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:**

**TO:** Mayor Garrett and City Council Members **FR:** Sheryl Mitchell Theriot, City Administrator

**DA:** July 26, 2021

RE: Resolution Regarding Vacation of the Alley West of Southfield Road Between W. Eleven

Mile Road and Sunnybrook Avenue

The petition was submitted by Bruce Kantor to vacate the 20-foot-wide public alleyway east of 18129 Sunnybrook. There are 2 commercial properties (27047-51 and 27041 Southfield Rd) on the east side of the alley. If approved, the alley will be divided between the adjacent property owners. The alley is physically closed off at both ends with no access from either Sunnybrook or 11 Mile Road.

At the June 7, 2021 Special Meeting, City Council approved the introduction of the resolution for the vacation of the alley and the scheduling of the Public Hearing for June 21, 2021.

The property at 27047-51 Southfield has a permanent revocable encroachment license that was approved by Council on December 16, 2019 that allowed for landscape improvements and a concrete parking pad in the alley right-of-way.

City Ordinance 7.6 provides that actions to vacate require the introduction of a resolution and public hearing, before the final adoption. This action also requires the affirmative action of four (4) members of council to go into effect.

Mayor Pro Tem Kantor must abstain from voting. Council could not take action at the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting because this action requires the affirmative vote of 4 members. The Public Hearing was held, but the vote on the resolution to vacate the alley was postponed.

## **SUGGESTED MOTION:**

To approve the Resolution regarding the partial vacation of the public alley bounded by Sunnybrook Avenue, Southfield Road, Eleven Mile Road, and Meadowbrook Way.

