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TO: Chairperson Wetzel and Commission Members

FROM: Andrew Beyer, P.E.

DATE: June 22, 2023

Public Works Commission Meeting of June 27, 2023 RE:

Agenda Item:

Review and take possible action: Ruth Street/N. Concord Avenue Alley solid waste collection

BACKGROUND:

The alley connecting the 1200 block of Ruth Street and the 100 block of N. Concord Avenue is currently used for solid waste collection. A site map is attached as a reference.

A property owner reached out to City staff regarding alleged damage resulting from a solid waste collection vehicle accessing an alley to collect solid waste. The property owner recently had a plat of survey conducted at 1209 Ruth Street which appears to show a portion of the paved alley encroaching onto private property. The property owner is seeking resolve to the rutting and broken concrete suspectedly caused by a City solid waste vehicle.

The property owner is also seeking resolve to the suspected pavement encroachment of the Ruth Street/N. Concord Avenue Alley via an easement or sale of the suspected encroachment to the City. Public Works Department staff met and discussed and is seeking guidance from the Public Works Commission on how to move forward. Two possible solutions are detailed below:

- 1. City negotiates easement or fee land transfer for pavement area suspected to be encroaching onto private property at 1209 Ruth Street and continues solid waste collection from the Ruth Street alley. It is our belief that solid waste collection trucks need this paved area to effectively access the alley and collect solid waste, without causing damage to private property.
- 2. City saw cuts and removes pavement area suspected to be encroaching on private property. The removed pavement would be restored with topsoil, seed, and matting. If this option moves forward, solid waste would be collected from N. Concord Avenue, Ruth Street, or N. Maple Street and solid waste vehicles would no longer access the alley.

Any scenario would likely require the City to hire a professional land surveyor to verify any encroachment area and delineate a property boundary. A ballpark quote received for a plat of survey at 1209 Ruth Street & the surrounding alley area is \$2,000. Funding for said survey would come from the Solid Waste Utility.

Enclosed:

- Site Map
- Plat of Survey
- **Photos**