

Memorandum

Community and Economic Development Department

To: Rock Island City Council
Subject: ROW Vacation at 908 4th Avenue
Date: January 28, 2021



A request has been made to vacate a section of alley right-of-way. The section in question is approximately one hundred fifty feet (150') in length and twelve feet (12') wide. It is oriented north-south and is situated between 9^h and 10th Streets south of 4th Avenue. The alley is unimproved and has no City infrastructure running through it. A map is included for reference.

The adjacent property owner to the east, Ms. Alma Gonzalez, would like to have the entire section of right-of-way conveyed to her. Until she was contacted by staff about it, Ms. Gonzalez was unaware that the alley existed and believed it to be part of her property. The alley had been fenced in with the rest of the property by a previous owner many years ago and has been used as part of the yard that entire time. The alley does not serve as an access to any other properties.

Neighbors were contacted about the potential vacation. Only one neighbor contacted staff with questions, but expressed no serious concerns. They believed that the alley had been vacated decades before, in fact.

The Public Works, CED, Police, and Fire Departments all agree that there is no useful municipal purpose for the section of right-of-way. None object to the vacation. Utility companies were also contacted and had no objection to the vacation provided that appropriate utility easements remained in place.

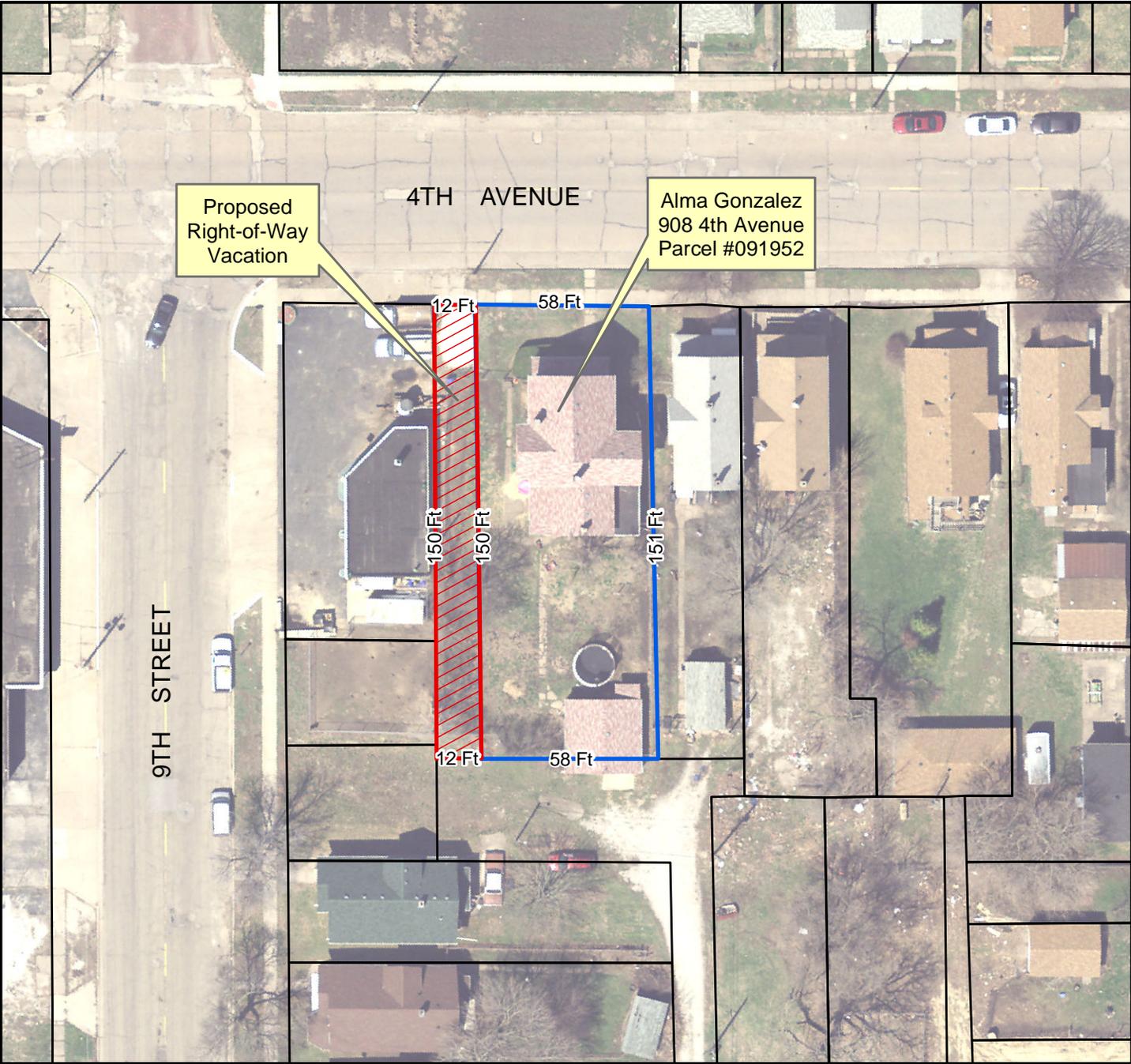
Recommendation:

The Community and Economic Development Department recommends that the vacation of the above described section of alleyway and its conveyance to Ms. Alma Gonzalez be approved; that a utilities easement be put in place for the same; and consider the ordinance.

Submitted by: Miles Brainard, Planning & Redevelopment Administrator

Approved by: Randall Tweet, City Manager

VACATION LOCATION

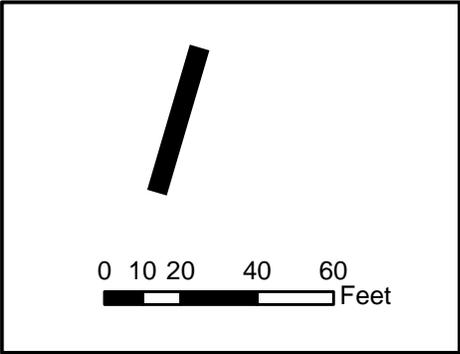


VACATION LOCATION

Alley Vacation and Purchase

Legend

-  Proposed R.O.W. Vacation
-  Potential Buyer



City of Rock Island

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Planning and Redevelopment



ROCK ISLAND ILLINOIS

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE VACATING A SECTION OF AN ALLEY
IN THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS:

Section One: That a section of an alley in the City of Rock Island, Illinois be and is hereby vacated, reserving, however, unto the City of Rock Island or unto any public utility, all right, title, and interest said City or utility may now have in any public service facility or property now located in said right-of-way herein described, and a right-of-way and easement for such public utility and property, and also reserving unto said City or public utility the right to maintain, renew, enlarge, extend, or reconstruct any and all such public service facilities or property. That said section of a street in the City of Rock Island is described as follows:

The entire remaining northly segment of an alley beginning at the northeasterly corner of 401 9th Street (Parcel 091949, PIN 0734403001), then heading east 12 feet to the northwesterly corner of 908 4th Avenue (Parcel 091952, PIN 0734412009), then heading south 150 feet to the southwesterly corner of 908 4th Avenue, then heading west 12 feet, then heading north 150 feet to the place of beginning, the entire section of right-of-way being a rectangle with parallel sides and a consistent width of 12 feet.

Section Two: That the entirety of the above described vacated alley section be and is hereby conveyed to the owner of 908 4th Avenue (Parcel 091952, PIN 0734412009).

Section Three: That the City Clerk of the City of Rock Island, Illinois shall file a certified copy of this ordinance for record in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Rock Island County, Illinois. All costs for recording shall be paid by the beneficiary landowners to the transition.

Section Four: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they do so conflict.

Section Five: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as required by law.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND

PASSED: _____

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____

CITY CLERK