ITEM # <u>11</u> DATE: 04-09-13

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT VACATION – MARY GREELEY SUBDIVISION (EAST 13TH STREET)

BACKGROUND:

Staff has received a request from the attorney representing Mary Greeley Medical Center, Brian Torresi, to vacate the public utility easement currently shown on the attachment running north/south through the existing lot at 2322 East 13th Street. The vacation is requested in order for the property owner to move forward with a subdivision of the property with the intent of selling lots for future development. As a part of the final platting process, new public utility easements will be established as shown on the attached map.

Vacation requests involve substantial outreach to all right-of-way users to determine if there are utilities in the existing easement and if there are intentions of using the easement in the future. This particular request was made the final week of February with the expectation that the vacation could be processed and finalized at the March 5, 2013 Council Meeting.

Public Works staff contacted all registered right-of-way users to determine the extent of utilities in this immediate area. Responses have not yet been received from all users. Under normal circumstances, a vacation request would not be presented to Council until all questions regarding impacts to the utility companies are known. In this case, Mr. Torresi has asked for special consideration in order to maintain his schedule for the final platting of the lots and the sale of those lots in a parallel track. Since the typical process is not being followed, this has the potential to not be completed prior to the Council meeting. The final plat as submitted to staff cannot be approved without the vacation being complete.

As of April 2, 2013, four utility companies have yet to respond to staff as to the impacts related to the public utility easement. One utility has responded that their facility maps were inconclusive as to the exact location related to the easement. Staff has emailed and left voice messages with these utility companies and expects to have responses prior to noon on April 9, 2013. However, should there still be an outstanding response or a response that there is a utility in the existing easement, this item will be pulled from the Council agenda.

ALTERNATIVES:

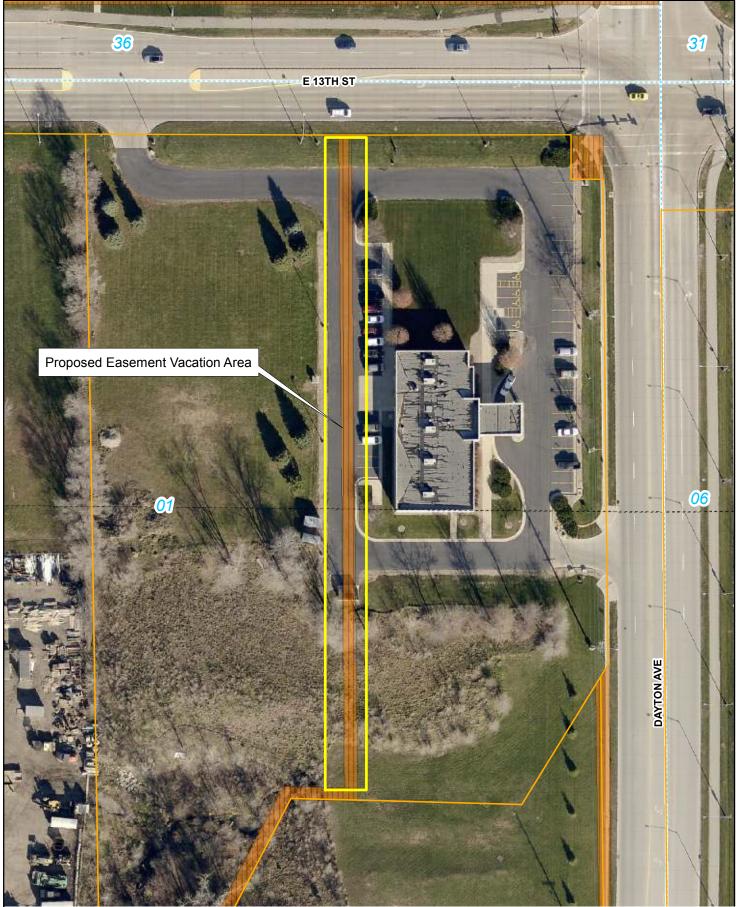
1. Approve the proposal to vacate the existing public utility easement at 2322 East 13th Street as shown and set the date of public hearing for April 23, 2013.

- 2. Delay consideration of this agenda item until all utilities have responded that they have no utility lines (or plans for utility lines) within the current easement.
- 3. Direct staff to pursue other options.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By approving vacation of the easement at this time, the Council will meet this property owner's expedited need to move forward with the final platting process for the subdivision and the sale and improvements of the lots. In order to expedite this issue for a customer, staff has placed it on the agenda prior to receiving the necessary input from all utility companies that currently might be using this easement.

Therefore, assuming the City has received a positive response from all right-of-way users prior to the Council meeting, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the vacation of the existing public utility easement at 2322 East 13th Street as shown and setting the date of public hearing for April 23, 2013.



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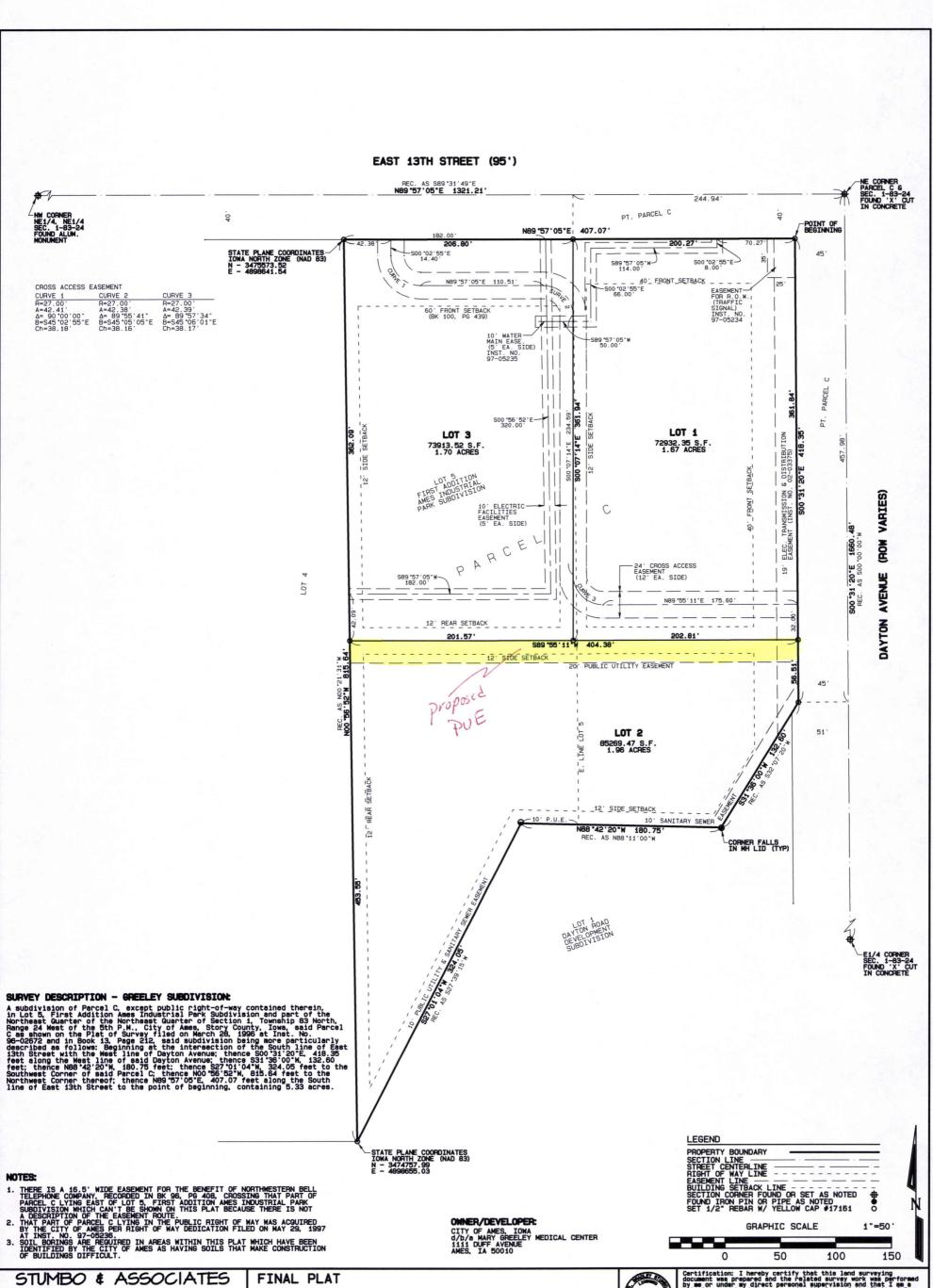


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Date: 3/20/2013



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