

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: WATER MAIN EASEMENT VACATION AT 230 SOUTH DUFF AVENUE**

**BACKGROUND:**

The property owner is in the process of developing the lot at 230 South Duff Avenue (northeast corner of South Duff Ave and SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street). The lot currently has a 12" water main that runs from east to west through the middle of the lot. Attachment A shows the existing lot, water main, and easement.

The configuration of the proposed building would be in conflict with the water main. The main needs to be relocated and placed in a new easement or to be abandoned with the existing easement vacated. Staff has evaluated the water main in the location and determined that there is no need to have this level of redundancy within the water system in this area. The lot can be served from existing mains on both the east and west sides of the property. Thus, the main can be abandoned and the easement vacated without any negative consequences. The developer will be responsible for the costs related to the abandonment of the existing main.

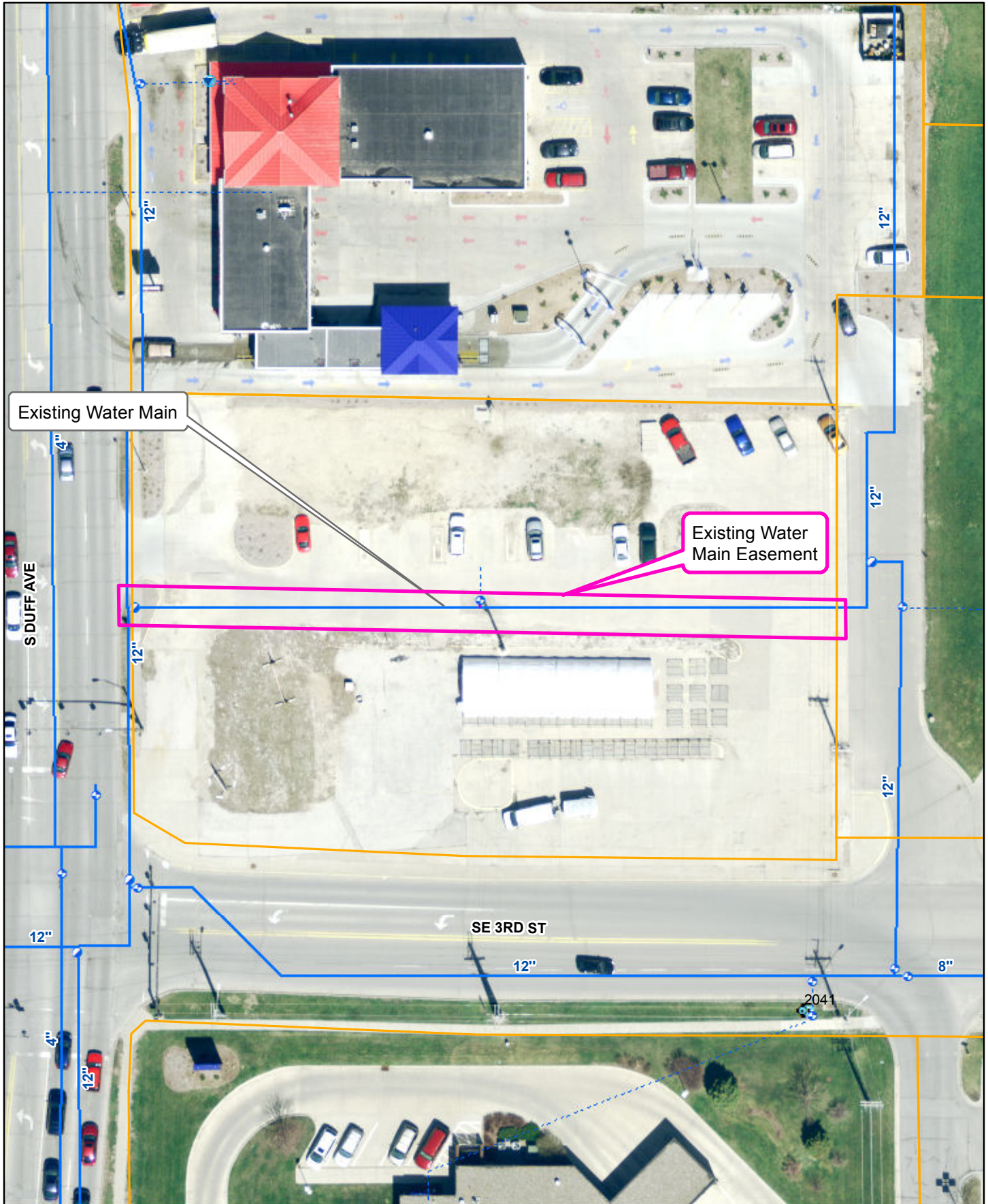
**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Set January 27, 2015, as the date of public hearing for the proposed vacation of the existing water main easement at 230 South Duff Avenue.
2. Direct staff to pursue other options.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Since the main is no longer required for redundancy and the lot can be served from other mains adjacent to the site, abandoning the main and vacating the easement will allow the property owner to develop the property in a more cost effective manner.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.



Existing Water Main

Existing Water Main Easement

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230 South Duff  
Water Main Easement  
Attachment A



Scale: 1 in = 50 ft  
Date: 12/12/2014