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ITEM # 1DATE: 04-19-11**COUNCIL ACTION FORM****SUBJECT: VACATION OF UTILITY EASEMENTS – GREEN HILLS COMMUNITY****BACKGROUND:**

The Green Hills Community of Ames is in the process of expanding their on-site facilities. As a part of this expansion, several existing utility easements will be affected due to the addition of new buildings.

This proposed expansion creates the need for vacating some of the existing storm water and water main utility easements. New, correct easements will be recorded with the new plat of survey. With City Council approval, the vacation of easements will be tied to the approval of a new plat of survey showing the appropriate new easements. Attachment A shows the proposed vacation locations.

Staff has reviewed the easement vacation locations, and all the easements are Public Works easements. No other utility facilities will be affected by the vacation of these easements.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the vacation of the easements shown in Attachment A on the Green Hills Community of Ames Property conditional upon a new plat of survey being approved for the same area, and set the date of public hearing for April 26, 2011.
2. Do not approve the request to vacate the easements shown in Attachment A on the Green Hills Community of Ames Property.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Vacation of these existing utility easements is needed in order to facilitate the planned expansion of Green Hills.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the vacation of easements shown on Attachment A conditional upon a new plat of survey being approved for the same area, and setting the date of public hearing for April 26, 2011.