

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: STREET CLOSURE FOR FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATION AT 318  
WELCH AVENUE**

**BACKGROUND:**

The property owner at 318 Welch Avenue is currently in the process of installing a fire sprinkler system. They will be required to tap the existing water main in Welch Avenue in order to provide enough water flow to the sprinkler system. A map of the area is shown in Attachment A.

*The Municipal Code* requires that City Council approve temporary closures of those streets that are classified as arterials or are active CyRide routes, which is the case with Welch Avenue (Brown Route #6).

Due to the locations of the water main, this work will require the closure of Welch Avenue for approximately 3 calendar days to safely accommodate the new water fire service installation. (See attached map) The contractor, Ames Trenching and Excavating has proposed to begin the work Monday June, 20, 2016. Access to the area residences and businesses will be maintained at all times, as well as safe pedestrian access through the area. The timing of the work minimizes the impact to CyRide and to area students by taking advantage of the Iowa State University summer break. Should the work be completed sooner than the requested 3 day closure, the street will be reopened to traffic at that time.

**Staff has directed the contractor to contact area residents and business regarding the work as well as to reach out to Campustown Action Association. CyRide will re-route bus service during the street closure by continuing the route to the west on Knapp Street, north on Hayward Avenue, then east on Chamberlain to Welch Avenue.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

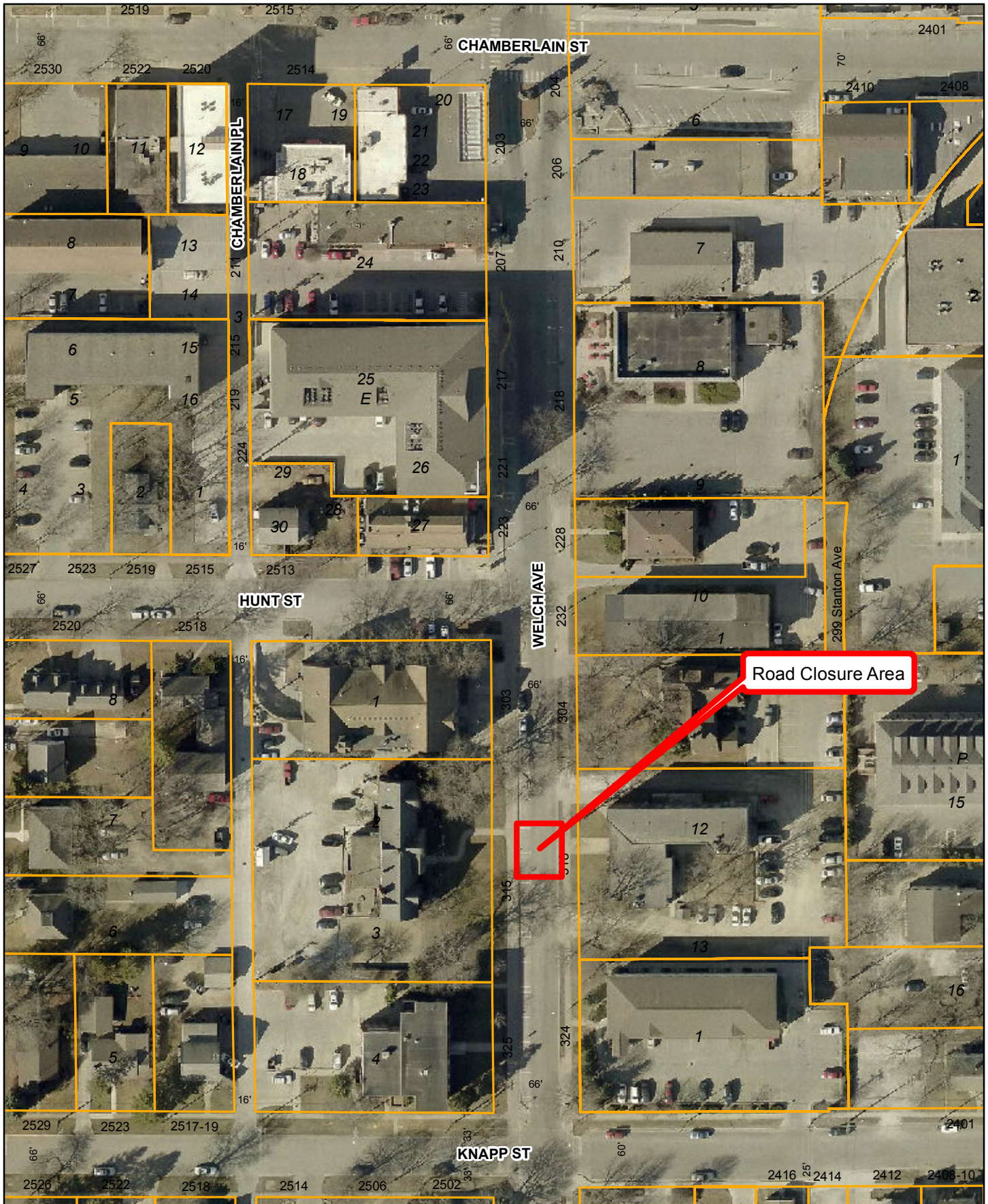
1. Approve the closure of Welch Avenue, as noted on the attached map, to facilitate the installation of the required fire line to serve the new building sprinkler system services.
2. Direct staff to work with the contractor to determine alternate dates to conduct the utility service installation.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By granting the closure Welch Avenue, City Council would be facilitating the best possible coordination between the City and the property owner and contractor for this project, as well as providing the means to ensure the building has the required fire protection.

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

# Attachment A



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318 Welch Avenue  
Closure Area



Scale: 1 in = 100 ft  
Date: 6/7/2016