

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
DECEMBER 2, 2014 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Hawthorne Road – partial right-of-way abandonment, located adjacent to 4916 Hawthorne Road. (G-23-451)</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Planning & Development Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">√Ordinance Resolution Approval Information Report</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>The adjacent property owners propose to abandon the north fifteen (15) feet of the eighty (80)-foot wide Hawthorne Road right-of-way, located adjacent to 4916 Hawthorne Road.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Staff recommends approval of the ordinance. The Planning Commission voted, as part of the Consent Agenda, to recommend approval of the requested right-of-way abandonment. The vote was 10 ayes, 0 nays and 1 absent.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">CITIZEN PARTICIPATION</p>	<p>The Planning Commission reviewed this issue at its October 16, 2014, meeting, and there were no objectors present. All the adjacent property owners have signed off on the abandonment request. No other property owners are required to be notified of the abandonment request. The Heights Neighborhood Association was notified of the abandonment request.</p>	

BACKGROUND

The adjacent property owners propose to abandon the north fifteen (15) feet of the eighty (80)-foot wide Hawthorne Road right-of-way, located adjacent to 4916 Hawthorne Road. After abandonment, the area of right-of-way will be incorporated into the adjacent lot (4916 Hawthorne Road) for construction of a new residence.

The area of proposed abandonment is mostly grass covered and contains a driveway for the residence which previously existed on the site. The property slopes upward slightly from south to north. Single-family residences are located to the east, west and south (across Hawthorne Road). Two (2) vacant lots are located north of the proposed area of abandonment. The Little Rock Country Club Golf Course is located further north and northeast.

As noted in Paragraph G, none of the utility companies object to the abandonment request. One (1) of the utilities requests to retain the entire area of abandonment as a utility easement. The Public Works comment is as follows:

1. Drainage easements should be maintained in the portion of the right-of-way to be abandoned to convey storm water from adjacent property.

There are no Master Street Plan issues associated with this abandonment request, as the right-of-way is not classified as collector street or higher.

Information submitted by an abstract company shows that there are no reversionary rights found of record.

Abandoning this right-of-way will have no adverse impact on the public welfare and safety. The Little Rock Fire Department has reviewed and approved the abandonment request.