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SUBJECT: Resolution – Setting Public Hearing – July 19, 2016
Street Vacation 124.1369 – City of Tacoma
DATE: June 28, 2016

SUMMARY:

A resolution setting Monday, August 22, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., as the date and time for a hearing before the Hearing Examiner on the request of the City of Tacoma to vacate the north 10 feet of South 23rd Street lying between the westerly margin of Jefferson Avenue and the westerly margin of Fawcett Avenue, to facilitate future economic development.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Assure outstanding stewardship of the natural and built environment.
- Foster a vibrant and diverse economy with good jobs for all Tacoma residents.

Vacating this portion of South 23rd Street will help create a more economically viable development site. In addition, it will generate tax revenue and potential job creation.

BACKGROUND:

The City acquired the right-of-way under the Map of New Tacoma on February 3, 1875. The abutting property is owned by the City of Tacoma. The City is currently negotiating the sale of the abutting property for a future commercial mixed-use development.

ISSUE:

Pursuant to RCW 35.79 and TMC 9.22, the Public Works Department is requesting the City Council set a date to consider this request for this street vacation to be heard by the Hearing Examiner and report the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation to the City Council for their consideration.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could decide not to approve the resolution setting the hearing date; however, such an action would reduce the development footprint and feasibility of the proposed project.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Works Department recommends City Council approval of this request to set the Hearing Examiner's public hearing date for Monday, August 22, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This action only sets the date of the hearing before the Hearing Examiner. The City will receive market value compensation for the vacated right-of-way. The proceeds will be deposited in accordance with TMC 9.22.