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COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Ordinance Request No. 15-0855 – Street Vacation – September 1, 2015
DATE: August 13, 2015

SUMMARY:

An ordinance petitioning for the vacation of all that certain alley right-of-way lying between East 29th Street and East 30th Street from Portland Avenue to East “R” Street, excepting therefrom the westerly 18 feet thereof. The property will be used in the construction of a parking garage associated with the upcoming relocation of the Emerald Queen Casino.

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

N/A.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

The project is aligned with the following strategic policy priority:

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

BACKGROUND:

The Puyallup Tribe of Indians has petitioned to vacate a portion of alley right-of-way for use in constructing a multi-level parking garage associated with the upcoming relocation of the Emerald Queen Casino. The existing alley right-of-way is in poor condition and is not used for vehicular traffic. Currently the site is being used for storage. The area is not contemplated for future public use or for use as a part of traffic circulation. The project would return unneeded right-of-way property to a useful purpose and would increase economic activity and employment opportunities in the surrounding community. No members of the public appeared at the public hearing to testify against the vacation petition. The Hearing Examiner is recommending approval of the street vacation petition, subject to conditions protecting utility uses in the area.

ISSUE:

Whether the Council should approve this street vacation request.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Council could choose to deny the requested street vacation; however, the petition appears to be consistent with the established criteria for approval of a street vacation.

RECOMMENDATION:

The vacation request is recommended for approval, subject to the conditions contained in the Hearing Examiner’s Report and Recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A.