



AGENDA REPORT

Department: City Clerk's Office
Prepared by: Martin Reeder, Planning Manager
Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Approved by: Brad Raulston, City Manager

SUBJECT:

Resolution to Initiate a Street Vacation of a portion of Euclid Avenue east of Orange Street.
(Case File No. 2022-24 SV)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff is recommending that the City Council initiate the street vacation request. Adopt a Resolution entitled, Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Initiating a Street Vacation of a Portion of Euclid Avenue East of Orange Street.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE PRIOR ACTION:

Not Applicable.

EXPLANATION:

Executive Summary

The applicant is proposing to vacate a portion of the Euclid Avenue right-of-way adjacent to their single-family home at the end of the Orange Street cul-de-sac. The area is undeveloped and functions as a side yard of the property, although it is considered right-of-way. It is unclear to the casual observer that the area is not part of the residential property. The applicant already keeps the area clean and free of weeds. Vacating the area would allow the applicant to fence off the area, delineating more clearly the border between private and public property, as well as providing more security for the property.

Street Vacation

The right-of-way to be vacated is approximately 1,100 square feet in size. The area is separated from the main Euclid Avenue corridor by a chain link fence and is at the top of an embankment adjacent to said street. A brow ditch is located on the top of the embankment on the Euclid Avenue side of the fence. There are overhead SDG&E facilities in the area, which would require an easement of access in the future should the area be vacated. Otherwise, the area is not accessible from Euclid Avenue or Orange Street (there is a barrier separating the area from the cul-de-sac) and is ostensibly part of the applicant's property due to them keeping the area clean. Although the City is technically responsible for maintenance of the area, there is often confusion over whether the area is private or public due it being immediately adjacent to a single-family home. There have also been encampments and unauthorized access to the area in the past, which poses a security issue. Vacating the area would also allow the property owner to improve site drainage conditions, which are currently problematic (run-off is causing erosion and the transportation of topsoil into the street).

If initiated, the Planning Commission would subsequently hold a hearing to consider the conformity of the proposed vacation with the General Plan. The City Council would then hold a public hearing to consider the Planning Commission's determination of conformity along with staff's report and recommendation and any community input.

Options

1. Initiate the Street Vacation request; or
2. File the report (deny).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Not Applicable

RELATED CITY COUNCIL 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Public Safety

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

This is not a project under CEQA and is therefore not subject to environmental review.CCR15378; PRC 21065.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:

Agenda Report posted within 72 hours of meeting date and time in accordance with Brown Act.

ORDINANCE:

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS:

1. Overhead Map View
2. Street Vacation Exhibit
3. Site Photos
4. Resolution