Public Works & Vacation Committee May 9, 2022, 4:30 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Sheila Niezgodski, Lori Hamann, Karen White

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Council Present: Canneth Lee, Sharon L. McBride, Troy Warner, Eli Wax,

Henry Davis Jr., Rachel Tomas Morgan

Other Council Absent:

Others Present: Dawn Jones, Carl Littrell, Jason Piontek

Presenters: Regina Williams, Thelma Williams

Agenda: Bill No. <u>15-22</u> - Alley/Street Vacation- 914 and 918 W. Oak St.

Full audio dialogue of the meeting is available upon request from the City Clerk's Office.

Committee Chair Sheila Niezgodski called to order the Public Works & Vacation meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Clerk Dawn Jones responded with roll call of five (5) present. Quorum is present.

Bill No. 15-22

Committee Chair Sheila Niezgodski stated there is a quorum present. Requested for presenter for Bill *No.* <u>15-22</u> Alley Vacation of 914 and 918 W. Oak Street.

Mike Ruzicki, Abonmarche Consultants, 315 W. Jefferson, representing the South Bend Heritage. Presenter stated they are asking for the vacation to help meet setbacks and put a nicer home on the property.

Kara Boyles, City Engineer, 13th floor of County City Building, stated vacation was given a favorable recommendation from Board of Public Works. This vacation is to vacate in order to combine lots. Boyles stated, this gives the ability to build a home and meet the required five-foot (5ft.) side setbacks.

Committee Chair Niezgodski requests questions from the Committee.

Committee Member Karen White clarified that all the Board in Public Works submitted a favorable recommendation, and that the alley is unused and overgrown. Committee Member White asked if any residents from the neighborhood had opposition.

Kara Boyes responded that the alley is unusable and only has two (2) lots with a ten and a half (10 1/2) feet width.

Committee Member White asked if any resident from the neighborhood spoke against this vacation.

Kara Boyles responds no.

Committee Chair Lori Hamman asked for clarification on whether the entire width of alley is becoming part of lot 918 or are they splitting the lot.

Mike Ruzicki responded the vacation will split between the two lots. (5ft. and 3in. with one lot and 5ft and 3in. to the other lot).

Committee Chair Niezgodski requested questions from the Council Members.

Committee Chair Niezgodski requested questions from the public virtually and in person.

Clerk Dawn Jones responded that no one is wishing to speak in favor or in opposition of Bill *No.* 15-22.

Committee Chair Niezgodski entertained a motion for Bill *No.* <u>15-22</u> to be sent to the full Council with a favorable recommendation.

Inaudible Motion.

Citizen Member Carl Littrell seconded.

Committee Chair Niezgodski requested roll call.

Clerk Jones responded with five (5) ayes.

Committee Chair Niezgodski stated Bill *No.* <u>15-22</u> will be sent to the Committee of the Whole with a favorable recommendation.

Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Niezgodski, Committee Chair