CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN CITY PLAN COMMISSION REPORT August 31, 2020

> AGENDA ITEM - 20-0904 (Jack Zabrowski)

Resolution approving partial vacation of right-of-way on the south side of the 2200 block of Palace Street, between the west side of Larson Street and the west side of Kwik Trip Way.

ROUTING: F&P 9/3/2020

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The public interest requires the vacation of certain streets and alleys within the corporate limits of the City of La Crosse. The parcel described in Exhibit A is proposed to be vacated and the parcel in Exhibit B would be deeded to the City of La Crosse.

The proposed vacation of right-of-way before you would have several benefits to the Palace Street corridor. In relation to safety this vacation would allow for the ability to create the requested sidewalks. The deeding of the parcel in Exhibit B would provide real estate to clear a vision corner for a nearby driveway and build ADA compliant ramps in new proposed sidewalk. Transferring public property to private hands would increase tax revenue generated. In this corridor the right-of way was excessively large and will not be needed for a future roadway.

➢ GENERAL LOCATION:

To the south of the Interstate Industrial Park, to the north of the Kwik Trip Headquarters and production facilities. The existing public right-of-way located on Palace Street between the west side of Larson Street and the west side of Kwik Trip Way described on Exhibit "A." Directly north of Palace Street between the junction of Larson and Palace Streets and Palace Street and River Valley Drive

RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Approved by the Board of Public Works on August 4, 2020

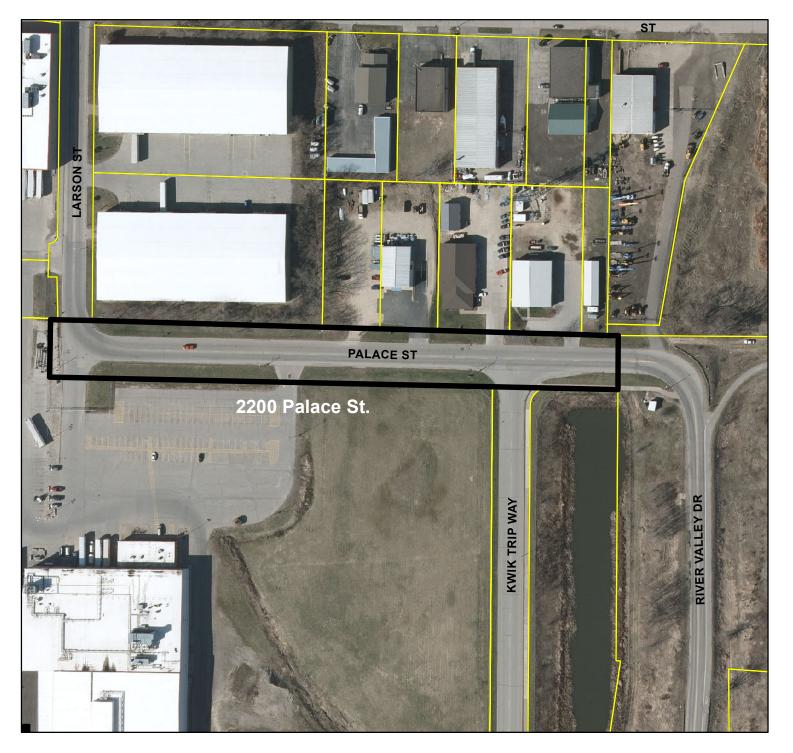
CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

The inclusion of sidewalks on this section of Palace Street increases the safety of people walking and using wheelchairs. The entire project has the effect of promoting bicycling and walking with the addition of bike lanes to Palace and Larson Streets. This safer connection to the urban areas of La Crosse and Onalaska allows workers who may be

challenged with the transportation costs access to employment, and employers access to an expanded workforce pool. The promotion of bicycling and walking is the basis of Smart Growth and one of the pillars of our Comprehensive plan. The vacation of this property would be in agreement with our Comprehensive Plan.

PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:

Planning staff recommends approval of this item.



BASIC ZONING DISTRICTS R1 - SINGLE FAMILY R2 - RESIDENCE WR - WASHBURN RES **R3 - SPECIAL RESIDENCE R4 - LOW DENSITY MULTI R5 - MULTIPLE DWELLING R6 - SPECIAL MULTIPLE PD- PLANNED DEVELOP** TND - TRAD NEIGH DEV. **C1 - LOCAL BUSINESS** C2 - COMMERCIAL **C3 - COMMUNITY BUSINESS** M1 - LIGHT INDUSTRIAL **M2 - HEAVY INDUSTRIAL PS - PUBLIC & SEMI-PUBLIC** PL - PARKING LOT **UT - PUBLIC UTILITY CON - CONSERVANCY** FW - FLOODWAY A1 - AGRICULTURAL **EA - EXCLUSIVE AG City Limits**

SUBJECT PROPERTY

