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LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT FOR COUNCIL

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Caption: Resolution approving the partial vacation of the public street right-of-way Chestnut Place.

Staff/Department Responsible for Legislation

Kyle Coman, City Surveyor

Requestor of Legislation

Property owner, 3102 Chestnut Place

Location, if applicable

Chestnut Place, STH 16 to west terminus

Summary/Purpose

The purpose of the request to partially vacate the public street right-of-way of Chestnut Place, removing surplus areas on the north and south sides of the roadway, west of Highway 16, to provide for higher and better use as private development. Partial vacation would be adjacent to 3102 and 3130 Chestnut Pl and 2830 and 2841 Darling Ct. Private development would take place at 3102 Chestnut Pl.

Background

The partial vacation request was applied for by the property owner of 3102 Chestnut P. The request was approved by the BPW, 8/19/2024. Additional portions of Chestnut Pl are requested to be vacated, as the existing right-of-way width is 150', well over the 80' recommended by staff to maintain a 2-lane road (with parking), boulevards, and sidewalks. The existing width has been determined to be surplus for public needs, and would be of better and higher use for private development to generate tax base. The partial vacation is recommended to be contingent upon the execution and recording of necessary utility easements by the new private owners for utilities currently within the public R/W.

Fiscal Impact

Additional tax revenue due to the increase of private property area. Fees to be paid for by applicant.

Staff Recommendation

The legislation is recommended to be approved.