

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JANUARY 25, 2006

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: DECLARATION OF SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY: PORTIONS OF CANWOOD STREET BETWEEN DERRY AVENUE AND LEWIS ROAD AND DERRY AVENUE FROM CANWOOD STREET TO APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET NORTHERLY

On January 11, 2006, the City Council approved the vacation of relatively thin portions of the northerly side of Canwood Street and easterly side of Derry Avenue (see attached exhibits). Since the City owns the vacated right-of-way in fee, the land is currently a separate City-owned parcel.

City staff has determined that the aforementioned parcel is no longer necessary for City purposes and it may now be sold as surplus property. In order to dispose of this property, the City Council must first declare the property as surplus land. Upon this declaration, the following steps will then be taken to sell the property:

- The City will send a notice to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy requesting they waive their first refusal right in accordance with the Public Resources Code Section 33207.1.
- The City will send notices to other various public agencies such as the Las Virgenes Unified School District, Los Angeles County Park and Recreation Department, etc., who must respond within 60 days, in accordance with Section 54222.
- If the City receives no acceptable offers from public agencies for the land, the City can negotiate with interested private buyers to reach a fair market value for the property.
- The sale is subject to approval by the Planning Commission finding that disposal of said property is consistent with the General Plan.
- The sale is subject to approval by the City Council.

By making a motion to declare the property as “surplus land” and directing the City Engineer to proceed with the disposal process, the City will have the ability to sell the property. It does not predetermine that the City must sell the property. The City Council will consider that decision at a later date.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council:

1. Determine that the real property shown and described on the attached exhibits is no longer necessary for the City’s use, nor necessary to hold for the purpose of exchange, and is therefore surplus land; and
2. Direct the City Engineer to proceed with the disposal of the surplus land in accordance with all applicable State laws.

Attachments: Exhibit "A" - Legal Description
Exhibit "B" - Site Map