
MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor Walker and Councilors
FROM: M McPherson, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Discuss Land Exchange
DATE: November 2, 2021

Background:

Butch Drews has purchased a parcel of land along West Branch Street, highlighted in blue:



The City owns both parcels to the east.

As can be seen in the aerial photo, the west end of Mr. Drews' property is across from the opening in Highway 95. The Comprehensive Plan has identified a roundabout in this location and there are engineering layouts for the same which also identify routes for utilities to serve the north side of Highway 95.

Analysis:

The City should preserve the option for the installation of a roundabout as identified in the Comprehensive Plan. To that end, staff met with Mr. Drews regarding the exchange of land as illustrated below:



Staff offered that the City would take on the costs of platting the property (\$13,000); there is adequate area to get almost three building sites on the area Mr. Drews would retain. It is likely, given the short depth of the property, that some setback variances would be needed; those applications would be the responsibility of Mr. Drews.

Mr. Drews then requested that the assessments be forgiven on the parcel(s). The total of the outstanding assessments is \$8,677.46.

Request:

Staff requests that the City Council review the information and provide direction to staff as to whether negotiations should continue regarding this issue.