

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

From: The City Planning Commission

Subject: Alley Vacation of the Alley Located West of Grout Street between Joslin Street and West Michigan Avenue

Planning Commission Recommendation:

It is recommended that the alley located west of Grout Street between Joslin Street and West Michigan Avenue be vacated subject to a standard easement reservation for public utilities, cable TV, and telecommunications.

Justification:

The West Michigan Avenue United Methodist Church requested the vacation of the alley located west of Grout Street between Joslin Street and West Michigan Avenue in the City of Saginaw. The petition was referred to the City Planning Commission (“Commission”) for investigation and a report with a recommendation. The Commission held a public hearing on the request on May 27, 2008, and all interested persons were heard. In addition, all adjacent property owners and utilities were notified.

The Commission found that the property owners at 1803 Joslin Street are not using the alley and that the owners propose to convey their interest in the alley to the West Michigan Avenue United Methodist Church. Previously, a portion of the original alley was vacated on June 29, 1986. From investigation and review of the evidence presented at the hearing, the Commission found that the alley located west of Grout Street between Joslin Street and West Michigan Avenue, in the City of Saginaw should be vacated subject to a standard reservation for public utilities, cable TV, and telecommunications.

Council Action:

Council _____ moved that the report from the Planning Commission be received and filed and that a resolution be adopted declaring City Council’s intention to vacate this alley.