



City and Borough of Sitka

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MEMORANDUM

To: Chair Spivey and Planning Commission Members

From: Michael Scarcelli, Planning and Community Development Department Director

CC: Wendy Lawrence, Assessor
Brian Hanson, Municipal Attorney
Keith Brady, Municipal Administrator
Bryan Bertacchi, Electric Utility Director
Michael Harmon, Public Works Director

Subject: LM 18-01: Sale of Portion of Eagle Way Right-of-Way, 1318 SMC, adjacent to Grandma Tillies

Date: July 26, 2018

Request: Adam and Kris Chinalski are requesting to purchase an approximate 1,660 square foot portion of Eagle Way right-of-way (ROW) adjacent to their parcel at 1318 Sawmill Creek Road (Grandma Tillie's Bakery). They would like to develop this area for parking to support their business.

Background: This proposal is supported by the Comprehensive Plan in that it would support an existing business to grow (economic chapter). In addition, it would make best use of otherwise underutilized ROW (Land Use, Facilities, and Transportation chapters), while also preserving the community's interests in the infrastructure and utility of the usable ROW.

This ROW was deeded to the City and Borough of Sitka from the State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) and is subject to the following:

- 1) All rights reserved by the State, pursuant to Article 8, Section 9, of the Alaska State Constitution, AS 38.05.125, and AS 38.05.130;
- 2) Restrictions, easements, reservations, or rights noted on the DOT&PF Right of Way map, dated August 14, 2014; and
- 3) All existing legal or equitable rights, easements, reservations, or restrictions of third parties, including other state agencies, recorded or unrecorded.

The sale of municipal land that is a platted right of way must follow Sitka General Code 18.12. Staff envisions the following process:

- 1) Initial Planning Commission recommendation of approval to City Assembly with any specific conditions;

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- 2) City Assembly approval of purchase subject to conditions of approval such as official plat, deed restrictions, and value;
- 3) Planning Commission approval of formal plat;
- 4) Finalization and execution of Sales Agreement and Deeds contemporaneous with recording of final plat (with approval by City Assembly if needed)

Valuation: TBD by Assembly pursuant to SGC 18.12.015.C.3 (with assistance from Assessor or Third party Appraisal).

Recommendations: I move to recommend approval of a sale of an approximate 1,660 square foot portion of the Eagle Way Right of Way adjacent to 1318 Sawmill Creek Road (Portion of US Survey 2355) subject to the following recommended conditions:

- 1) Approval of all existing and proposed utility easements by the Public Works Director, Electric Utility Director, and Municipal Attorney;
- 2) Maintaining access to Eagle Way Lift Station and associated force main (without paving over it until project is complete);
- 3) Applicant shall prepare a third party fair market appraisal to assist staff and the assembly in determining fair value for the purchase;
- 4) Applicant shall prepare a preliminary and final plat prepared by a licensed surveyor;
- 5) Portion of right of way to be purchased shall be unified with the existing lot (portion of US Survey 2355) and shall remain unified (should not be sold separate from main lot and this shall be noted on plat); and
- 6) Shall follow the appropriate process (see above for illustrative process, but note, process may change to meet needs and requirements of City)