



Legislation Text

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STREET VACATION - UNIVERSITY CORNERS (B)

Ordinance No. 0-05-35, Petition 159-ASVA-04PB

An ordinance of the City of Gainesville, Florida, to vacate, abandon and close that portion of Northwest 1st Avenue located between Northwest 13th Street (U.S. 441) and Northwest 14th Street; reserving a temporary utilities easement; providing a special condition; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing an effective date.

The City Commission adopt the proposed ordinance.

STAFF REPORT

The petitioner is proposing the redevelopment of a three-block area in the southeast corner of the College Park Special Area District, located between University Avenue and Northwest 3rd Avenue and between Northwest 13th Street (US 441) and Northwest 14th Street. The three-block area has been assembled for purchase by the petitioner for the purpose of developing a mixed-use project, consisting of commercial, office, place of religious assembly and residential uses, to be known as "University Corners."

The petitioner is proposing to vacate, abandon, and close a portion of Northwest 1st Avenue located between Northwest 13th Street (US 441) and Northwest 14th Street. In addition, the request is to vacate, and abandon that portion of Northwest 2nd Avenue, located between Northwest 13th Street (US 441) and Northwest 14th Street. The proposal is not to physically "close" Northwest 2nd Avenue to through-traffic, however, it is to "one-way" the eastern portion of the street from Northwest 13th Street (US 441). Northwest 2nd Avenue will become a "private" street, open to the public ingress and egress.

The two streets for which a vacation is requested are minor local streets that are no more than two blocks in length. Northwest 1st Avenue is located very close to University Avenue and because of the amount of traffic generated in the area, this street has always been underutilized and has created dangerous circulation problems for both pedestrians and vehicles trying to enter, exit, or cross Northwest 1st Avenue at Northwest 13th Street (US 441).

The City shall retain temporary public and private utilities easements over, under, across, and through the vacated right-of-ways. The exact location of any new easements or a blanket easement for the entire 3-block site shall be determined at the time of site plan approval of the mixed-use development.

The Plan Board heard the petition and recommended that it be approved.

Public notice was published in the Gainesville Sun on November 2, 2004. Letters were mailed to surrounding property owners on November 3, 2004. The Plan Board held a public hearing November 18, 2004.

CITY ATTORNEY MEMORANDUM

The City Commission, at its meeting of December 13, 2004, approved the petition and authorized the City Attorney to draft the proposed ordinance for street vacation.