

## City of Gainesville

City Hall 200 East University Avenue Gainesville, Florida 32601

## **Legislation Text**

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Request to Surplus an Unimproved Segment of Northeast 14th Street (B)

This item is a request for the City Commission to declare an unimproved segment of Northeast 14th Street as surplus property.

At the February 18, 2010 City Commission meeting, Pastor Alvin Ford of Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church, gave a presentation regarding pedestrian traffic on the unimproved segment of Northeast 14<sup>th</sup> Street causing litter and security concerns to the church. The Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church owns the property on both sides of the unimproved segment (the segment is shown in red on the attached parcel and aerial map). This portion of Northeast 14<sup>th</sup> Street was conveyed to the City in 1962 by deed for \$500. The City purchased the property for the purpose of right-of-way connectivity; however, the property was never improved. There does appear to be pedestrian activity using the property to connect residents north of the church to the area to the south. The Waldo Road Trail is located approximately 600 feet to the west and sidewalks are available along Northeast 15<sup>th</sup> Street, approximately 400 feet to the east. According to the Tax Appraiser's value of the adjacent vacant parcels, this segment of Northeast 14<sup>th</sup> Street would have a value of \$4,800.

Staff has reviewed the area and does not see a current or future need for a vehicular connection in this area. There does appear to be a demand for a pedestrian connection; however that need could be met via the Waldo Road Trail or the sidewalk along NE 15 Street as noted above. If the City Commission desires to retain the right of way to reserve for future use staff would pursue the construction of a pedestrian/bicycle connection using CDBG funds if the community desires such a connection.

There is no fiscal impact. The church will pay all of the closing costs associated with the sales transaction.

The City Commission: 1) approve the request to declare this portion of Northeast 14<sup>th</sup> Street as surplus; 2) authorize the sale of this portion of Northeast 14<sup>th</sup> Street to Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church for a sales price of \$4,800; 3) authorize the City Manager to execute a Purchase and Sale Contract for this portion of Northeast 14<sup>th</sup> Street, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; and 4) authorize the Mayor to execute, and the Clerk to attest the Special Warranty Deed, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality.

## Alternative Recommendation

The City Commission deny the request to declare this portion of Northeast 14<sup>th</sup> Street as surplus and retain this portion of property for future right-of-way connectivity.