

Committee of the Whole

Agenda Cover Memorandum

Meeting Date: October 12, 2009

Item Title: Approval of the Contract for Parking Area Reconstruction Project (31-33 S. Prospect)

Action Requested:

- Approval
- For discussion
- Feedback requested
- For your information

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Background:

Staff is in the process of obtaining bids to convert the rear of the property at 31-33 South Prospect Avenue into a parking lot, which is required as part of a now terminated lease agreement that the City had with the property owner. Staff seeks approval of a construction contract to proceed with that work.

Since 1986, the City has leased portions of several private properties to create the area known as the Pickwick Plaza. The Plaza encompasses the rear portions of properties on the east side of South Prospect Avenue, extending from the rear of the Pickwick Theater building to the property at 31-33 South Prospect Avenue. That part of the public alley immediately adjacent to these properties is also part of the Plaza. The creation of the Plaza was a collaborative effort between the City and the property owners to improve safety, create a public gathering space and provide an amenity for area retailers.

The owner of 31-33 South Prospect Avenue is demanding that the terms of the expired lease be upheld. The lease states that upon termination of the lease, the City shall "restore the leased premises to an asphalt parking lot at the [City's] sole cost and expense." The contract before the City is to undertake that work.

The City will be opening bids for the Contract for the Parking Area Reconstruction Project on October 12, 2009. Staff will provide additional background materials from the bid opening at the meeting.

Recommendation:

Staff will provide a recommended motion at the meeting, as bids are being opened on Monday morning.

Budget Implications:

- Does Action Require an Expenditure of Funds: Yes No
- If Yes, Total Cost:
- If Yes, is this a Budgeted Item: Yes No

Attachments:

- None