

Committee of the Whole

Agenda Cover Memorandum

Meeting Date:

June 14, 2010

Item Title:

Consideration of land use alternatives for 1200 Elm Street

Action Requested:

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

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Background:

The City Council asked staff about possible land uses alternatives for the City-owned property at 1200 Elm Street. The property is located at the northeast corner of Elm Street and Greenwood Avenue. It was previously occupied by the Public Works Service Center and, most recently, by Nicor, which vacated the premises in December 2009.

The Committee of the Whole reviewed the issue of land use alternatives for 1200 Elm Street at its April 26 and May 24, 2010, meetings. A couple of alderman expressed interest in either residential or open spaces as appropriate uses for the property if it is redeveloped. At the May 24 meeting, the COW discussed sending the matter to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration, without a recommendation from the COW. City Attorney Hill indicated that the matter could be forwarded to the Commission for discussion. The COW then tabled the matter. The COW also asked for information regarding the estimated value of the property based on potential uses of the site. City Manager Jim Hock provided a property appraisal from MaRous and Company at a later meeting, in response to this inquiry.

Recommendation:

Move the City Council to refer consideration of a map amendment to the Planning and Zoning Commission to change the zoning of 1200 Elm Street from the R-2 Single Family Residential District to either the R-3 Two Family Residential District or the R-4 Multi-Family Residential District.

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