

City Manager's Report

Re: SE Second Avenue / Osceola Alley Way Project

This matter has been brought before the Commission numerous times by Mr. Quillian and other parties that consist of opposition to the construction of a paved east/west alley between SE 2nd Avenue and SE 3rd Avenue. This project has been in the CRA plan for some time as well as the City's CIP plan for FY15/16. It is part of an overall project which will be the construction of the north/south alley with the east/west alley at the north end and a CRA owned parking lot abutting SE 2nd Avenue (See Exhibits).

At the joint meeting with CRA and Commission this project was discussed and the consensus appeared to be that the project should go forward as originally planned. Since that time I have been contacted by three (3) members of the Commission questioning the scope of the project. The project is scheduled for bid in May 2016 and can be bid with the east/west alley as an alternate. If the east/west alley is not built it would require the exit point for the north/south alley to go through the CRA parking lot or only building a portion of the east/west alley.

The opposition to the east/west alley is centered on the residential neighborhood of SE 3rd Avenue and potential commercial traffic from the east/west alley.

Direction is needed from the Commission whether or not the east/west alley should be bid as an alternate or included as part of the base bid or not at all. The issue I am trying to avoid is a change of scope during or after the bid process, which may lead to reduced bidders and protests.