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STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

July 6, 2017

REQUESTS: Closing a Portion of Eastbourne Avenue and a Portion of Savage Street

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Christina Hartsfield

PLANNING DISTRICT: Eastern

PETITIONER: Relp Holabird, LLC

OWNER: The Mayor and City Council

SITE/GENERAL AREA

Site Conditions: The subject portion of Eastbourne Avenue lies between Rappolla Street and Savage Street and is approximately 259' long. The subject portion of Savage Street is adjacent to Eastbourne Avenue to the north and is approximately 229' long. Both streets are paper streets and are completely indistinguishable from property and operations of 5300 Holabird Avenue.

General Area: These streets are located in the Canton Industrial Area neighborhood and are zoned I-2.

HISTORY

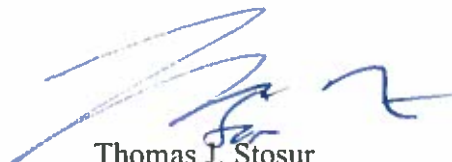
No prior history for this site.

ANALYSIS

Relp Holabird, LLC is requesting the closure of the subject portion of Eastbourne Avenue and Savage Street to consolidate both street beds with the property known as 5300 Holabird Avenue. 5300 Holabird Avenue is an industrial site that once was the site of the Unilever plant. Most of the plant was demolished upon sale of the property in 2015 and the site has since been in redevelopment for new warehouse operations. The redevelopment includes renovating an existing two-story warehouse building and constructing two new warehouse buildings. The subject street beds lie within the redevelopment area and are indistinguishable from the operations of the site. Although, the street beds are paper streets, it is necessary for the streets to be formally closed and sold so that the property can be fully consolidated.

It is staff's finding that the subject portion of Eastbourne Avenue and Savage Street do not currently have a public function, are no longer needed for a public purpose, and can be closed, declared surplus property, and sold. The portion of Eastbourne Avenue petitioned to be closed abuts 5100 Holabird Avenue on the south side. The owner of that property is aware of the petition for closure and has signed a letter of consent. The streets are not needed to provide access to any other adjacent properties or right-of-ways. Current records indicate that there are no known utilities within the areas to be closed. If the City consents to the proposal, it will be necessary for the petitioner to pay all costs and expenses associated with the matter.

Community Notification: Arscott Investments, LLC, owner of 5100 Holabird Avenue, was notified of this action.



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