



Valdosta City Council

216 East Central Ave
Valdosta, GA 31601

SCHEDULED

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Department: Engineering

Category: Petition

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AGENDA ITEM NO. (ID # 3859)

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Consideration of a request to close Gordon Alley Public right-of-way between Smith Street and Lamar Street.

HISTORY: Engineering received a request that the City close and vacate the public alley right-of-way between Smith Street to Lamar Street. This section of alley right-of-way is not open for travel nor available for public use due to its unimproved condition. The initial request was received from Mr. Elton Mack, a landowner adjoining this alley. Mr. Mack has completed the responsibilities as the petitioner for closure. Attached is a sketch showing the area requested for abandonment. There are no public utilities inside this area of alley right-of-way.

FACTS AND ISSUES: The City Ordinance requires that Engineering send certified mailings to all adjacent/affected property owners/residents, and that mailing was completed in August. Eight of eleven, approximately 73% of the owners of adjoining parcels, responded in writing to support of the alley closure. This exceeds the Ordinance requirement of 60% support; therefore, Ordinance requirements requiring adjoining owner agreement have been satisfied. This request has been distributed to City Departments for their review, comments, or objections and there were no concerns or issues identified by City Departments.

A Public Notice of the request was circulated in the Valdosta Daily Times on November 23rd and 25th, 2024. A certified notification letter was mailed to all property owners abutting the alley on November 18, 2024. Public Hearing Notice signs were posted at both ends of the alley on November 25, 2024. All of the procedures and requirements of City Ordinance 2023-12 have