



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Planning Division

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TO: Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Elizabeth Tyler, AICP, Director

DATE: April 21, 2006

SUBJECT: Voluntary Annexation of 2507 E. Washington – Kenneth Johnson

Introduction and Background

City staff are requesting the City Council consider annexation of 2507 E. Washington. The 1.10-acre tract of property is owned by Kenneth Johnson and currently vacant. The right-of-way in front of the property has already been annexed into the City. This case was initially introduced to Council as an involuntary annexation when efforts to contact Mr. Johnson received no response. However Mr. Johnson has since consulted with staff and agreed to voluntary annexation of the property.

Issues and Discussion

The property is located on Washington Street immediately south of Sunny Lane, and is one of several in the City that is wholly surrounded and is less than 60 acres in size. Under Illinois State Statute, the City can involuntarily annex such properties. The City has been pursuing “filling in” these gaps in order to provide improved emergency response and to reduce confusion for service providers, such as police, fire, and public works. After the April 3, 2006 City Council meeting, the owner contacted staff to discuss the annexation, and has since signed an annexation petition. Property taxes for the property would increase an estimated \$110 per year, and the City would receive approximately \$100 per year.

The property is currently zoned Champaign County R-4, Multiple Family Residence, and will automatically convert to City R-4, Medium Density Multiple Family Residential zoning upon annexation. This is consistent with the Future Land Use identified in the 2005 Urbana Comprehensive Plan.

Annexation Procedure

Per Illinois State Statute, the “Notice of Intent to Annex” approved by the City Council was published in the News-Gazette on Sunday, April 9, 2006. Since the notice has been published, the remainder of the annexation process will continue with the Committee of the Whole considering the annexation petition, and if forwarded, it would then be voted on by the City Council.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Committee of the Whole forward the attached ordinance to the City Council's regular meeting on May 1, 2006.

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Attachments: Exhibit A: Location Map
 Exhibit B: Annexation Plat
 Exhibit C: Draft Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-04-051

AN ORDINANCE
ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY
TO THE CITY OF URBANA

(2507 E. Washington / Kenneth Johnson)

WHEREAS, the hereinafter described territory is situated in unincorporated territory adjacent to and contiguous to the City of Urbana, Illinois, and is part of the Edge-Scott Fire Protection District, and includes certain territory within the Urbana Township, and Notice was given to the Trustees of said Fire Protection District, the Board of Township Trustees, and the Township Commissioner of Highways, said notices being mailed on March __, 2006 that this Ordinance would be voted upon at the regular meeting of this Council at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a written petition signed by all of the Owners of Record and at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the electors residing therein, of all land within such territory, has been filed with the City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, requesting annexation thereof to the City of Urbana; and

WHEREAS, the territory to be annexed by this Ordinance is presently located within Champaign County's R-4, Multiple Family Residence zoning district and upon annexation will be directly converted to City R-4, Medium Density Multiple-Family Residential; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that said petition complies with all requirements of the law therefore; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the Members of the Council are of the opinion that it would be for the best interests of the people of the City of Urbana, Illinois, that said territory be annexed to and made a part of the said City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the following described real estate, viz.:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 19 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Champaign County, Illinois; thence South 00 degrees, 43 minutes, 46 seconds East along the East line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 15, 282.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees, 10 minutes, 19 seconds West, 170.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees, 43 minutes, 46 seconds West 282.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees, 10 minutes, 19 seconds East, 170.00 feet; to the place of beginning, said tract containing 1.10 acres, more or less all situated in Champaign County, Illinois.

commonly known for reference as 2507 E. Washington, Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby annexed to the City of Urbana, Illinois. The above-described parcel, prior to annexation, has the parcel index numbers 30-21-15-326-004, and following annexation the said parcel should bear the parcel index numbers 91-21-15-326-004.

Section 2. That the City Clerk be authorized and directed to record a certified copy of this Ordinance together with an accurate map of the territory herein above described in the Recorder's Office of Champaign County, Illinois in the Office of the County Clerk and County Election Authority of Champaign County, Illinois.

Section 4. The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Urbana, Illinois, and the Zoning Map of Urbana, Illinois, are hereby amended to classify the real property herein annexed as R-4, Medium Density Multiple-Family Residential.

Section 5. The territory annexed herein is assigned to City of Urbana Ward 6.

Section 6. To avoid uncertainty regarding public safety responsibilities concerning the property herein annexed, this Ordinance shall take effect at noon on the 2nd day of May 2006 following its passage by the Urbana City Council.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, _____.

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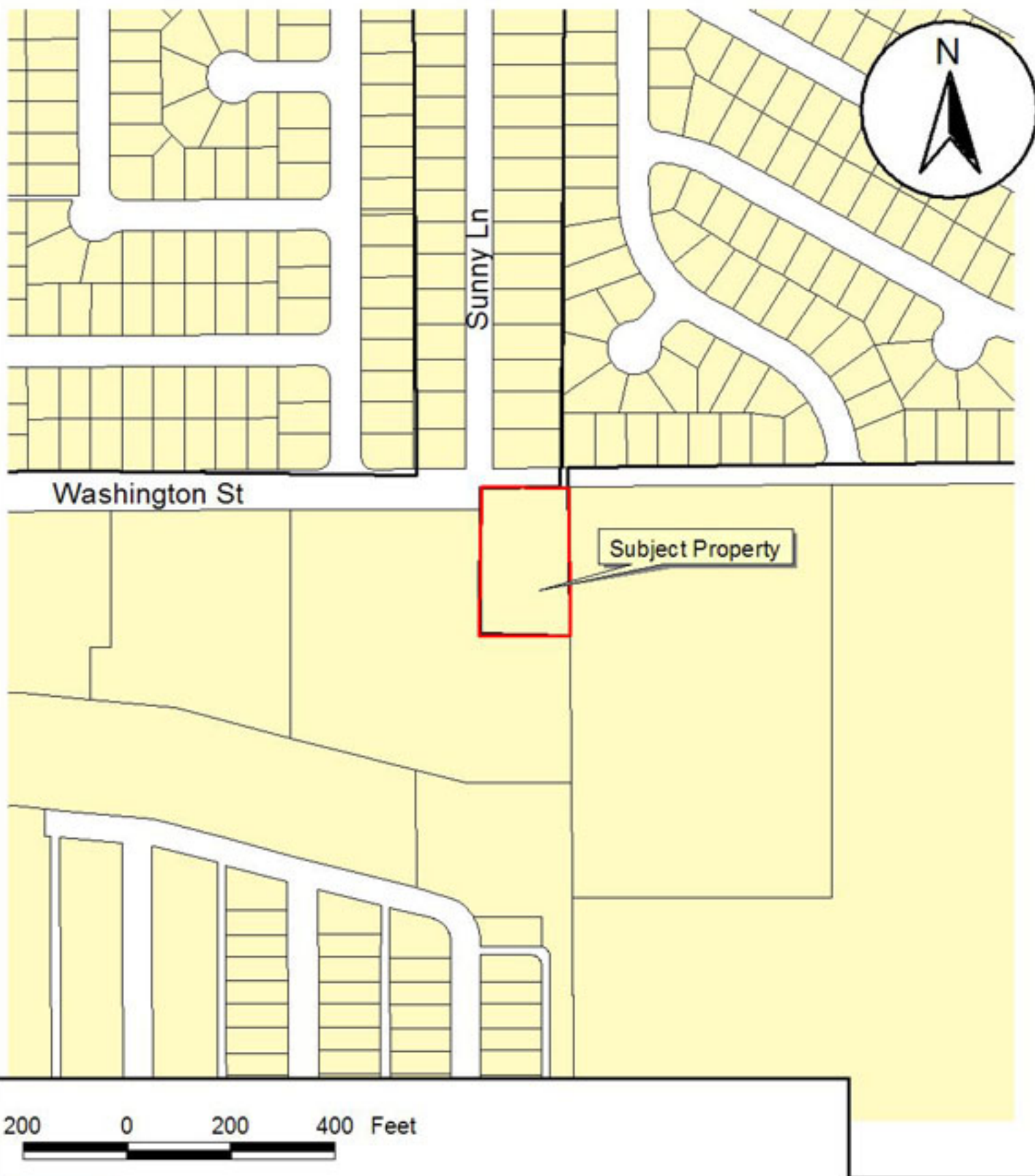
ABSTAINS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor

Exhibit A: Location Map



Plan Case: 2006-A-05
Petitioner: City of Urbana
Location: Washington Street, south of Sunny Lane
Description: Involuntary Annexation Petition for 2507 E. Washington