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To: Urbana City Council
From: Laurel Prussing *L.P.*
Re: Proposal for City Use and Public Sale of Broadway Avenue Pavers

Since the pavers are worth anywhere from 50 cents to \$2 a piece, the total value of 120,000 pavers ranges from an estimated \$60,000 to \$240,000. Therefore, we need to be careful in our use of this increasingly scarce resource and make sure the city's needs come first.

In order to comply with our Ordinance requiring us to get the best price for surplus goods, I asked Public Works Director Bill Gray to draft the attached proposal which I believe achieves the following:

1. meets our ordinance standard for getting the best return for Urbana taxpayers
2. provides for enough pavers for future city repairs to our remaining brick streets
3. provides for sale to the public through the Landscape Recycling Center
4. provides for a written agreement with PACA to provide the labor to clean and palletize the bricks delivered to the Landscape Recycling Center in exchange for their keeping half of those bricks (approximately 30,000).

Applicable Ordinance

City Attorney Jim Simon has described the ordinance as follows (he has pointed out that in the current context the Mayor is the CAO):

Urbana City Code Section 2-118.1 provides, in sum, that personal property can be sold (i) to any financial responsible person; (ii) by the department using the item; (iii) after a determination that the item is no longer useful to the city or its employees; (iv) the CAO finds that the means of sale will achieve the highest price.





MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Laurel L. Prussing and Members of City Council
FROM: William R. Gray, Public Works Director
DATE: August 6, 2015
RE: Proposal for City Use and Public Sale of Broadway Avenue Pavers

The City Council discussed the disposition of the Broadway Avenue pavers at its Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, July 27, 2015. At that meeting, Council members reviewed a staff report, received public input, and discussed what direction should be given to staff. Since this meeting, the Mayor and staff discussed per Urbana City Code Section 2-118.1 how this City property should be sold. Recognizing the finite nature of this particular City property, the Mayor and staff also discussed the City's need to retain a certain number of the Broadway Avenue pavers for repair and maintenance of the City's other brick paver streets. Regarding the sale of some of the Broadway Avenue pavers, it was agreed that either cash or in-kind labor (cleaning, sorting, and palletizing the brick pavers) would be an acceptable way to satisfy the ordinance's intent.

The process recommended to be followed is:

1. The Broadway Avenue brick pavers between Stebbins Drive and Kerr Avenue (estimated to be 60,000 pavers) shall be sent to the Perkins Road site for future City use.
2. The Broadway Avenue brick pavers between Kerr Avenue and Oakland Avenue (estimated to be 60,000 pavers) shall be sent to the Landscape Recycling Center.
3. PACA will be asked to enter into a written agreement with the City wherein PACA will clean, sort, and palletize brick pavers at the Landscape Recycling Center. Half of the palletized brick pavers will be for public sale and the other half of the palletized brick pavers will be for PACA's use and sale.
4. If PACA chooses not to enter into an agreement with the Public Works Director then all brick pavers delivered to the Landscape Recycling Center will be available for sale to the public.

The Mayor is recommending that a motion be made approving the process defined above and that staff proceed to implement the approved motion.