

PUBLIC HEARING:

Vacation of a Portion of East Sonora Street,
East Church Street, and East Scotts Avenue
Right-of-Way and Reserving a Public
Easement

City Council Meeting

April 16, 2024

Agenda Item 16.1

Background

- San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRC) requested the City initiate a vacation to abandon a portion of East Sonora Street, East Church Street, and East Scotts Avenue.
 - Between South Union Street and the UPRR railroad tracks to the west.
- Abandonments are being requested to facilitate the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation Project and are required as part of the project team's right-of-way acquisition process.
- Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) owns property adjacent to the abandonment areas.

Discussion

- In November 2023, SJRRC presented to the City Council on the Stockton Diamond Grade Separation Project.
 - Right of Way requirements to construct the project.
 - Combination of full, partial property acquisitions.
 - Abandonments necessary to construct the flyover structure.
- Title to the three (3) proposed abandonments are owned by the adjoining property owners.
- Public utility easements in the proposed vacation area will be reserved.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution:

- Authorizing the vacation, and interest herein, of a portion of East Sonora Street, East Church Street, and East Scotts Avenue;
- Authorizing the reservation of a public utility easement;
- Authorizing the filing of Notice of Exemption No. 64-23 under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the abandonment of a portion of East Sonora Street, East Church Street, and East Scotts Avenue; and
- Authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to take all the necessary and appropriate actions to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.