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## City Council

### Approval of a Resolution Declaring Piperhill/Pacific Drinking Water Utility Property as Surplus

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**Title**

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**Recommended Action**

**Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

**City Manager Recommendation:**

Move to approve the resolution declaring the Piperhill and Pacific Access Road property as surplus.

**Report**

**Issue:**

Whether to declare certain Drinking Water Utility property as surplus.

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**Presenter(s):**

None - Consent Calendar Item.

**Background and Analysis:**

The Piperhill and Pacific Access Road property (map attached) was formerly used to access and maintain the Meridian Reservoir, a property owned and maintained by the Drinking Water Utility. This access road crosses railroad tracks at its midpoint, and, due to safety concerns, staff have found alternative means of access to the Reservoir property. As such, the Drinking Water Utility no longer has a use for this access road. Several private properties abutting the access road have been using the road to enter/exit their properties. Up to this point, the City has maintained the access road. Because the Utility no longer has any use for the road, but the private properties do, staff is recommending declaring the property surplus and then moving forward to sell the property to the abutting property owners after the required Public Hearing. A resolution declaring the property as surplus is attached for Council consideration.

If the City Council chooses to surplus the property, staff recommends scheduling a public hearing for June 20, 2017, to consider the disposition of the property following the required statutory notice period of at least ten days.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

The City no longer uses the Piperhill and Pacific access road for maintenance or access purposes, yet maintenance of the property is currently being borne by the City's water utility rate payers.

**Options:**

1. Declare the Piperhill and Pacific Access Road parcel as surplus. The City Council may then consider future options for the properties that reduce or eliminate cost burden to utility rate payers.
2. Maintain the Piperhill and Pacific Access Road parcel as a Drinking Water Utility asset. The Drinking Water Utility will continue to bear the costs and liabilities associated with the properties.

**Financial Impact:**

The Drinking Water Utility currently bears the costs of maintaining the Piperhill and Pacific access road property.

**Attachments:**

Resolution  
Piperhill and Pacific Vicinity Map