

### CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS **Public Works Committee Agenda Communication**

Meeting Date: September 8, 2020

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Agenda Item: W. Holland Street Surplus Property Consideration

Explanation: The City undertook a Special Assessment project in 1996 to reconstruct S. Wood Street. As part of that project, the City approved a real estate swap agreement with American Allied Railway Equipment Company (now Alliance Wheel Services—AWS) where the City received land on S. Wood and W. Holland in order to allow for right-of-way to be dedicated and for the construction to occur. In exchange, American Allied received the western 25' of width of a 50'x107' property the City owned at the intersection of S. Wood and W. Holland Street. The City retained ownership of the eastern 25' of width of that parcel. ROW was dedicated on the American Allied piece but it does not appear to have been dedicated on the City's parcel, though GIS does show ROW on it. Two maps showing this area are attached. Also attached are the two plats included in the 1996 agreement.

> Staff recently received a complaint about the need to mow the property at the corner of S. Wood and W. Holland. It appears that the prior owner/tenant of the neighboring property at 209 W. Holland had been maintaining the property for many years and as a result, our staff was not aware of the ownership situation. There are no utilities within the property and there does not appear to be a public need to retain ownership. AWS has indicated it has no need for its parcel and neither of them are buildable lots.

If ROW was not dedicated on the City's parcel, the likely means of discarding it would be through a declaration of surplus, the completion of an appraisal, and then the solicitation of public bids. The property likely holds little value to other citizens than those adjacent owners. As of now, the 209 W. Holland owner does not have interest in it, though the 217 S. Wood owner might. Should record of a ROW dedication be found, this could be vacated and conveyed to the adjacent owners.

Fiscal Impact: There is some time and cost involved in maintaining the property.

Action Requested: Direction on what (if anything) to do with this property. As mentioned above, more research is likely necessary to definitively determine if ROW was previously dedicated, which could impact how the property could be acquired.

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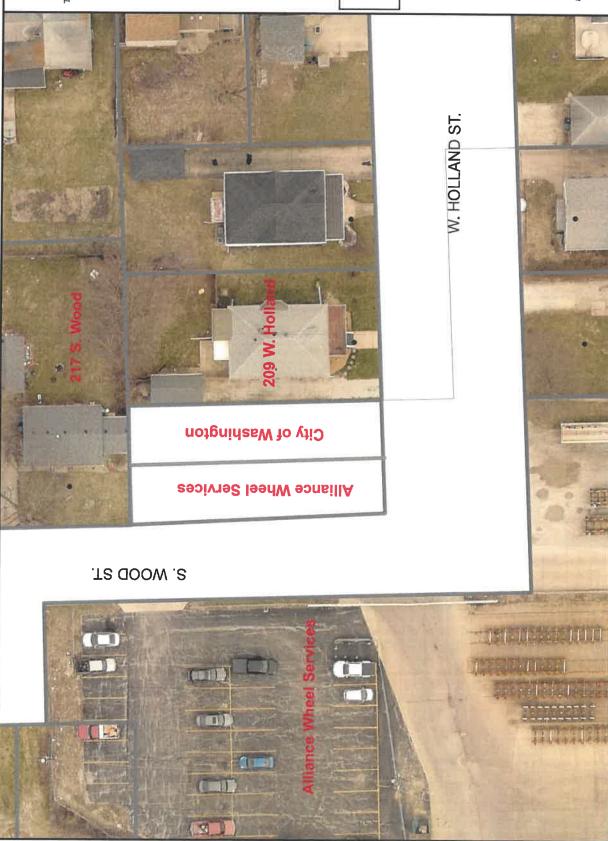




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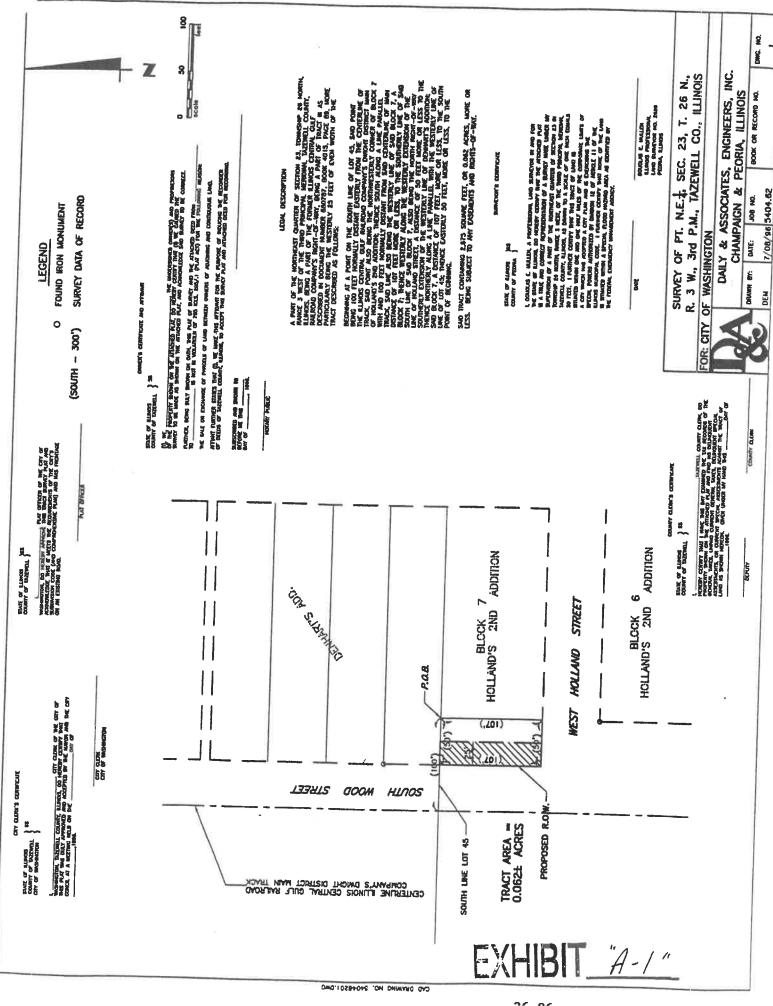
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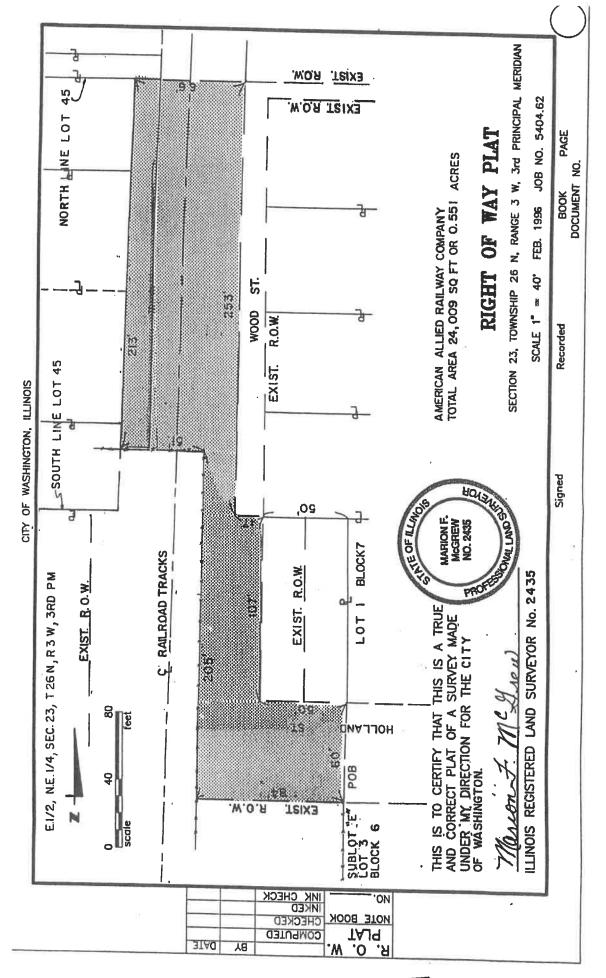


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