



Agenda Item: Memorandum of Understanding

Title: Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the University of Wyoming and the City of Laramie for the Lewis Street Area Infrastructure

Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to approve Amendment #1 to the 2014 Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Wyoming and the City of Laramie for the Lewis Street Area Infrastructure and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

Resolution 2021-12. D. Maintain and Improve Municipal Infrastructure

Background:

The University and the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding dated effective October 4, 2014 (“MOU”) regarding the Lewis Street Area Infrastructure and obligations required for a vacation of Lewis Street, area alleys and side streets.

The City has vacated Lewis Street from 9th to 11th and the following alleys and side streets between Lewis and Bradley Street to the University in accordance with Article 5 of the 2014 MOU: the alley between Lewis Street and Bradley Street from 11th Street to 12th Street (2016) and the alley between 9th Street and 10th Street from Lewis Street and Bradley Street (2018).

The University has now acquired all properties on Lewis Street between 9th and 13th as well as all properties on 11th and 12th streets between Lewis and Bradley.

The University and the City agree that the owner of the street should also own the water, sewer and stormwater systems underneath the surface and take full responsibility for the maintenance and operation of those utilities. This Amendment outlines the work to be performed by the University so that ownership of those utilities may be transferred to the University from the City. Once the work is completed, the University will take ownership of all utilities in Lewis Street between 9th and 15th Street.

This Amendment allows the University to apply for a vacation of Lewis Street between 11th and 13th Street as well as 11th and 12th Street between Lewis and Bradley Street after the Amendment is fully executed. The final reading of the vacation may only occur after the work outlined in the Amendment is complete. Further vacations of Lewis, 13th and 14th Streets will be able to occur if the University acquires all properties adjacent to those streets in the future.

The University continues expansion adjacent to Lewis Street and Bradley Street corridors for educational, research and support facilities. The University has planned for Lewis Street to be developed as a vehicle restricted pedestrian mall corridor allowing services, ADA access and emergency vehicles. Landscape plans for the Lewis Street corridor include a mall with appropriate landscaping similar to Prexy’s Pasture.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION: No Budgetary effect

Responsible Staff:

Brooks Webb, Public Works Director
Eric Jaap, City Engineer

Attachments:

Amendment #1
Exhibit A
Exhibit B
2014 MOU