

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda date: July 7, 2008
Reviewed by: BP

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Consider a Request to Vacate and Abandon an Unused Sanitary Sewer Easement at 1316 Solano Avenue

FROM: Jeff Bond, Planning Manager

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Conduct a public hearing and approve Resolution #08-47 vacating and abandoning an unused sanitary sewer easement at 1316 Solano Avenue.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The City received a request from the property owner at 1316 Solano Avenue asking the City to abandon an unused sanitary sewer easement currently reserved by the City. The subject property is a 4,646 sq. ft. lot with an approximately 2,500 sq. ft. two-story commercial building on Solano Avenue. Most recently, the building has been used for professional offices. Currently the sanitary sewer runs through a small portion of the rear of the property. The easement will be retained over areas where there is an existing sanitary sewer line.

In a separate action, on April 8, 2008, the property owner received approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission to remodel the existing building. The owner intends to continue to use the building as professional office space. The easement runs along the western edge of the property, and does not affect the proposed remodeling.

Typically, sewer easements of this nature are reserved by the City to document the location and ensure access to City-owned sewer mains that cross through private property. In this case, however, there is no existing or proposed City-owned sanitary sewer in this location. Thus, the easement is essentially an unnecessary encumbrance on the property and a potential source of confusion to future buyers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

Attachments

1. Correspondence from Gregory Lewis dated March 11, 2008
2. Exhibit A: Legal Description
3. Exhibit B Site Plan