



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Subject: Request to Sell a City Owned Surplus Parcel Located in Section 10, Sidwell #88-20-10-477-017 and Authorization to Hire an Independent Fee Appraiser

Background

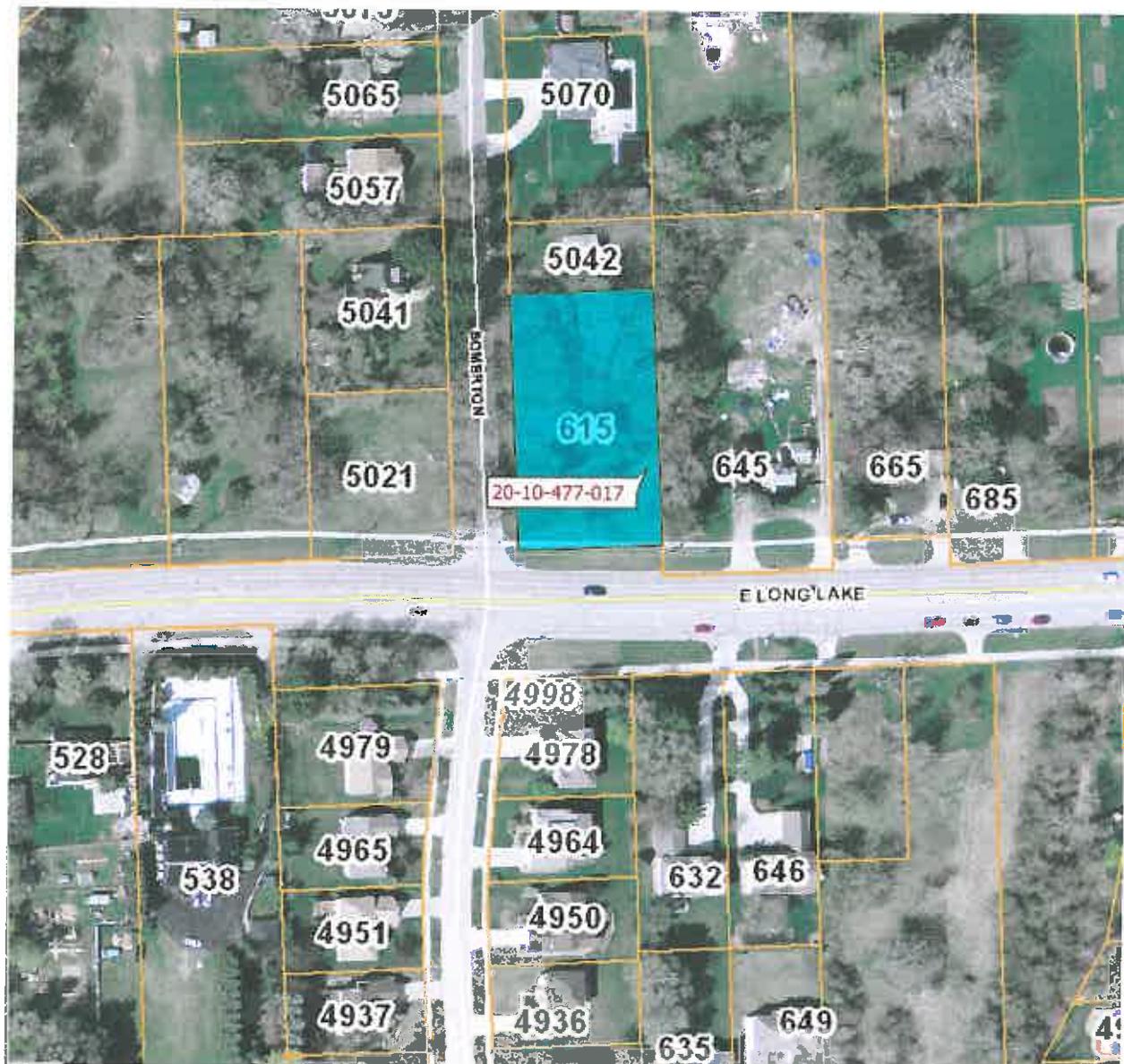
The Engineering Department has received two inquiries to purchase a City owned vacant parcel located in Section 10 at the Northeast corner of Long Lake and Somerton. Both interested parties own property adjacent to the subject property and are interested in expanding the development footprint of their respective properties. The parcel was originally acquired as part of the Long Lake widening project. It is 0.75 acres in size (132' x 248') and zoned R1-C.

The Parks and Recreation Board previously reviewed this vacant parcel and found little value as a possible park. The parcel was previously offered for public bid in 2005, City Council accepted a bid at that time, but the closing did not materialize.

City Staff would like the approval of City Council to proceed with the sales process per Chapter 12.1 of the City Charter and Resolution #2007-01-028 and to engage the services of a licensed independent fee appraiser. Staff will present City Council with the appraised value as determined by a licensed appraiser prior to advertising to sell the parcel by public sealed bid. This is with the understanding that the individuals and/or firm hired must meet all State laws and Federal Guidelines.

Recommendations

City Staff recommends that City Council authorize staff to proceed with the sales process and to engage the services of an independent fee appraiser licensed in the State of Michigan to determine the value of the vacant parcel having Sidwell #88-20-10-477-017.



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