

**CITY OF BLAINE**  
**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**  
**MEETING DATE:** December 11, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Resolution No 1449-06 Scheduling a Public Hearing to Consider a U.S. General Services Administration Petition to Vacate Parts of 1st Street, B Street, and the Alley West of 2nd Street Between B Street and C Street

**SUBMITTING DEPT:** Public Works

**PREPARED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**AGENDA LOCATION:** Comments/Communications ☐; Consent ☐; Committee Reports ☐  
Unfinished Business ☐; New Business ☒; Public Hearing ☐; Standing Committees ☐

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**ATTACHMENTS:** 1) Petition Certification (Complete 31 page petition on file with City Clerk)  
2) Pictometry Map  
3) Public Works Preliminary Findings  
4) Resolution No. 1449-06 setting a Public Hearing

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**ANALYSIS/SUMMARY:** The attached Resolution schedules a Public Hearing for January 8, 2007 for City Council to hear public comment on the proposed right-of-ways vacation. Ronald P. Weber, General Services Administration Acquisition Officer, initiated the Petition. The signatures on the petition represent all of the ownership of the property abutting the right-of-ways proposed for vacation. The required fees have been paid. The vacation request applies to 1<sup>st</sup> Street between the alley abutting Peace Arch Park and Interstate 5, and B Street and the alley south of B Street between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Per BMC Section 12.16.010.H, the Public Works Department has prepared the attached Preliminary Findings report. Per BMC 12.16.010, "staff may forward the petition to council with a written recommendation that council deny the petition, that council set a public hearing to consider the petition, or that the petition be returned to petitioner for modification prior to further action."

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**RECOMMENDATION:** ☒ Waive 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Staff recommends that City Council adopt Resolution No 1449-06 setting a Public Hearing for January 8, 2007 to consider the petition to vacate 1<sup>st</sup> Street between the alley abutting Peace Arch Park and Interstate 5 and B Street and the alley South of B Street between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS:** No fiscal impact.

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**REVIEWED BY:**

City Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Finance Director \_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
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**COUNCIL ACTION:**

☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled/Deferred ☐ Assigned to: \_\_\_\_\_

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### CERTIFICATION

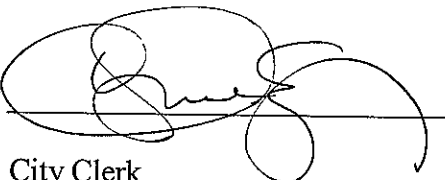
I, Sheri Sanchez, City Clerk for the City of Blaine, Washington, do hereby certify that each petitioner's name on the *Petition for Street or Alley Vacation* is accompanied by a signature, and that the legal descriptions of properties indicated next to each petitioner's name is recorded as the owner on the accompanying *Whatcom County Assessor's Parcel Summary* page.

Petition filed by 11/16/06

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006

CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON

By

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheri Sanchez', written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk



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Scale: 1 inch = 100.0 feet

**City of Blaine**

**Right-of-Way Vacation Petition**

<p><b>PRELIMINARY FINDINGS</b></p>
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Prepared: December 05, 2006

By: Rod Smith

Legal Description: The following described right-of-way(s):

B Street that abuts Block 2; Block 11; and 1<sup>st</sup> Street; and

1<sup>st</sup> Street that abuts Lot 22, Block 1; Lot 28, Block 2; Lot 1, Block 11; the Alley in Block 11; Lot 12, Block 12; and Lot 13, Block 12 EXCEPT any portion thereof conveyed to the State of Washington for highway purposes; and

All of the alley in Block 11;

as per the Map of the City of Blaine, Whatcom County, W.T., recorded in Book 1 of Plats, Page 35, records of Whatcom County Washington.

1. The right-of-ways do not abut a body of fresh water or salt water.
2. The right-of-ways are or contemplated or needed for future public use. These right-of-ways abut properties purchased by the United States General Services Administration and are required for the US Peace Arch Border Station expansion project.
3. The right-of-ways vacation request was not initiated to correct a condition created by the applicant in violation of a City Ordinance.
4. This vacation, if approved, will maintain straight right-of-way lines.



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