

City Council Introduction: November 7, 2016

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## FACTSHEET

**TITLE:** Purchase Agreement of Parking Area  
Lincoln Children's Zoo

**BOARD/COMMITTEE:** N/

**APPLICANT:** Parks and Recreation Dept.

**RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** For

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:** None

**SPONSOR:** Parks and Recreation Dept.

**OPPONENTS:**

### REASON FOR LEGISLATION

The proposed legislation authorizes sale of a City-owned property located at approximately 29<sup>th</sup> and A Street in conjunction with an overall plan for expansion of the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

### DISCUSSION / FINDINGS OF FACT:

The subject property was included in a 2001 master plan of the Antelope Park Triangle and was identified as the location for public parking to serve activity areas on the Triangle including the Lincoln Children's Zoo and the LPS Zoo School. The property was subsequently offered for sale by the owner and the Parks and Recreation Department worked with the Lincoln Parks Foundation to acquire the property and demolish the building in 2009. The City then purchased the property from the Parks Foundation in 2010. It should be noted that the land is not dedicated parkland.

The City has been working with the Lincoln Children's Zoo in developing plans for expansion of the zoo, including addressing parking needs. The subject parcel and an area of land that will remain in City ownership and leased to the Zoo has been identified for development of a parking lot that will serve primarily has parking for Zoo School students and facility, Zoo staff and volunteers, and occasionally as overflow parking for Zoo patrons. The Zoo has applied for a Change of Zone and Special Use permit to facilitate development of the proposed Zoo parking lot. The City has submitted parallel requests for a Zoning Code text amendment allowing parking for a zoo by Special Permit in a residential zoning district, and vacation of street and alley right-of-way in the area of the proposed parking lot.

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:** \_\_\_ Yes       No

**OPERATIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:** None.

**COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:** N/A

**RELATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS:** N/A

### SOURCE OF FUNDS:

**CITY:** \$0

**NON CITY:** \$275,000

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