CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

ITEM: **DATE: September 16, 2019**

Motion – Deny Streetlight Installation
1026 7th Street
Clegg Park Plat 5

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

MidAmerican Energy will install a streetlight on an existing wood pole at no cost. The City will incur an additional $6-8 in monthly operation and maintenance costs.

BACKGROUND:

This issue was discussed at the September 24, 2018 and May 28, 2019 Public Services Council Subcommittee meetings. In September 2018 the resident at 1026 7th Street contacted staff about installing an additional streetlight on 7th Street south of his property. The resident stated that a neighbor's property has been used as a short-term rental and that illicit activity was occurring there. The resident requested an additional streetlight in front of the neighboring property to help deter any illegal activities.

There is an existing utility pole on the south lot line of 1020 7th Street where a new streetlight could be attached for the cost of annual operation and maintenance. 7th Street is a local street and meets current lighting design standards. An additional light is not necessary for street lighting purposes and will over-light the street. In the past, the City has received complaints when residential areas are over lit. The resident provided a petition signed by 9 of the 10 surrounding property owners. The unaccounted property is directly across from the proposed streetlight.

At the September 24, 2018 meeting, the committee members determined that adding street lighting on 7th Street was not necessary. A Notice of Municipal Code Violation was sent to the suspected short-term rental property on September 21, 2018.

In May 2019 the resident contacted the City again about installing an additional streetlight to improve safety. The issue was discussed at the May 28, 2019 Public Services Council Subcommittee meeting. The Committee recommendation was split and the members supported bringing the issue forward to full Council for final action.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES:

At the recommendation of the Public Services Council Subcommittee Staff is bringing the request to the full Council for consideration. Since the existing streetlighting meets current design standards Staff recommendation is to deny the request for an additional streetlight.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council Adopt:

- Motion approving recommendation to deny streetlight installation.

Lead Staff Member: Brian J. Hemesath, P.E., City Engineer

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Brian Hemesath, City Engineer
Appropriations/Finance	Tim Stiles, Finance Director
Legal	Richard Scieszinski, City Attorney
Agenda Acceptance	

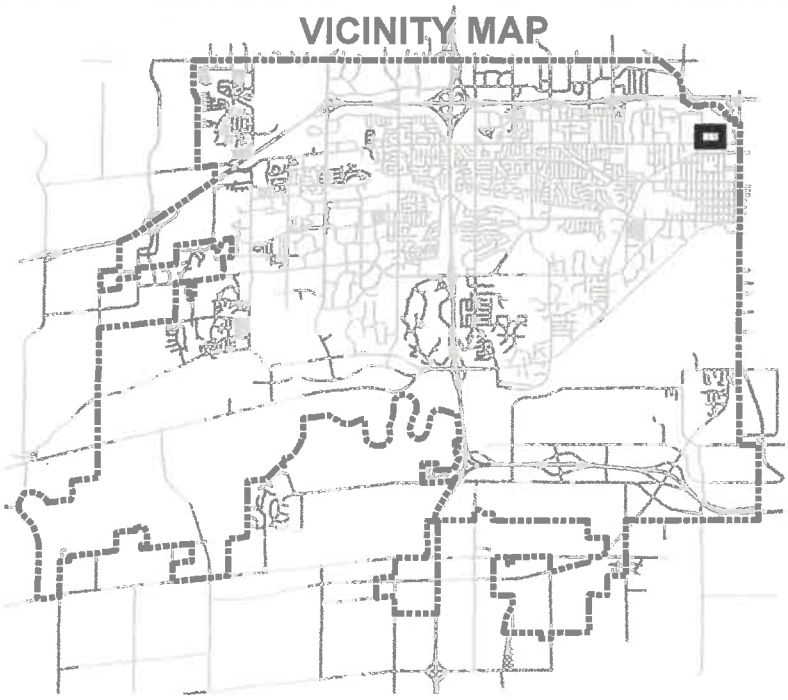
PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee	Public Services		
Date Reviewed	May 28, 2019		
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

VICINITY MAP



LEGEND

REQUESTED STREETLIGHT

EXISTING STREETLIGHT

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THE CITY OF WEST DES MOINES

PROJECT:

1026 7th Street Streetlight Request

LOCATION: 1026 7th Street

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