



**KNOXVILLE/KNOX COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF KNOXVILLE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY**

▶ **FILE #:** 7-A-08-AC

AGENDA ITEM #: 9

AGENDA DATE: 7/10/2008

▶ **APPLICANT:** GERDAU AMERISTEEL

TAX ID NUMBER: 81 P P 008, 024
 JURISDICTION: Council District 5
 SECTOR PLAN: Central City
 GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits)
 ZONING: R-1A (Low Density Residential)/ IH-1 (Infill Housing Overlay)
 WATERSHED: Third Creek

▶ **RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE CLOSED:** Unnamed alley
 ▶ **LOCATION:** Between Badgett Dr. and southwest boundary line of parcels 081PP008 and 081PP024

IS ALLEY:
 (1) IN USE?: Yes
 (2) IMPROVED (paved)?: Yes

▶ **APPLICANT'S REASON FOR CLOSURE:** Redevelopment of area.

DEPARTMENT-UTILITY REPORTS: No objections received as of 6/24/08; subject to relocation and connection of remainder of alley to Connecticut Ave., and granting of greenway easement to city.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

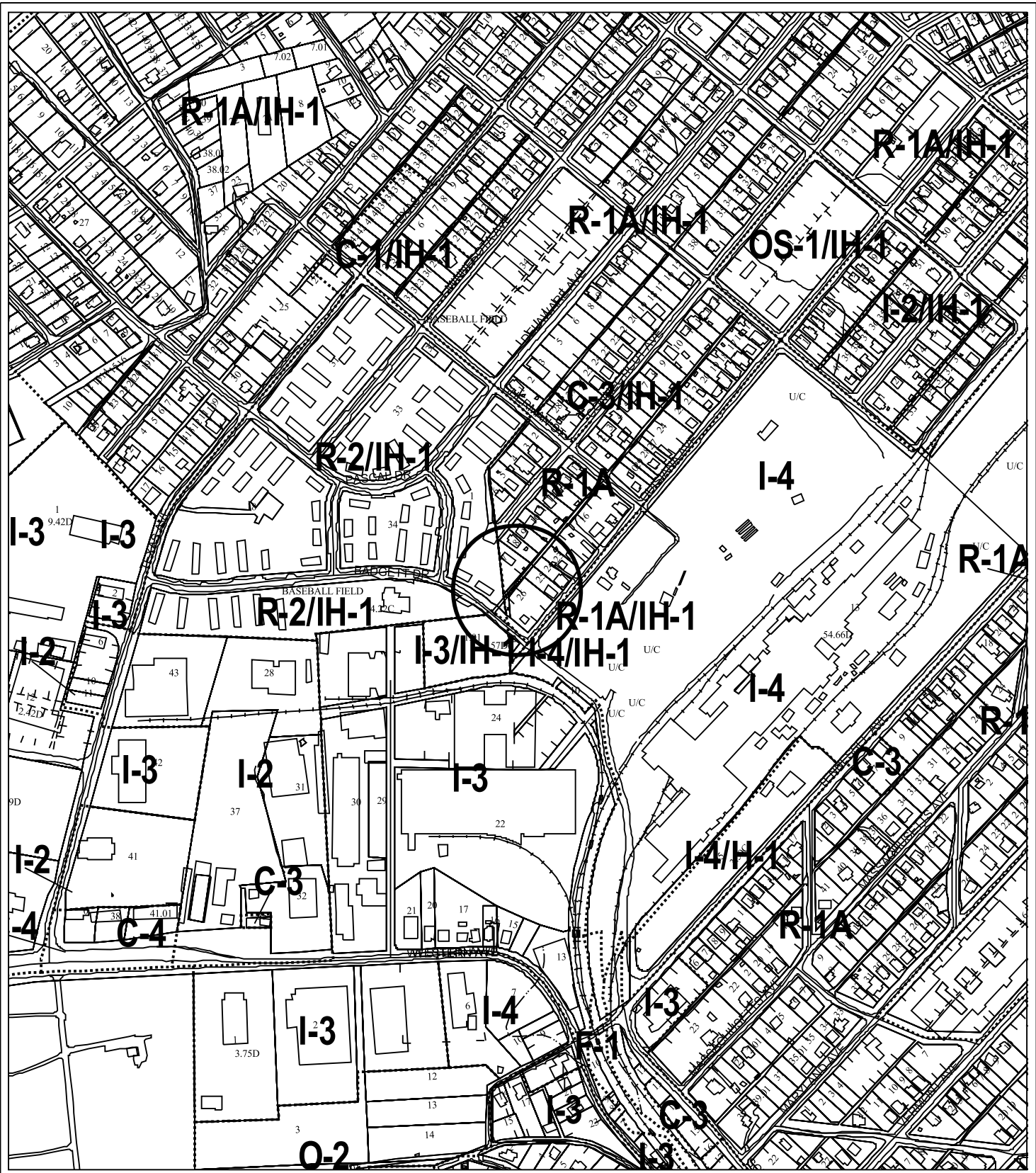
▶ **APPROVE the alley closure, subject to the requested easements and connection of the remainder of the alley to Connecticut Ave.**

Closure of this section of alley will not impact the function of the remaining alley segment with its connection to Connecticut Ave.

COMMENTS:

This alley section closure is occurring within a comprehensive expansion of the Ameristeel site and includes several other right-of-way closures, and rezoning and resubdivision of acquired properties. As part of this expansion, the applicant and the city administration are working to develop a 50 foot wide greenway easement along the north side of the Ameristeel property through the neighborhood. (See letter from City Parks Department.)

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knoxville City Council for action on 8/12/2008 and 8/26/2008. If denied, MPC's action is final, unless the action to deny is appealed to Knoxville City Council. The date of the appeal hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal an MPC decision in the City.



**7-A-08-AC
CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY**

Petitioner: Gerdau Ameristeel
 Map No: 81
 Jurisdiction: City

Name of Street or Alley: Unnamed alley
 To be closed from: Badgett Dr.
 To be closed to : southwest boundary line of parcels 081PP008 and 081PP024

Original Print Date: 06/19/08 Revised:
 Metropolitan Planning Commission * City / County Building * Knoxville, TN 37902



CITY OF KNOXVILLE

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Stephen J. King, P.E.

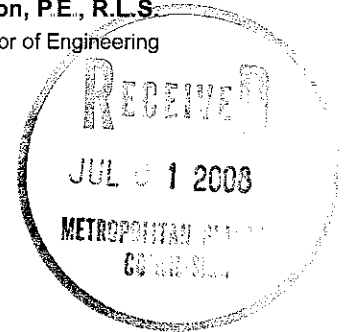
Director of Public Works

Brently J. Johnson, P.E., R.L.S.

Deputy Director of Engineering

June 30, 2008

Mr. Ken Pruitt, Principal Planner
Metropolitan Planning Commission
Suite 403, City County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee 37901



**SUBJECT: Request to Close a Portion of a 12-Foot Alley off Badgett Drive
MPC File #7-A-08-AC / City Block 19390 & 19522**

Dear Mr. Pruitt:

This is a request by Arthur Seymour, Jr., on behalf of Gerdau Ameristeel, to close a 12-foot alley from Badgett Drive northeast to the southwest boundary lines of Tax Parcels 081-P-P-008 and 081-P-P-024, a total distance of approximately 220 feet.

This is one of three interconnected right-of-way closures currently being requested by Arthur Seymour, Jr., on behalf of Gerdau Ameristeel. The other two requests involve a portion of Baggett Drive (MPC #7-A-08-SC) and a portion of Louisiana Avenue (MPC #7-B-08-AC). If any one of these three roads is closed, the current traffic pattern will be interrupted and there will be no public turn-around by which vehicles may reverse course to exit the area.

Also, if this alley is closed, Lots 13 and 14 of Lonsdale, Block 27 (Map Bk. 5, page 183) will become landlocked.


Therefore, the Engineering Department requests that this closure be approved only with the following conditions:

1. The property owner shall provide an alternative means by which traffic entering the area from Sherman Street via the above alley or Connecticut Avenue may circle or reverse course back to Sherman Street via dedicated public rights-of-way. Said means shall be approved by the Engineering Department.
2. The property owner shall prepare and record a new subdivision plat, approved by the Metropolitan Planning Commission, which defines and dedicates the above said means to the public and which consolidates or resubdivides its properties so that no lots or parcels are landlocked.
3. The ordinance closing this right-of-way shall stipulate that this closure shall not become effective until the plat is recorded with the Knox County Register Of Deeds, but if not recorded within one year from the date City Council gives final approval of this request, the closure shall be deemed to be null and void.

I have discussed these concerns with Mr. Seymour. He indicates the property owner intends to comply with these conditions.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,



Floyd R. Smith, R.L.S., Technical Services Administrator

C: Arthur Seymour, Jr. (Fax only: 865-637-5249)
Debra C. Poplin, Law Director
Sharon Boyce, Senior Attorney, Law Dept.
Brent Johnson, P.E., Deputy Director
David McGinley, P.E., Chief, Stormwater Section
File

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Knoxville Utilities Board



June 19, 2008

Mr. Ken Pruitt
Knoxville-Knox County
Metropolitan Planning Commission
Suite 403, City-County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Dear Mr. Pruitt:

Re: Right-of-Way Closure Request 7-A-08-AC, 7-A-08-SC and 7-B-08-SC

We have reviewed our records and find that we have existing utility facilities located within the subject right-of-way. The approximate location of these facilities is indicated on the attached prints. However, KUB does not release and hereby retains all easements and rights for existing utility facilities, whether or not shown on these prints.

Should this right-of-way be closed, KUB will require the following permanent easement for its utility facility.

Electric – 10 feet on each side of the centerline of the electric line, 20 feet total width
Gas – 12.5 feet on each side of the centerline of the gas line, 25 feet total width
Sewer – 7.5 feet on each side of the centerline of the wastewater line, 15 feet total width
Water – 7.5 feet on each side of the centerline of the water line, 15 feet total width

So long as these conditions are met, KUB has no objection to the closure of this right-of-way. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (865) 558-2752.

Sincerely,

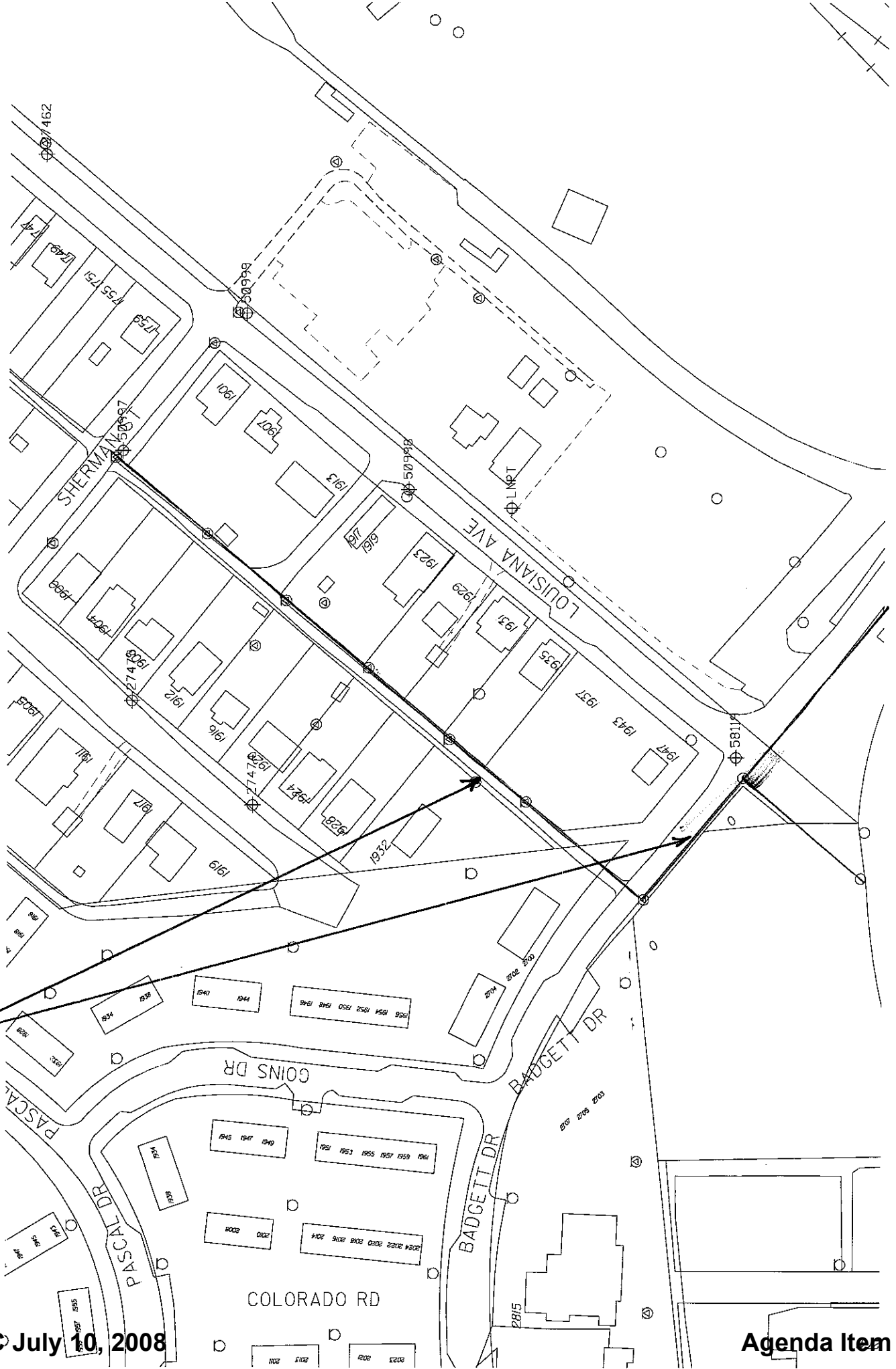
Cheryl E. Myers
Engineering

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Enclosure

GERDAU AMERISTEEL - ELECTRIC - MAINTAIN 20' EASEMENT

MPC July 10, 2008

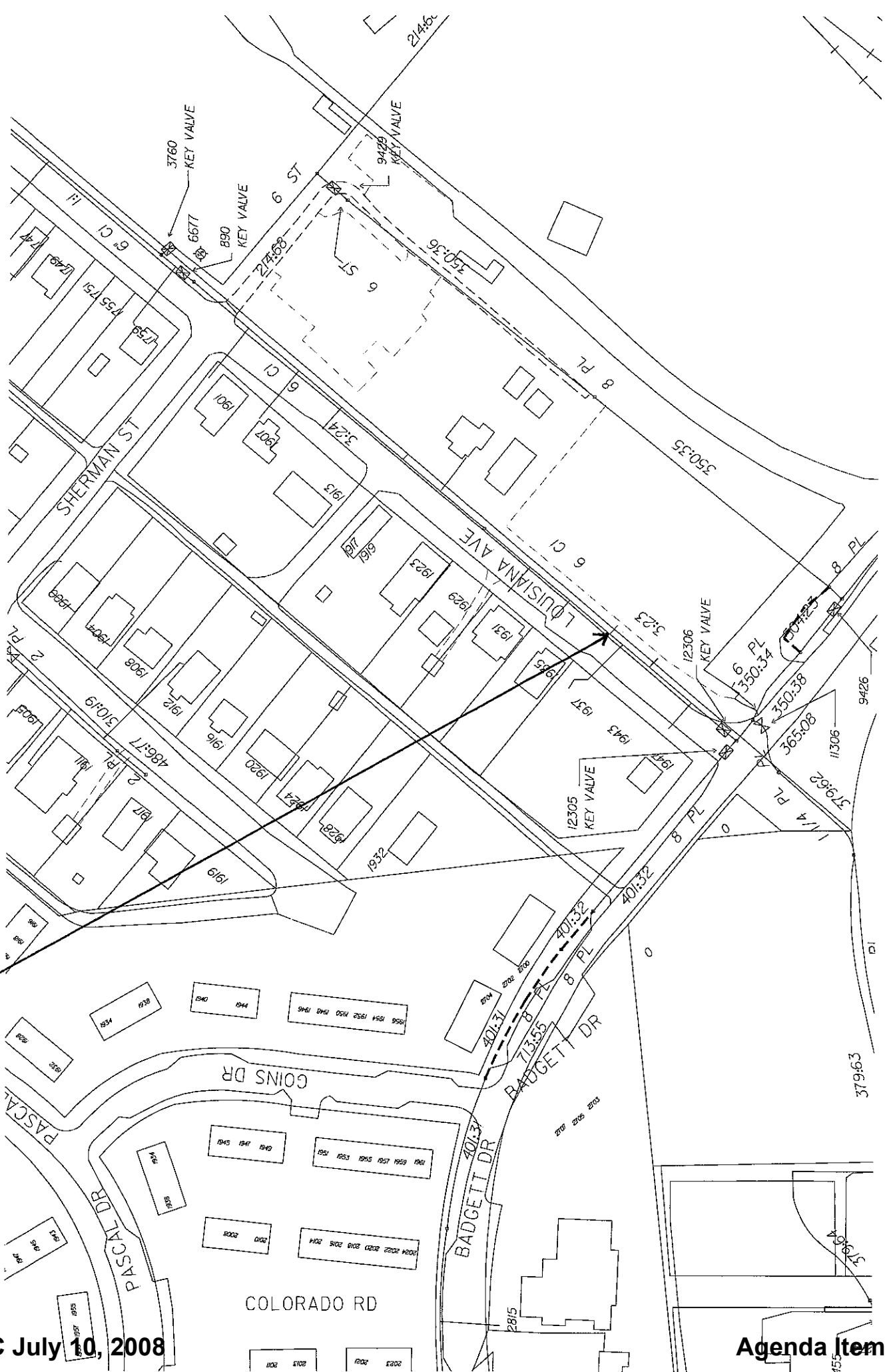


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GERDAU AMERISTEEL - GAS - MAINTAIN 25' EASEMENT

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GERDAU AMERISTEEL - WATER - MAINTAIN 15' EASEMENT

MPC July 10, 2008



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June 13, 2008

TO: Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Walter Primm
AT&T
9733 Parkside Dr.
Knoxville, TN 37922

SUBJECT: GERDAU AMERISTEEL – Closure of unnamed alley from Badgett Drive to southwest boundary lines of parcels 081PP008 and 081PP024. Council District 5, Central City Sector – 7-A-08-AC.

AT&T has facilities in this area. The closing will be satisfactory as originally proposed with an easement to maintain and replace our plant as needed in the area in question.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter Primm".

Walter Primm