

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

AGENDA ITEM #: FILE #: 8-G-13-SC 11 AGENDA DATE: 8/8/2013 APPLICANT: UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE TAX ID NUMBER: 108 F C 002 **Council District 2** JURISDICTION: SECTOR PLAN: Central City **GROWTH POLICY PLAN:** Urban Growth Area (Inside City Limits) ZONING: O-2 (Civic and Institutional) WATERSHED: Third Creek RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE Andy Holt Ave CLOSED: LOCATION: Between Volunteer Boulevard and Melrose Place **IS STREET:** (1) IN USE?: Yes (2) IMPROVED (paved)?: Yes APPLICANT'S REASON This City street is completely contained within the existing institutional FOR CLOSURE: zone of the University of Tennessee campus. Implementation of the overall Campus Master Plan and Landscape Master Plan provides an opportunity to implement several projects which may also impact street and sidewalk improvements. The University assuming ownership of the street affords the campus an opportunity to expedite these projects and also comply with design guidelines. DEPARTMENT-UTILITY No objections from any departments or utilities have been received by staff REPORTS: as of the date of this report.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

RECOMMEND that City Council APPROVE the closure of Andy Holt Avenue, as requested, subject to any required easements and subject to the following condition:

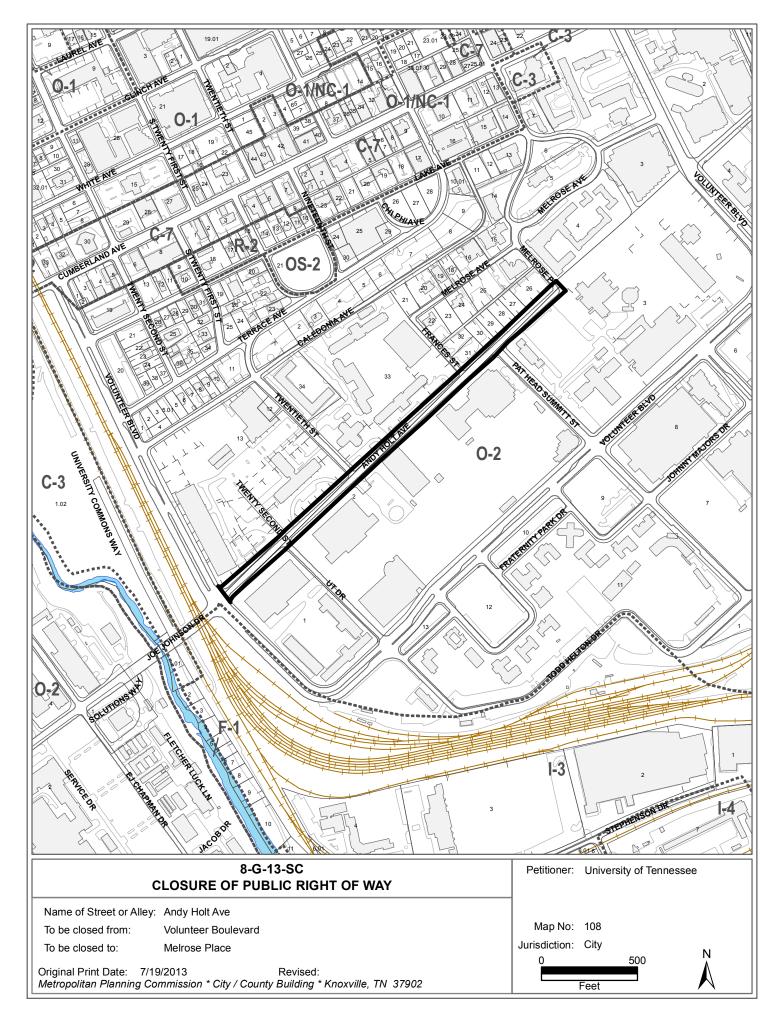
1. The 9 conditions included in the attached letter from City of Knoxville Engineering (dated July 22, 2013) must be addressed to the satisfaction of that department.

With the above condition included, staff has received no objections from reviewing departments to this closure

COMMENTS:

The result of UT's proposed closure of this and eight other streets within the campus will be that the University will take over ownership and maintenance of the streets from the City of Knoxville. It does not necessarily mean that the streets would be closed to traffic or that the street names would be changed, but those decisions would become the responsibility of UT. UT owns all of the properties adjacent to the subject street. Staff has not heard from any opposition to this closure as of the date of this report.

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knoxville City Council for action on 9/3/2013 and 9/17/2013. 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.



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Engineering James R. Hagerman, P.E. Director of Engineering

July 22, 2013

Mr. Mike Brusseau, AICP, Senior Planner Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission City-County Building, Suite 403 Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

SUBJECT: MPC File # 8-G-13-SC, closure of Andy Holt Ave between Volunteer Blvd & Melrose Place City Blocks 10580, 10582, 10600, 10622, 10680, 10690, 10700, & 10710

Mr. Brusseau:

The City Engineering Department has no objections to close the above described right-of-way area provided the following conditions, subject to City Engineering approval, are met:

- Should this right-of-way be closed, the applicant assumes maintenance responsibility for all stormwater systems previously maintained by the City, within the closure area. The applicant will maintain the approved stormwater facilities in good working order acceptable to the City Department of Engineering. Minimum maintenance of the said facilities shall include sediment, debris, oil, hydrocarbons, and foreign materials removal so that the operation and capacity of the stormwater facilities continue to meet acceptable standards.
- 2. If the applicant subsequently conveys property abutting any closed areas, the applicant shall provide legal access to a public street for ingress/egress, utilities, etc. necessary to support conveyed property.
- 3. The applicant shall dedicate easements over portions of the proposed closure area of Andy Holt Ave to accommodate a public turnaround for the resulting dead-end on Melrose Place. This dedication will be unnecessary provided that Melrose Place is closed as proposed per MPC File No. 8-I-13-SC.
- 4. The dedicated easements in item no. 3 shall be abandoned and extinguished if Melrose Place is ever closed or other approvable means is provided to prevent a dead-end situation on Melrose Place.
- 5. The proposed closure area of Andy Holt Ave will prevent ingress/egress to Twenty Second St, which is a public right-of-way. Twenty Second St must be closed by the applicant before the closure of Andy Holt Ave can become effective, or other approvable means must be created to allow for ingress/egress and turnarounds for Twenty Second St.
- 6. The applicant shall dedicate easements for all control devices located within the proposed closure area of Andy Holt Ave near the intersection of Volunteer Blvd.
- 7. The easements stated in item no. 6 shall be abandoned and extinguished if the intersecting open public right-of-way areas, on which the traffic control devices are located, are ever closed.
- 8. All conditions must be met within one (1) year upon the final approval by City Council. Otherwise, this process will be deemed to be null and void and of no effect.
- 9. The closing ordinance shall state that the closure shall become effective only after the Department of Engineering has provided written verification to the City Recorder that all conditions have been met.

Sincerely,

Denjami D. Davidson, PLS, Technical Services Administrator, Department of Engineering Ph: 865-215-2148

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July 9, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Brusseau:

Re: Right-of-Way Closure Request 8-G-13-SC Block No. 10700 & 10600 CLT No. 108 Parcel No. 002

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 enclosed 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.

Gas - 7.5 feet on each side of the centerline of the gas line, 15 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) 558-2291.

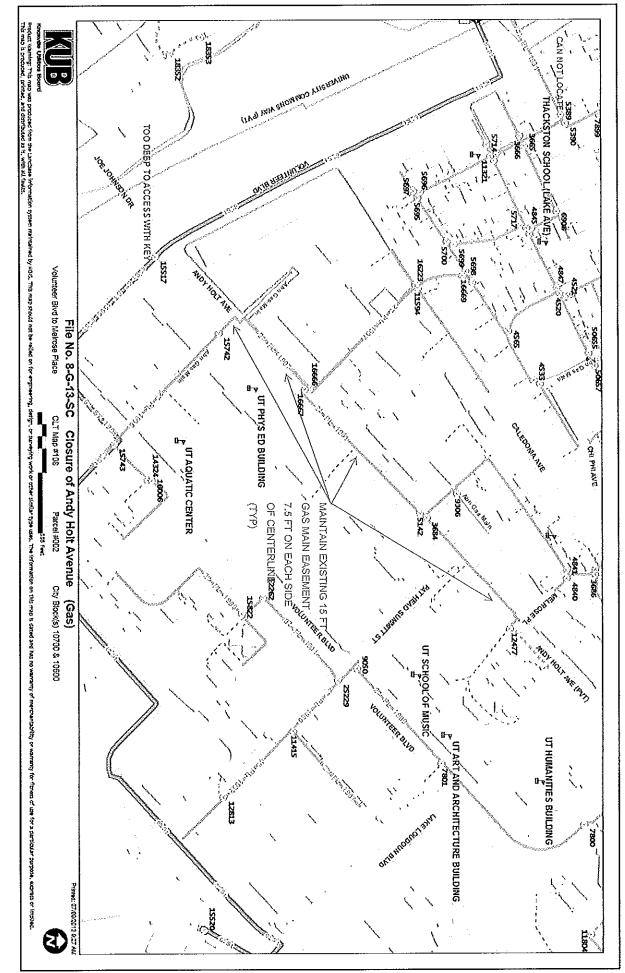
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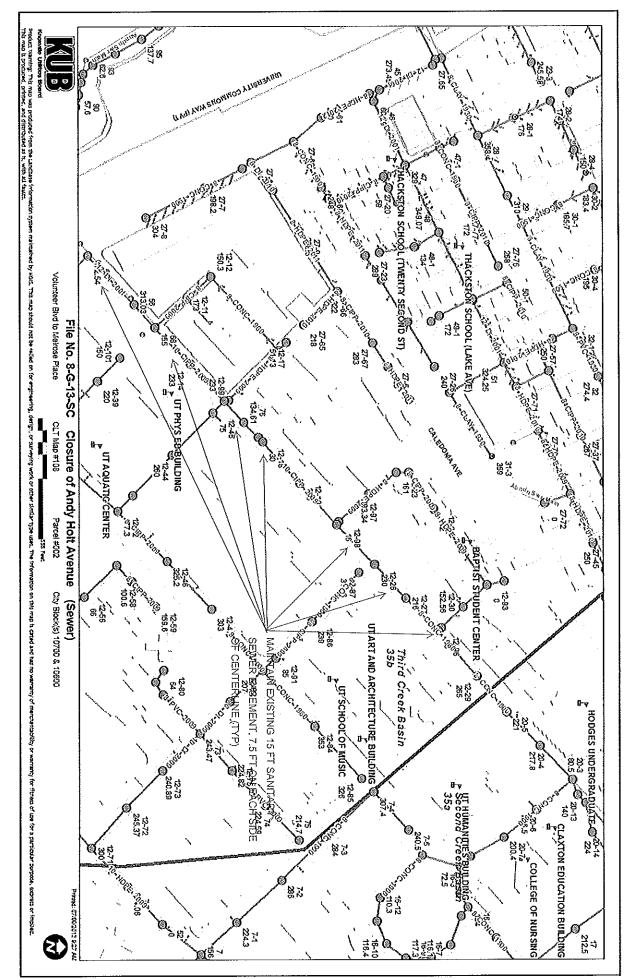
Greg L. Patterson, P.E. Engineering

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