

Council Agenda Item 25-030-O



MEETING DATE: November 10, 2025

SUBJECT/TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE MORLEY HEIGHTS/PARKVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD TO PARK HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION.

SUBMITTED BY: Danielle Erjavec, Senior Property Services Specialist

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Resolution 25-0849R

BACKGROUND: The purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the conveyance of certain real property (the "Property") to Park Hill Cemetery Association, a Minnesota corporation ("Park Hill Cemetery"). The Property is a 2.85 acre tract of land located in the Morley Heights/Parkview neighborhood off Vermilion Rd.

The City acquired a majority of the Property in 2023 from Park Hill Cemetery Association (the City has owned the other portion of the Property since 1928). It was later discovered that a portion of the property purchased from Park Hill Cemetery Association contained Soldiers Rest, a burial space for soldiers within the Park Hill Cemetery, as well as an organic compost site. The Property should not have been included in the 2023 transaction, and the City desires to convey it to Park Hill Cemetery so that it can be owned and operated appropriately. Park Hill Cemetery Association is willing to convey replacement land in exchange for the Property (the "Replacement Land"). A map attached as Exhibit E depicts the Property and the Replacement Land to provide a visual of the two areas.

The sale of the Property and acquisition of the Replacement Land shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the purchase agreement authorized under Resolution 25-0850, which will be on the agenda for the November 24 council meeting and in concurrence with the second and final reading of this ordinance.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: None if approved

OPTIONS: Approve ordinance to authorize conveyance of the Property or the City will need to pay back the grantors who funded the purchase of the property from Park Hill Cemetery Association (over \$20K)

NECESSARY ACTION: Approve ordinance

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A, Legal Description of the Property; Exhibit B, Survey of the Property; Exhibit C, Legal Description of the Replacement Land; Exhibit D, Survey of the Replacement Land; Exhibit E, Map of Property and Replacement Land (containing aerial view of the two areas)