

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Stephanie Smith , City engineer
DATE: March 17, 2025
SUBJECT: Approve resolution 25-20 to accept quit claim deed conveyance of Ramsey County-owned property near North Owasso Boulevard
ITEM NUMBER: 8.j
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To approve resolution to accept quit claim deed from Ramsey County for Owasso Boulevard North right of way parcels.

INTRODUCTION

Ramsey County notified the city of interest to convey outlot parcels adjacent to North Owasso Boulevard to the city. The county public works staff determined the county has no need for the parcels and they would be of more use as city right of way and facilities, since North Owasso Boulevard is a city street. City attorney and staff have reviewed the title searches for the property and recommends accepting these parcels by quit claim deed.

DISCUSSION

In 2000, Ramsey County acquired two parcels, Parcel IDs 36-30-23-23-0015 and 36-30-23-32-0001, through tax forfeit. They are located on the south side of North Owasso Boulevard, between Kent Street and Chandler Road as shown on the attached location map. Generally forfeited lands revert back to the county pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 282.01 to 282.12 inclusive as amended, via the state. The county then has a choice to retain if needed for their purposes, or sell to put back on the tax rolls. Originally, the parcels were acquired to install an aeration system in Lake Owasso to help fish survive over winter.

The county has determined they have no need to continue owning these parcels and think these parcels would be better used by the city of Shoreview for city street appurtenances along North Owasso Boulevard, a city street.

City attorney and staff have reviewed the title searches for the property. The search included a city sewer easement, highway easements for North Owasso Boulevard and a beach easement for "bathing and beach purposes" in favor of the North Owasso Shores HOA. The HOA currently maintains picnic tables and a small, sand beach. The county proposes to retain an easement over the parcels for maintenance of the aerator.

Staff expect the city to be the most appropriate owner of these parcels. Their easements, shape and location between the street and Lake Owasso would likely see a sale of the properties result in another tax forfeiture. Staff recommends council accept these parcels by quit claim deed. The Ramsey County Board approved the transfer at their meeting on March 11, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the city council approve resolution 25-20 to accept quit claim deed from Ramsey County for Owasso Boulevard North right of way parcels.

ATTACHMENTS

[Location Map.pdf](#)

[QCD of Owasso Boulevard Right of Way Parcels to the City of Shoreview.pdf](#)

[Resolution 25-20 Approving Quit Claim Transfer of Outlots near North Owasso Blvd.pdf](#)