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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 81956 C.M.S.

**A RESOLUTION SUMMARILY VACATING A PORTION OF THE PERALTA STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN THE INTERSECTIONS OF WEST GRAND AVENUE AND 20th STREET TO BRIAN COLLINS AND HEMMAT AND DOKHANCHY ASSOCIATES**

**WHEREAS**, Brian Collins and Hemmat and Dokhanchy Associates are the owners of the fee simple interest of a triangular shaped lot which is bounded by the intersections of Mandela Parkway, Peralta Street, 20th Street, and West Grand Avenue, and which is described in a Grant Deed, recorded March 14, 2006, series no. 2006-094365, by the Alameda County Clerk-Recorder, and which is more particularly described in *Exhibit A* attached hereto, and which is further identified by the Alameda County Assessor as parcel number 005-0421-003-00; and

**WHEREAS**, said owners have filed an application (PPE 08054) with the City of Oakland, as required by the California Streets and Highways Code, and paid all fees for administrative processing, as required by the City of Oakland Master Fee Schedule, requesting that the Council of the City of Oakland vacate an unimproved portion of the Peralta Street right-of-way adjoining said parcel, without valuable consideration to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, said owners have filed a companion application with the City Engineer requesting that the City accept a quit claim, without valuable consideration to said owners, of the underlying fee simple interest in a portion of the Mandela Parkway right-of-way adjoining said parcel; and

**WHEREAS**, said vacation and quit claim have been proposed by said owners as an exchange of lands between said owners and the City which are equivalent in fair market value and in current and future rights to the record title; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Engineer has determined that said proposed quit claim of said portion of the Mandela Parkway right-of-way will not expand nor diminish the useful and usable surface area of said parcel for said owners and their representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Engineer has further determined that said proposed vacation of the Peralta Street right-of-way will continue the exclusive occupancy of said land area by said owners, which has been the practice for many years of prior owners; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland previously acquired said property rights to said portion of the Peralta Street rights-of-way from a relinquishment by the California Department of Transportation of remnant portions of real properties, the air rights of which were previously occupied by the demolished section of Interstate Highway 880 (Nimitz Freeway) damage by the Loma Prieta

earthquake in 1989, which are described in a deed, recorded November 2, 1961, reel 444, image 880, by the Alameda County Recorder; and

**WHEREAS**, said proposed vacation of Peralta Street would continue the exclusive use by the owners of said parcel of the unimproved portion of public right-of-way, which has been enclosed by metal fencing for more than twenty (20) years; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code section 1805, the proposed remaining fifty-two (52) feet width of Peralta Street adjacent to said proposed vacated public right-of-way will exceed the minimum required width of forty (40) feet; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent and thorough research of record title documentation and a subsequent land survey by a qualified licensed surveyor re-establish the metes and bounds of said parcel, with permanent markers of said property corners and public right-of-way monuments installed in the field, and the metes and bounds of said Peralta Street right-of-way previously relinquished by Caltrans and said fenced and unimproved portion of Peralta Street; and

**WHEREAS**, said land survey further established that said proposed vacation of Peralta Street consists of approximately 10,985 square feet (orthogonal planer projection) of land area; and

**WHEREAS**, said land survey is delineated on Parcel Map No. 9698, attached hereto as *Exhibit B*, and the limits of said proposed vacation and proposed quit claim are delineated on *Exhibit C* attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Engineer has further determined that said portion of Peralta Street proposed for vacation has been unimproved for pedestrian and public traffic and has been fully enclosed by an erected metal fence and has been wholly unmaintained by the City of Oakland for not less than five (5) years preceding the receipt of said petition for said vacation; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code section 8330 et seq., the City Engineer has further determined that the said portion of Peralta Street may be summarily vacated by Resolution of the Council of the City of Oakland, at the option of its elected members; and

**WHEREAS**, said vacation of Peralta Street will add said real property to the equalized roll of the general levy of property taxes and forever relieve the City of Oakland of the responsibility and potential liability for its maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the California Streets and Highways Code, sections 8333, the legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate public right-of-way when the right-of-way has not been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated for five (5) consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation and there are no public utility facilities within the right-of-way proposed for vacation; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Section 892, a vacation of public right-of-way may not limit public use of or impede public access for non-motorized transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Engineer has determined that no subsurface, surface, or above surface publicly maintained utilities are located within the portion of Peralta Street proposed for vacation or the portion of Mandela Parkway proposed for acquisition; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said sections of the California Streets and Highways Code, the City Engineer has further determined the following:

- the proposed vacation will not limit public use or impede public access for non-motorized transportation; and
- the proposed vacation will not increase traffic and pedestrian inconvenience nor decrease traffic and pedestrian safety; and
- the proposed vacation does not require a dedication of a public service easement for existing and future publicly maintained utilities; and that
- the proposed vacation does not require a dedication of a public service easement for access by emergency vehicles and personnel; and
- the unimproved right-of-way proposed for vacation has been impassable for vehicular and pedestrian traffic for more than five (5) of the preceding years, and no public money has been expended for maintenance during this period of time; and, therefore,
- said portion of the Peralta Street right-of-way may be vacated summarily by Resolution of the Council of the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to California Government Code Section 65402, the Secretary of the Planning Commission of the City of Oakland has determined the proposed vacation conforms with the adopted General Plan of the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Guidelines as prescribed by the Secretary of Resources, and the provisions of the Statement of Objectives, Criteria and Procedures for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act: City of Oakland, have been satisfied, and that in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (existing facilities) this project is categorically exempted; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Council of the City of Oakland hereby finds that said portion of the Peralta Street right-of-way proposed for vacation is surplus to the needs of the City of Oakland and not required for any current or future public purpose; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the summary vacation, without valuable consideration to the City of Oakland, of said portion of the Peralta Street right-of-way, as described and delineated in the attached *Exhibits B and C*, is hereby ordered; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That said vacation is hereby conditioned on the acquisition by the City of Oakland, without valuable consideration, from the owners of parcel no. 005-0421-003-00 of said portion of the Mandela Parkway right-of-way, through an instrument acceptable to the City Attorney of the City of Oakland; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That said vacation is hereby further conditioned by the following special requirements:

1. the Permittee, by the acceptance of this vacation, promises to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the City of Oakland and its officials, officers, employees, agents, representatives, and volunteers from any and all claim, demand, lawsuit and judgment for damages of any kind and nature whatsoever arising out of or caused by the said vacation of the public right-of-way of Peralta Street and that the hereinabove condition shall be binding upon said owners and their beneficiaries, heirs, assigns, and successors in interest and also on the successive owners of said vacated right-of-way; and
2. the Permittee acknowledges that the City of Oakland makes no representations or warranties as to the conditions beneath the public right-of-way area; and that by accepting this vacation, the Permittee agrees that it will use the area in the future at its own risk; and
3. the Permittee acknowledges that the City of Oakland is unaware of the existence of any hazardous substances beneath the public right-of-way area and hereby waives and fully releases and forever discharges the City of Oakland and its officers, directors, employees, agents, and volunteers from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, actions, causes of action, penalties, fines, liens, judgments, costs, or expenses whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs), whether direct or indirect, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, that may arise out of or in any way connected with the physical condition, or required remediation of the public right-of-way area or any law or regulation applicable thereto, including, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 U.S.C. Sections 9601 et seq.), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. Section 6901 et seq.), the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. Section 466 et seq.), the Safe Drinking Water Act (14 U.S.C. Sections 1401-1450), the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. Section 1801 et seq.), the Toxic Substance Control Act (15 U.S.C. Sections 2601-2629), the California Hazardous Waste Control Law (California Health and Safety Code Sections 25100 et seq.), the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Health and Safety Code Section 13000 et seq.), the Hazardous Substance Account Act (California Health and Safety Code Section 25300 et seq.), and the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act (California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.5 et seq.); and
4. the Permittee further acknowledges that it understands and agrees that it hereby expressly waives all rights and benefits which it now has or in the future may have, under and by virtue of the terms of California Civil Code Section 1542, which reads as follows:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR; and
5. the Permittee recognizes that by waiving the provisions of Civil Code Section 1542, it will not be able to make any claims for damages that may exist, and to which, if known, would materially affect its decision to accept this vacation, regardless of whether Permittee's lack of knowledge is the result of ignorance, oversight, error, negligence, or any other cause; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That, pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Section 8336, said vacation shall not be complete unless and until this Resolution has been filed with and recorded by the Alameda County Recorder within three-hundred and sixty-five (365) consecutive days following approval of this Resolution by the Council of the City of Oakland; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the conditions of this Resolution shall equally bind the representatives of the owner and its heirs, successors, assigns, beneficiaries, and successors in interest.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,           MAY 5 2009          , 2009

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, ~~ROSS~~,  
AND PRESIDENT BRUNNER - 7

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - Reid - 1

ATTEST:



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LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California