



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and Members of the City Council

FROM: William R. Gray, Public Works Director

DATE: October 9, 2008

RE: Right-of-Way Acquisition along East Washington Street – Pennell Tract

Introduction

In anticipation of the 300+ acre Menard development and associated street improvements, the consulting engineer for Menard (Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly from Springfield) and IDOT have identified a thin strip of land about 10' wide (.295 acres) along the north property line of the Pennell tract that is necessary for the future Washington Street improvements east of High Cross Road (IL 130). Attached please find an aerial drawing showing the location of this right-of-way purchase.

An appraisal has been performed and a negotiated price has been verbally agreed to with the Pennell property manager for \$10,000.

This is the only right-of-way identified that is needed for construction of the High Cross Road improvements. Menard from the beginning has not wanted to become involved with right-of-way negotiations and acquisitions from adjoining properties. Menard is proposing to donate the necessary land they own for right-of-way and easements for this roadway project. These understandings are incorporated in the development/annexation agreement draft between the City of Urbana and Menard.

Fiscal Impact

A budget amendment ordinance is attached recommending funds come from the reserves in the Economic Development Reserve Fund. Eventually this expense will be repaid with sales tax dollars generated from the Menard related development.

Recommendation

It is recommended that an ORDINANCE REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE (Washington St. Right of Way) be approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-10-122

**AN ORDINANCE
REVISING THE ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE
(Washington St. Right of Way)**

WHEREAS, the Annual Budget Ordinance of and for the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, (the "Annual Budget Ordinance") has been duly adopted according to sections 8-2-9.1 et seq. of the Illinois Municipal Code (the "Municipal Code") and Division 2, entitled "Budget", of Article VI, entitled "Finances and Purchases", of Chapter 2, entitled "Administration", of the Code of Ordinances, City of Urbana, Illinois (the "City Code"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the said City of Urbana finds it necessary to revise said Annual Budget Ordinance by deleting, adding to, changing or creating sub-classes within object classes and object classes themselves; and

WHEREAS, funds are available to effectuate the purpose of such revision; and

WHEREAS, such revision is not one that may be made by the Budget Director under the authority so delegated to the Budget Director pursuant to section 8-2-9.6 of the Municipal Code and section 2-133 of the City Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the Annual Budget be and the same is hereby revised to provide as follows:

FUND:	Economic Development Reserve Fund	
INCREASE EXPENSE:	Washington St. Right of Way	\$10,000
DECREASE:	Fund Balance	\$10,000

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval and shall not be published.

Section 3. This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the corporate authorities then holding office, the "ayes" and "nays" being called at a regular meeting of said Council.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____,
_____.

AYES:

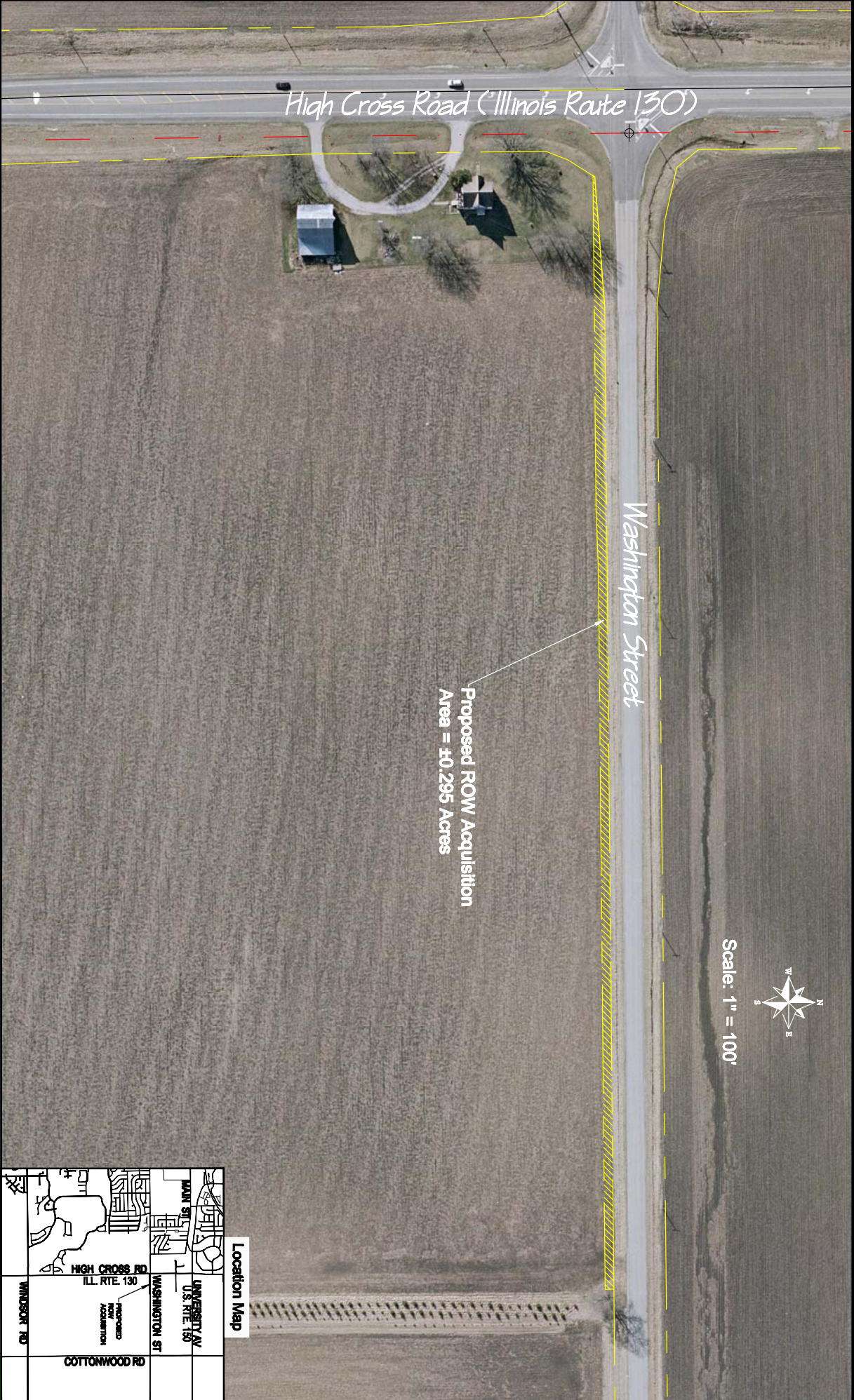
NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____,
_____.

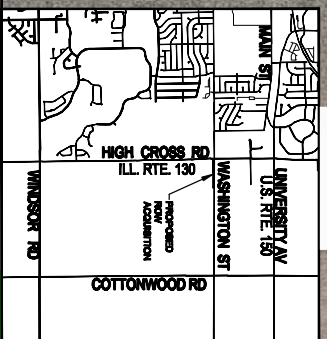
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor



Proposed ROW Acquisition
Area = 40,295 Acres



Scale: 1" = 100'



Location Map

Proposed Washington Street ROW Acquisition

