



# City of Rochelle

## Engineering Department

### Memo

**To:** David Plyman, City Manager

**CC:** Tim Isley, Supt. of Street Division

Kathy Cooper, RMU Supt.

Joe Orlikowski, RMU Supt.

Chris Frye, Finance Director

Alan Cooper, City Attorney (via council packet)

**From:** Sam Tesreau, City Engineer

**Date:** April 23, 2014

**Re:** purchase of right of way along lot 1 of Hoadley's Add. /104 S. Washington St

**Encl:** (1) ordinance and contract for purchase and sale of real property at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and Washington St located on lot 1 of Hoadley's Addition to the City of Rochelle with common address of 104 S. Washington Street

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- 1) The Steins approached the Mayor, City Manager and myself when they took possession of the property at 104 S. Washington Street last year. The owners were considering demolishing and removing the house, and possibly garage, to clean up the property. As a result of our conversations with the Steins it was determined that they might be willing to sell a portion of the property for additional right-of-way (ROW) along 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and Washington Street. This ROW area is approximately 1,647 SF and would provide much needed sight distance while improving the safety at the heavily travelled intersection and providing adequate space for future sidewalk or street improvements at this location. Since that time the City's Attorney and I have developed an agreement for purchase of a portion of the lot in accordance with our discussions up to this point. This ROW purchase would be paid for through the FY2014/15 CIP fund #36-00-86030.
  - 2) The lot is overgrown with vegetation, several mature arborvitae and other trees and shrubs, along with a chainlink fence, concrete pads, and other structures all of which will be removed from the ROW area to be acquired by the City. A portion of the agreement provides that the owner will pay for the cost to remove all fences, trees, shrubs, structures and other vegetative cover within the ROW area and restore said area to a grass surface. The City's payment of the purchase price constitutes the consideration for all obligations undertaken by the Sellers in this Agreement. The City will provide the City owned utility disconnects along with a location for the landscape waste removed from the ROW area.
  - 3) Please consider approval of enclosure (1)