

# Public Hearing Questions

February 7, 2019

## NEIGHBORHOOD AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

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**Int. No. 5 Determinations and findings relating to the acquisition of properties to establish a new Goodman Section office for the Rochester Police Department and a new Neighborhood Service Center for the City's Southeast Quadrant**

**Q: Can we get a proposed schedule for the acquisition and condemnation of these properties including major milestones? (Ortiz)**

**A:** The process to estimate acquisition is difficult to define in terms of a timeline as negotiations can progress at various speeds and the City does not intend to put tight timelines that would put undue pressure on a property owner. If negotiation efforts break down, condemnation proceedings would commence and the timeline associated with eminent domain has typically been 120 days. There are 2 tracks for acquisition but both need City Council approval first:

### Track I

1. Establish contact with the property owners to begin negotiations on the acquisitions with willing sellers. These negotiations can usually be worked out in a 60-90 day period.
2. Once a successful negotiation is achieved, the City will work with the tenant(s) and property owner to find suitable replacement housing for the existing tenant(s). It is our intention to have replacement housing identified in 60-120 days.

### Track II

1. If negotiations are not successful, the City will begin condemnation proceedings. If this approach is initiated, the City reaches out directly to any existing occupants to begin the process of identifying suitable

replacement housing. Notices and publications are filed in accordance with Eminent Domain Procedure Law. Following prescribed procedures, the judgments and orders are reviewed and signed by the court, effectively conveying title to the City. The condemnation process typically takes approximately 120 days. Relocation efforts will have been occurring concurrently.

**Q: Can we get confirmation in writing that each tenant will be contacted about relocation personally i.e. by a visit or a phone call not just via a letter or a postcard? (Gruber)**

**A:** The City will make every effort to personally contact each occupant by requesting tenant names and contact information from the property owners and will make site visits and send direct mailings in order to provide information on what resources/services the City can provide.