AGENDA ITEM: 4.20 MEETING DATE: January 12, 2023

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION\FISCAL, FACILITIES AND AUDIT

ACTION: Approve Vacating Fourth Street South of Washington Street for Peru State College

Peru State College has embarked on a construction project that will bring significant new facilities to campus, all focused on physical and mental health and wellness. Two of the new buildings are planned for the practice-field space north of the Oak Bowl football stadium.

To facilitate this project, the College seeks to request that the City of Peru vacate Fourth Street and its related alleys for two blocks - Blocks 204 and 205 - south of Washington Street, between Fifth Street and Third Street. No physical street currently exists there; the property is a practice field entirely owned by the College.

The College needs the City to vacate Fourth Street and its alleys for those two blocks because the buildings will make it impossible for Fourth Street to ever be built there.

No street exists at this site. Once this section of Fourth Street has been vacated, the College will proceed with the construction of two athletic/recreation buildings on this site.

The College will be responsible for a new survey of the two blocks in question and filing fees for that survey.

The City Council will vote on an ordinance change. According to the City's attorney, this can be done in an expedited fashion, entirely in one meeting. (Normal ordinance changes require three City Council meetings.)

The College has discussed the construction project with the Mayor and City Council on several occasions. The desire for the vacation of two blocks of Fourth Street was raised with the City Council at the Dec. 19 meeting, and the Council members asked the City Attorney about the process. At a special City Council meeting on Dec. 27, the City Attorney said she will prepare the motion for the Jan. 17 City Council meeting. If the NSCS Board of Trustees approves this request, the College will move forward with that process at that time.

The System Office and Peru State College recommend approval of the Vacating Fourth Street South of Washington Street for Peru State College.

ATTACHMENTS:

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