

City of Shelby
Agenda Item Summary
February 16, 2015
City Hall Council Chamber

Agenda Item: G-1

New Business

- 1) Consideration of a resolution supporting the concept of repurposing Arey Alley near 213 Lafayette Street: Resolution No. 14-2015

New Business Agenda Item: (Presenting, Walt Scharer, Planning Director)

Summary of Available Information:

- Memorandum dated February 9, 2015 from Walter Scharer, Planning Director to Rick Howell, City Manager
- Location Map showing Arey Alley
- Letter dated January 6, 2015 from Newgrass Brewing Company to Rick Howell, City Manager
- Newgrass conceptual drawing
- Resolution No. 14-2015

City Manager's Recommendation / Comments

In late January I received a request from the owners of the proposed brewery to be located in the old Hudson's building for consideration by the City to repurpose a section of the alley known Arey Street that is immediately adjacent to their building. In follow up conversations it was noted that outdoor sidewalk café style seating was desired by the business and that due to the sidewalk width limitations in the front of the building the owners believed that converting a portion of the alley for both pedestrian and sidewalk café purposes would be beneficial.

This request was discussed with the affected departments and direction was given to them to determine what if any issues would have to be addressed from the City service perspective. Mr. Scharer's memorandum discusses those issues. There appear to be no significant stumbling blocks based upon the feedback from staff. Given that this request could potentially draw public scrutiny and would be a significant change to a public street the included resolution authorizes the City Manager to proceed with the process but further directs that adjoining property owners, businesses and residents be notified of the proposed change and given the opportunity to comment on the specific design proposal once completed. If no significant opposition arises the project would proceed with final design approval being reserved by City Council. Any proposed work can be accomplished within existing budgeted funds along with some additional grant funds secured by the City. I do expect the owners to be present to answer any questions Council may pose.

It is my recommendation that Resolution No. 14-2015 be adopted and approved via the Consent Agenda at this time.