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ORDINANCES 09-993 AND 09-994 VACATION OF CERTAIN RIGHTS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF PALMETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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BACKGROUND: The School Board has been working with the City and others for an alternative site to rebuild Palmetto Elementary School. As part of that process, the School Board has identified several rights of way which it requests to have vacated as part of this process. These rights-of-way are as follows:

- 15th Avenue Drive West between 10th Street West and 12th Street West (surrounded by the new school site)
- A portion of 8th Street West (that portion 217.5 feet east of 10th Avenue) between 9th and 10th Avenue West and all of 9th Avenue West between 8th Street West and 9th Street West, mostly within proposed consolidated property to be owned by the School Board at the existing Palmetto Elementary School.
- 23rd Street West which is to be relocated to provide additional property for the construction of new ballfields near Blackstone Park.

DISCUSSION: The first two right-of-way vacations are important to complete in conjunction with the School Board closings on the acquisition of properties at both the new Palmetto Elementary School Site and the existing Palmetto Elementary Site. The last proposed right-of-way vacation for 23rd Street West is not ready for action. In all cases, the City will need to reserve a utility easement over the property to be vacated.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the publication of notice for a public hearing for a street vacation for 9th Avenue West between 9th Street West and 8th Street West, and a portion of 8th Street West between 9th Avenue West and 10th Avenue, as provided in Ordinance 09-994.
2. Authorize the first reading and authorize the holding of a public hearing for a street vacation for 15th Avenue Drive West, north of 10th Street West and 12th Street West as provided in Ordinance 09-993.
3. Authorize the Public Works Department to work with Manatee County and Manatee Fruit Company to determine the appropriate location for 23rd Street West and, when appropriate, proceed with the process of vacating

the right-of-way for the portion of existing 23rd Street West, as needed for the construction of ballfields in the area, which is anticipated will be the southwest corner of relocated 23rd Street West and 10th Avenue West.

BUDGET IMPACT: None as to items 1 and 2 above. It is expected that costs related to the relocation of 23rd Street West shall be the responsibility of the City.