

**MEMORANDUM**

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**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**TO: John C. Phillips, City Manager**

**SUBJECT: Sale of City Owned Property at 431 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 917 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**DATE: 9/15/11**

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The City took deed to the properties at 431 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 917 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in August of 2010 via a donation. According to file records, both lots had been vacant for close to 20 years.

Staff was contacted in July of this year by Raul Martinez who lives to the north of both lots at 427 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Martinez is interested in purchasing the vacant city lots to provide a play area for his children and to put up a new garage. A letter of request from Mr. Martinez and a location map are provided for your review.

Staff recommends approval of this request as it will return the property to an active use, save staff time in maintaining the property, and place the lot back on the tax rolls. Staff further suggests the property to be conveyed with a Quit Claim Deed and that the costs to acquire the property in 2010 and the closing costs involved with conveying the property at this time be paid by Mr. Martinez. The total cost to purchase is estimated at \$2,500

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that City Council approve the sale of the city owned property at 431 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 917 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the adjacent property owner based on the above terms, authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents and refer to the City Attorney for an ordinance.

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**Submitted by:** Mary Chappell, Land & Development Programs Coordinator  
Greg Champagne, Community and Economic Development Director

Mary Chappell ;  
Land and Development Programs Coordinator

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Dear Mrs. Chappell ;

Before anything I would like to thank you for sending me a letter with all good instructions to provide me the process to buy these two properties from the city of Rock Island at 431 9<sup>th</sup> Street and 917 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

As you know I live and own my house at 427 9<sup>th</sup> Street and I'm planning to get these lots at the south side of my house. In addition I intend to build a 1 or 2 car garage, a garden and a playground for my two children.

I'll be expecting to hear from you in the near future. Please forward this letter to the adjacent property owners.

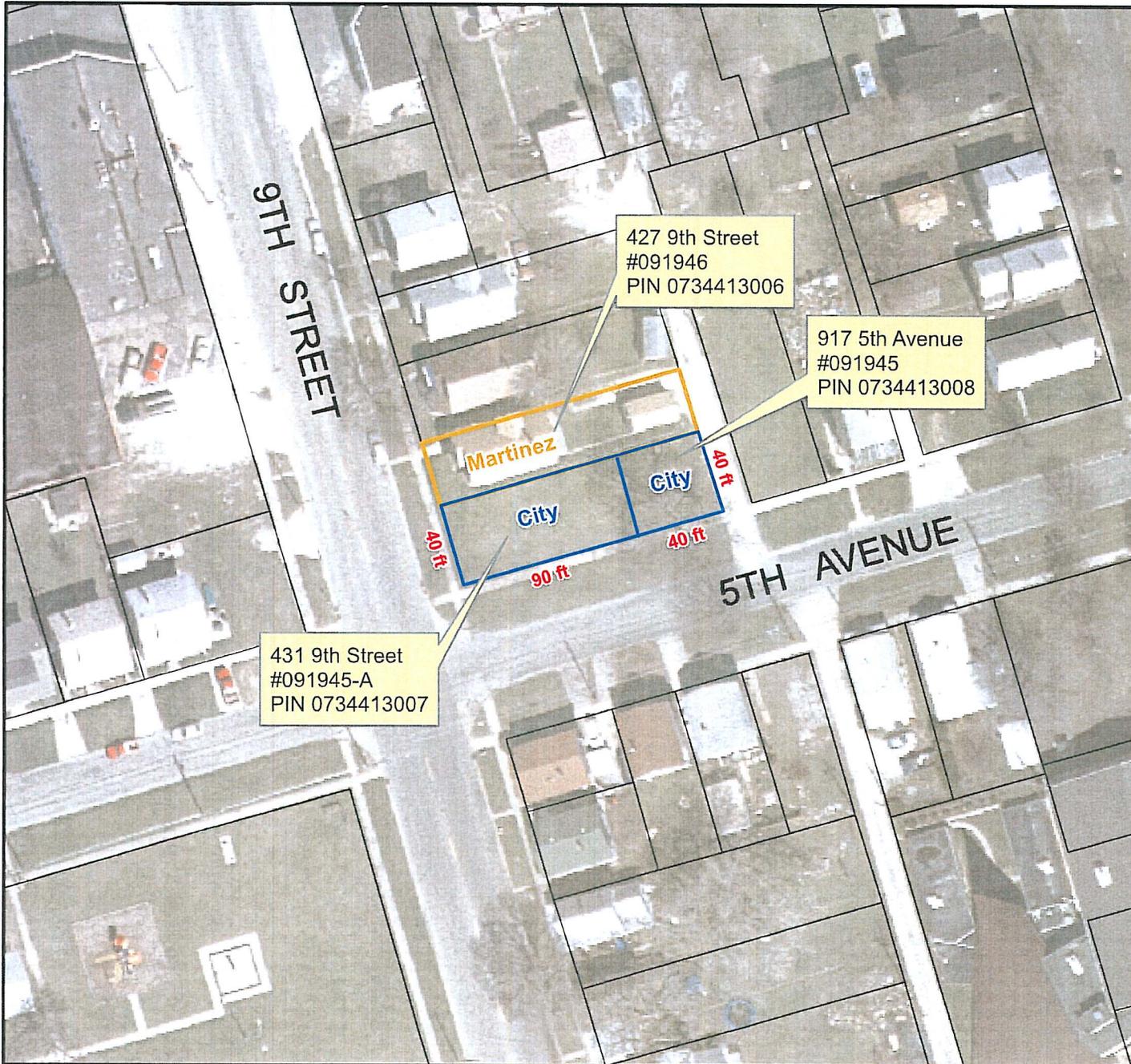
Thank You.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raul Martinez".

Raul Martinez  
427 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rock Island, IL 61201

# LOCATION MAP



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**431 9th Street &  
917 5th Avenue**

 Subject Property

\* Note: Aerial Flown April 2005



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Feet

**City of Rock Island**

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