December 2, 2020

REPORT TO THE CITY CLERK

AND THE

ALLENTOWN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR STREET VACATION

RE: Request for the vacation of South Fountain Street from South Maple Street to Walnut Street and School Street from South Fountain Street to its West Terminus.

Requested by:
The Allentown Parking Authority

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City of Allentown Department of Public Works

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HISTORY OF THE STREET PROPOSED TO BE VACATED:

The subject portion of South Fountain Street is in the 3rd Ward. South Fountain Street has a 20' Right of Way established by the Official City Map of Allentown prepared by Aschbach adopted by City Ordinance Volume 1 Page 7 on August 1st, 1867.

The subject portion of School Street is in the 3rd Ward. School Street originated from the Property conveyance of Simon Switzer to Northampton Water Co. by Deed Book 16 Page 44, dated September 16, 1852. School street is listed as a Private Alley in some Deeds.

LOCATION AND CONDITION:

The subject portion of South Fountain Street is opened and has existing utilities within the subject Right of Way.

The subject portion of School Street is partially unopened and has existing utilities within the subject Right of Way. Adjoining properties use a portion of the subject School Street for access to the rear of their properties.

POLLS CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

Glenn Granitz, Chief of Police has not replied.

James Wehr, Fire Chief has no objection to the street vacation.

Michael Lichty, Stormwater Engineer has no objection to the street vacation.

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Nelson Varughese, Traffic Control Superintendent has no objection to the street vacation.

POLLS UTILITIES:

Verizon Communications objects to the street vacation, Verizon has facilities within the R/W.

PPL Electric Utilities objects to the street vacation due to facilities within the r/w.

UGI Utilities, Inc. has not replied.

LCA has not replied.

POLL ADJOINING OWNERS:

JADO & Associates, LLC, owners of 935 to 941 Walnut Street (by phone call) objects to the vacation of School Street unless there is a gated access to the rear of their properties.

Matthew A. Suarez, the owner of 943-945 Walnut Street has not replied.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Bureau of Engineering has no objection to the subject street vacations with the condition that easements will be provided for existing utilities within the subject Right of Ways. Also, a permanent access road should be provided by the applicant for the adjoining properties along School Street that have existing access to the rear of their properties via School Street.

Very truly yours,

Craig Messinger
Public Works Director

Attachments
xc: Irene Woodward, Planning Director
Matt Kloiber, City Solicitor
Michael P. Hanlon, City Clerk
Craig Messinger, Public Works Director

Google Maps 25 S Fountain St



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Street View

SCHOOL ST.
LOOKING
EAST

Google Maps 24 S Fountain St



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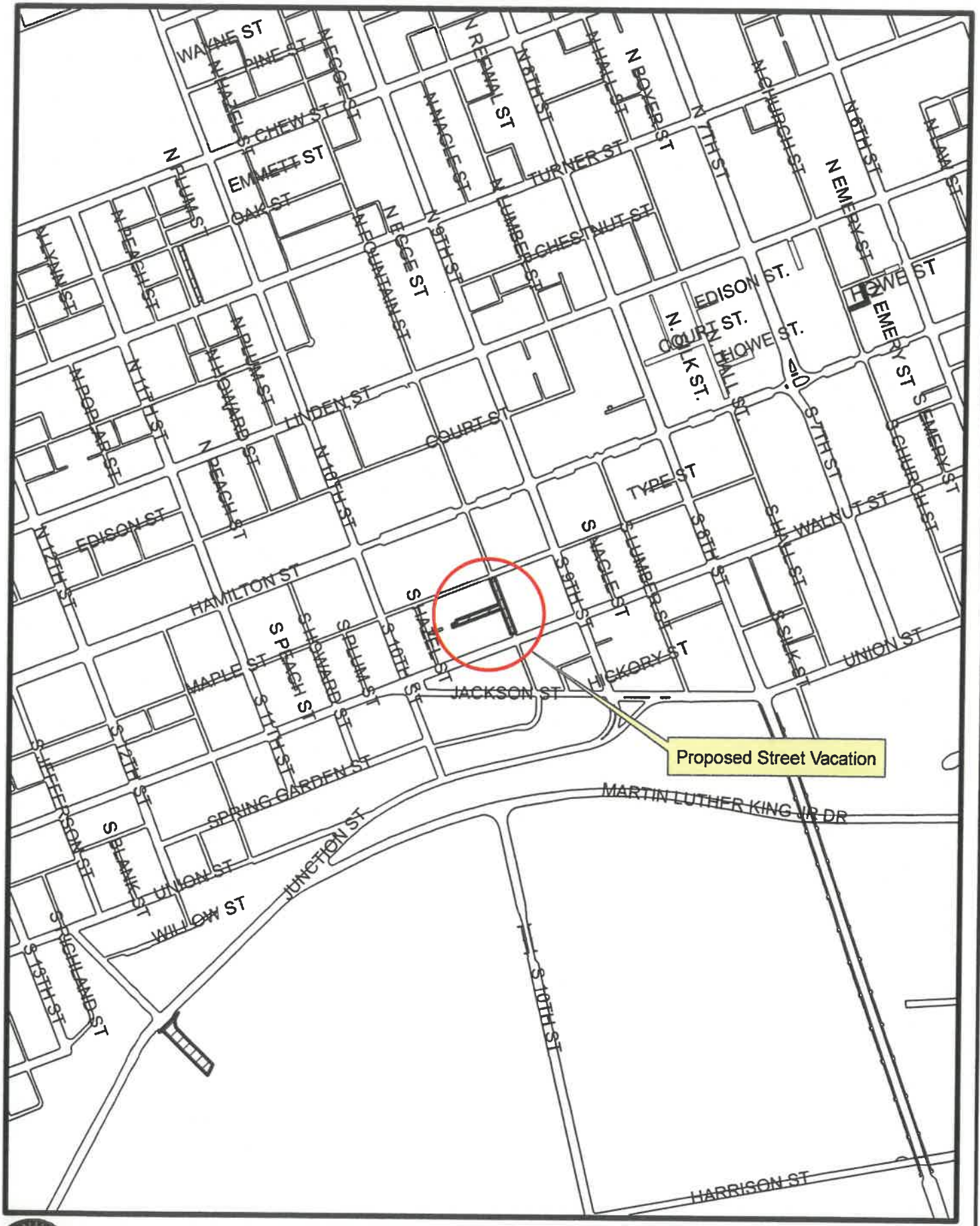
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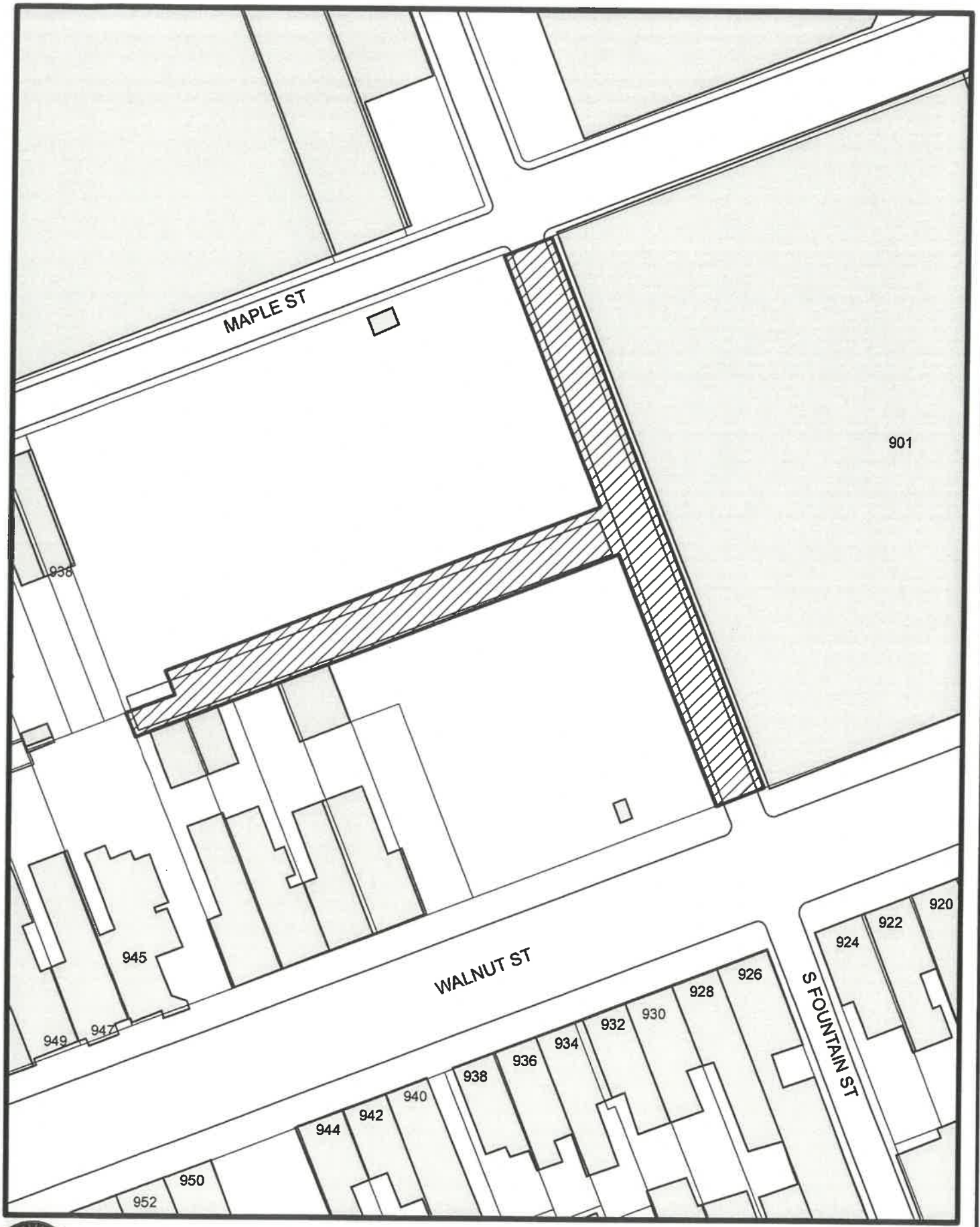


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