



C3-79-285

November 13, 1979

OMAHA/DOUGLAS CIVIC CENTER 1819 FARNAM STREET OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68183 402/444 7000

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Alden Aust, Planning Director

SUBJECT:

Request Approval of the Closing of 9th Street between Douglas and Farnam

Streets to vehicular traffic

At the Administrative Meeting of the Planning Board held October 10, 1979, City Planning Director Alden Aust explained that the closing of 9th Street was the recommendation of Henningson, Durham and Richardson in the Abbott Drive/Downtown Terminus Study to facilitate development of the Central Park Mall.

Mr. Aust stated that this closing will facilitate the demolition of the block between 8th and 9th Streets and pave the way for further development of the Mall. The Public Works Department has no objection to the closing of this street.

The City has the authority to close streets to vehicular traffic for the development of pedestrian malls by State Statute; and this closing will give the City flexibility as development of the Mall is continued.

No one appeared in opposition to the request.

Planning Board Recommendation: Mr. Black moved approval of the closing of 9th Street between Douglas and Farnam Streets to vehicular traffic. Motion seconded by Ms. Latimer and carried 7-0.

Members Present: Messrs. Clemmer, Dinzole, Black, Overfelt, Miss Flannigan, Ms. Latimer and Mrs. Hayes.

Maps and Ordinance attached.

Planning Director

J. Erington

Public Works Director

Arthur D. Bradley, Director

Parks, Recreation & Public Property

Department

John C. Campbell Housing and Community De Department'

Mayor's Office/Title

ORDINANCE NO. 28985

- AN ORDINANCE closing to vehicular traffic all of 9th Street from the South right-of-way line of Douglas Street to the North right-of-way line of Farnam Street located in the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, and to construct thereon portions of the Central Park Mall and to landscape, beautify and enhance the above described public way, subject to the approval of the City Council.
- WHEREAS, Section 14-385, Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, as amended, provides that the City may prohibit vehicular travel upon any street or other public way to construct a mall thereon and to landscape and beautify the same, without petition; and.
- WHEREAS, 9th Street between the South right-of-way line of Douglas Street and the North right-of-way line of Farnam Street is an area in the Central Park Mall, soon to be under construction; and,
- WHEREAS, 9th Street is not a through street and carries only local Central Business District traffic; and,
- WHEREAS, the closing of 9th Street to vehicular travel would greatly expedite construction of the Central Park Mall, enhance the appearance of the area and provide aesthetic benefits for the added pleasure of people who will use said mall; and,
- WHEREAS, the Omaha City Planning Board of the City of Omaha has requested the closing of said area and the Omaha City Planning Board approved such closing on October 10, 1979, as being in conformance with the Master Plan.
- BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OMAHA:
- Section 1. That 9th Street from the South right-of-way line of Douglas Street to the North right-of-way line of Farnam Street in the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, be and hereby is closed to vehicular travel.
- Section 2. That there shall be constructed thereon, portions of the Central Park Mall improvements, and said area shall be landscaped, beautified and enhanced in such manner as the City Council may deem proper, all of said Mall improvements being subject to the approval of the City Council.
- Section 3. That the improvements hereby authorized are of general benefit to all of the citizens of the City of Omaha and will provide for pedestrian travel on the Mall to be constructed in this area.

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Section 4. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force fifteen (15) days from and after the date of its passage.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN

APPROVED BY

as ling MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OMAHA

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ATTEST:

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