

# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

## Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memo

**TO:** J. William Reynolds, City Council President  
**FROM:** Darlene L. Heller, Director of Planning and Zoning  
**RE:** Petition to Vacate portions of Filbert Street and Second Avenue

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The Planning Commission voted 4 to 0 to recommend approval of the above-noted street vacations as submitted by the Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority and Peron Armory, L.P., with the conditions that:


1. All comments of the Public Works memo dated October 6, 2017 shall be met,
2. The lot consolidation and land development plans shall be approved prior to or concurrently with the street vacations.

Please let our office know if you have any questions or need additional information on this matter.

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cc: City Council members  
J. Spirk  
W. Leeson  
T. Hanna  
M. Alkhal  
Peron Armory, LP  
A. Karner

DATE: October 13, 2017

  
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Darlene Heller  
Director of Planning and Zoning

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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Tracy Samuelson, Assistant Director of Planning  
**FROM:** Matthew D. Dorner, Deputy Director of Public Works/Chief of Engineering  
**RE:** Request to Vacate Portions of Filbert Street and Second Avenue  
**DATE:** October 6, 2017

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We have reviewed the petition to vacate portions of Filbert Street and 2nd Avenue and have the following comments.

- 1) Filbert Street – We have no objections to the metes and bounds description and proposed vacation of this section of Filbert Street. There are underground utilities only servicing the four lots on the southern side of this portion of Filbert Street. These lots are all being repurposed as on-lot parking so the utilities can be abandoned.
- 2) 2nd Avenue – As shown on Sheet 12 of the petition PDF, the point-of-beginning for the land to be vacated is located on a curve, further west of the current westerly ROW boundary of Second Avenue. We have checked the applicable block map, and county records and it appears that the right of way boundaries for Second Avenue and Prospect Avenue should meet perpendicularly (as is typical), rather than on a curve as depicted in this PDF. Please have this discrepancy corrected.

There are three catch basins located in the portion of Second Avenue to be vacated which will need to be replaced or relocated. Proposed utility plans have not yet been provided for this project. If the public portion of storm sewer is to remain, an easement will be required. Otherwise, we have no objection to the vacation of this portion of Second Avenue.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss, please let me know. Thank you.

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cc: M. Alkhal  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Deputy Director of Public Works/Chief of Engineering