

MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Hannah Sanger, Science & Environment Administrator

Date: Council Meeting - 10/16/2025

Re: City of Pocatello – Brennan Land Swap

This time has been set aside for the Council to hear comments from the public regarding a request for the exchange of real property with John Brennan (mailing address: 12 Cedar Hills Dr., Pocatello, ID 83204), located adjacent to 841 W. Bridger. The 0.11-acre parcel of City-owned property was declared underutilized and as surplus property at the September 18, 2025 Regular City Council meeting. Council may wish to approve the land exchange with pursuant to Idaho Code §50-1403(2) and authorize the Mayor's signature on all pertinent documents, subject to Legal Department review.

BACKGROUND

The notice for the public hearing was published in the Idaho State Journal on October 1, 2025 pursuant to Idaho Code §50-1402.

At the regular scheduled City Council meeting of September 18, 2025, the City Council declared property 0.11 acres adjacent to 841 W. Bridger underutilized and as surplus and further declared their intent to exchange said real property pursuant to Idaho Code §50-1401.

This land swap will put Willow Ave and the City-mowed grass on the west side of the concrete channel fully into City ownership. It will also cleanup a patchwork of landownership on the east side of the channel, while retaining space for a Greenway Trail along the east side of the channel.

Staff believes the proposed exchange is in the public's best interest.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Council approve the land exchange pursuant to Idaho Code §50-1403 (2) and authorize the Mayor to sign all relevant documents, subject to Legal Department review.



C: Jack Brennan (owns property on the WEST side of the river that the City maintains) 25,000 sf MOL including the river and part of Willow Ave.

D: City of Pocatello Trade this property on the EAST side of the river for the above Jack Brennan property

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EXHIBIT A (Parcel A) (City of Pocatello to John E. Brennan)

All of that portion of Block 584, Pocatello Townsite, Bannock County, Idaho according to the official plat thereof lying Northeast of the Northeast concrete channel of the Portneuf River, the same being 21 feet offset and Northeast of the Portneuf River Centerline. Including 30 feet of the vacated Right of Way of Lincoln Avenue adjacent thereof, vacated by Ordinance No. 2003 and recorded under Instrument Nos. 646866 & 818649.

Comprising 0.11 acres more or less

RESERVING THEREFROM:

A 15.00-foot-wide pedestrian walkway easement granted to the City of Pocatello over a strip of land lying Northeast of the Northeast concrete channel of the Portneuf River, the same being 21 feet offset and Northeast of the Portneuf River Centerline from the Southeast Right of Way of Bridger Street to the Southwest boundary of the Alleyway of Block 565, Pocatello Townsite, Bannock County, Idaho according to the official plat thereof

ALSO SUBJECT TO:

A 60-foot wide Portneuf River permanent flood control easement as depicted on the Corps of Engineers Portneuf River Flood Control Project Plans (Cont. No. 66-441)



EXHIBIT A (Parcel B)

(John E. Brennan to the City of Pocatello)

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of section 34, T. 6 S., R. 34 E., B.M., Bannock County, Idaho lying Southwest of the Northeast concrete channel of the Portneuf River, the same being 21 feet offset, and Northeast of the Portneuf River Centerline more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the North 1/4 corner of said section 34, point being marked by a 2" aluminum cap monument and described in corner perpetuation and filing record, instrument 21920139, in the records of Bannock County, Idaho; Thence along said North section line, North 89°43'59" East, a distance of 976.84 feet more or less to the intersection with the extension of the Southwesterly Alleyway of Block 585, Pocatello Townsite, Bannock County, Idaho according to the official plat thereof, and the **True Point of Beginning.**

Thence continuing along said North section line, North 89°43'59" East, a distance of 50.02 feet to the intersection with the Southeasterly Right of Way of W. Bridger Street; Thence leaving said section line and along the Southeasterly Right of Way of W. Bridger Street, North 49°56'43" East, a distance of 116.42 feet to a point being parallel and 21 feet offset Northeast from the centerline of the Portneuf River channel; Thence leaving said Bridger Street Right of Way and along said 21 foot offset line, South 29°15'04" East, a distance of 55.58 feet to the beginning of a spiral transition curve; Thence Southeasterly along said spiral curve, having a chord bearing of South 31°33'58" East and a chord length of 37.34 feet, a distance of 37.36 feet to the beginning of a 138.15-foot-radius curve concave to the Northeast; Thence along said curve whose center bears North 53°32'55" East and through a central angle of 72°09'12", an arc distance of 173.97 feet, (chord bearing of South 72°31'41" East, chord length of 162.70 feet) to a point on a nontangent line being the meridional 1/16 section line of said section 34; Thence leaving said Portneuf River offset line and along the meridional section line, South 00°48'27" West, a distance of 111.71 feet to the intersection with the Northwesterly Right of Way of Hayden St. (being 20 feet from centerline); Thence leaving said section line and along said Right of Way, South 49°41'52" West, a distance of 49.45 feet more or less to the Southwesterly Right of Way of Willow St., the same being the Northeasterly boundary of those tracts of land as depicted on a Bannock County survey labeled "Tracts in NW4NE4 Sec.34 T. 6 S. R. 34 E.B.M.; Thence leaving said Hayden St. Right of Way and along said Willow St. Right of Way, North 60°49'04" West, a distance of 335.26 feet more or less to the intersection with the extension of a line being the Southeasterly Right of way of W. Bridger St.; Thence, leaving said Willow Street Right of Way and along said extension line, North 49°56'43" East, a distance of 15.27 feet more or less to the intersection with the extension of a line being the Southwesterly Alleyway of Block 585, Pocatello Townsite, Bannock County, Idaho according to the official plat thereof; Thence leaving said Bridger Street extension line and along said alleyway extension line, North 40°21'38" West, a distance of 32.01 feet more or less to the North line of said section 34 and the True Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH AND INCLUDING:

All that portion of Lot 11, Block 565, Pocatello Townsite, Bannock County, Idaho according to the official plat thereof lying Southwest of the Northeast concrete channel of the Portneuf River, the same being 21 feet offset and Northeast of the Portneuf River Centerline.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM:

All that portion of Block 584, Pocatello Townsite, Bannock County, Idaho according to the official plat thereof lying Southwest of the Northeast concrete channel of the Portneuf River, the same being 21 feet offset and Northeast of the Portneuf River Centerline

Comprising 0.78 acres more or less

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