

# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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## Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memo

**TO:** J. William Reynolds, City Council President

**FROM:** Darlene Heller, Director of Planning and Zoning

**RE:** Petition to Vacate Durham Street from its intersection with Orchard Street to Main Street and to Vacate Orchard Street from Durham Street to West Laurel Street

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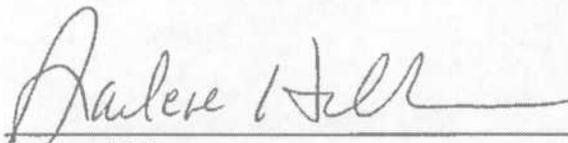
At its August 13, 2015 meeting, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval of the above referenced street vacations with the condition that all necessary utility easements are offered to and accepted by the City.

The August 4, 2015 memo from the Planning Bureau is attached for reference.

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cc: Mayor Donchez  
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T. Samuelson  
M. Dorner  
M. Kloiber  
Attorney Paul Florenz

DATE: August 17, 2015

  
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Attached for reference is the formal petition and related map submitted by Moravian College for the vacation of a portion of Durham and Orchard Streets as noted above.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The areas of Durham and Orchard Streets as proposed to be vacated are included within areas that are typically considered a portion of the Moravian College Main Street Campus.
2. Moravian College owns the land on both sides of the portion of the streets proposed to be vacated.
3. Both Streets are open, 20 foot wide alleyways.
4. The parcel to the north includes Collier Hall of Science and to the west are the Priscilla Payne Hurd Academic Complex and surface parking lots for the College.
5. The alleys serve the purpose of access to Moravian uses and parking and serve no real public use at this time.

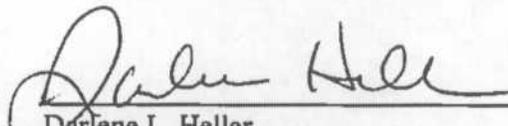
### CONCLUSION

The Planning Bureau supports a recommendation in favor of the proposed street vacation of these sections of both Durham and Orchard Streets as long as all necessary utility easements are offered to the City.

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**DATE:** 8-4-15

  
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