

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 23, 2013

In Attendance

Committee Chair Ken Smith, Council Chairman Yusuf Hakeem, Council Vice Chair, Chip Henderson , Assistant City Attorney, Phil Noblett, Council members: Chris Anderson, Carol Berz, Moses Freeman, Russell Gilbert, Larry Grohn, and Jerry Mitchell.

Others in Attendance

Public Works: Lee Norris, Dennis Malone, Bill Payne; Council Clerk's Office: Randy Burns, Cindy Patrick

Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2013

Mr. Grohn made the motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Freeman. The minutes were approved as written.

First Reading - Ordinance AGENDA 6A

Mr. Lee Norris with Public Works addressed the committee on the Agenda item 5A. Mr. Norris indicated that this was to close a dead end area that was mostly a swamp to create a cul-de-sac for development of homes by Goodwin Southern Properties, the applicant. Chair Smith asked for a review of the memo items attached to this request.

These items were detailed as follows:

- The portion of the subject 1400 block of Jefferson Street is 40' ± width and 125' ± in length for a combined area of 5,000 sq. feet.
- The Chattanooga Gas Company has infrastructure in the subject portion of Jefferson Street.
- The Planning Commission has recommended approval.
- Noted objections from the Utility Owner (Chattanooga Gas) have been addressed.

The issue was closed with no further questions or concerns.

Resolution AGENDA 7A

Mr. Norris addressed the issue of the right of way easement and indicated that this has been discussed for two years. The Ridgeside community has gone so far as to block access to this street to prevent turnaround on this dead end. During this time people have been using the applicant's driveway to turn around to exit the street. The City has agreed to purchase the right of way from the property owners to alleviate this issue.

Mr. Hakeem inquired as to how the determination of value was established for this property versus another property on Howard Street. Mr. Dennis Malone addressed the question and stated that each time this was based on a fair market value of the property which is determined by values of neighboring properties sold within the past six months as well as contracting with appraisers to identify the fair market value of the stated property.

The issue was closed with no further questions or concerns.

Resolutions – AGENDA 7D, 7E

Chair Smith asked for details on the street name changes indicated in these ordinances. Mr. Bill Payne, City Engineer, indicated that these were dealing with specifics addressed with the City Code and after research into the original Platte, original names within the registry of deeds and review of the City Code the changes could only come about through resolution of the City Council. Mr. Anderson asked is the homeowners in this area had been notified of the street name changes and Mr. Payne indicated that yes they had received notification on two separate occasions. Mr. Payne then detailed how names can be changed and through what channels these requests must be made and issues warranted stated changes. Mr. Payne also noted that the first letter is sent to all residents of the affected area and they are given 30 days to respond. If no response or concerns, then a second letter is sent as the official notification of the name change.

Mr. Mitchell asked is real estate values are ever considered when determining name changes and Mr. Payne indicated, 'NO'. Mr. Mitchell then elaborated on a pending issue with residents in his district on Mt. Vernon Circle and how they are protesting the change of their street name.

Mr. Payne indicated his awareness of this pending issue and that all processes were being completed with regard to due diligence with the residents prior to a permanent name change. Mr. Grohn inquired as to the conflict regarding this particular address and Mr. Payne indicated that server years back there was a 911 call sending assistance to a wrong address that had resulted in a loss of life and was subsequently part of litigation. Mr. Anderson asked if all back up documentation of these issues would be available and Mr. Payne indicated that all would be part of this resolution when presented to the Council at a later date.

The issue was closed with no further questions or concerns.

Resolution – AGENDA 7A (April 30, 2013)

Mr. Mitchell asked for a clarification of this resolution. Mr. Norris provided an explanation and justification for the special police officer as detailed in this resolution.

The issue was closed with no further questions or concerns.

Resolution – AGENDA 7E (April 30, 2013)

Mr. Gilbert indicated that the resolution should read, "three (3) locations," as opposed to the "five (5) locations," that is currently listed in the resolution. Mr. Norris indicated that this would be changed in the resolution prior to next week's meeting of the Council.

The issue was closed with no further questions or concerns.

Next Meeting

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.