



Date: May 17, 2011

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager
From: Edward R. Venable, Manager of Engineering and Stormwater
Subject: Street Acceptance

Executive Summary

Pursuant to City ordinance, streets shall be considered for acceptance for maintenance by the City of Durham when the streets are improved in accordance with requirements established by the City Council. The following streets have been improved to City of Durham standards:

Holman Homes Subdivision

- 1) Blacknall Street – from the centerline of Morning Glory Avenue north to the centerline of Taylor Street (807’), and
- 2) Eastway Avenue – from the centerline of Morning Glory Avenue north to the centerline of Taylor Street (825’), and
- 3) Plum Street – from the centerline of Blacknall Street east then south to the centerline of Morning Glory Avenue (968’), and
- 4) Franklin Street – from the centerline of Holman Street east to the centerline of Blacknall Street (296’), and
- 5) McNeil Lane – from the centerline of Blacknall Street east through the cul-de-sac (559’).

Recommendation

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council accept the above named streets for maintenance by the City of Durham.

Background:

These streets are in an area that has been developed within the City limits. Per the extension agreement executed with the developer, street right of ways have been dedicated as public with the understanding that once the streets were built to City of Durham standards and as defined by the agreement, they would be accepted for maintenance by the City.

Issues and Analysis:

Past practice has dictated that the City of Durham accept streets that are part of new developments with dedicated public right of ways as defined by the extension agreements.

Alternatives:

The alternative to accepting these streets from the developer would be to decline the request and ask that the developer continue to maintain these streets under a private maintenance program.

Financial Impacts:

Accepting these streets would result in the City spending some additional annual maintenance funds. This expense would be somewhat mitigated by adding additional mileage to the annual Powell Bill listing resulting in additional State Powell Bill funds for the City.

SBDE Summary:

N/A

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