



Date: August 7, 2012

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Keith Chadwell, Deputy City Manager
From: Marvin G. Williams, Director of Public Works

Subject: Agenda Item - 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. In reviewing past projects it was discovered that three streets (Weber Court, Yorkshire Drive, and Snow Hill Drive) had been built to City specifications but were inadvertently omitted from the acceptance process. In addition, it was discovered that a portion of the limits for Ramseur Street had been inadvertently deleted from the listing of City maintained streets in 1986, and should in fact be a part of the maintained streets listing. The purpose of this item is to have these streets accepted by the City. The following streets have been improved to City of Durham standards:

Ridgefield Subdivision – PH 5A

- 1) Weber Court – from the centerline of Bowler Drive south to the end of construction at STA 11+42 (142’.)

Additional Streets

- 1) Yorkshire Drive – from the end of Whitehall PH II construction north to the private rights-of-way at Strayhorn Road (586’), and
- 2) Ramseur Street – from the Ramseur Street split west to the east side of the Roxboro Street bridge (460’), and
- 3) Snow Hill Drive – from the north ditch line of Snow Hill Road north to the end of maintenance past Cabin Branch Drive (1,615’).

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 various areas that have been developed and annexed into the City. Per the various extension agreements executed with the developers, street rights of way have been dedicated as public with the understanding that once the streets were built to City of

Durham standards and as defined by the agreements, 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 rights of way as defined by the extension agreements.

Alternatives:

The typical alternative to accepting streets from the various developers would be to decline their requests and ask that they continue to maintain these streets under a private maintenance program. However, these streets are not currently under private maintenance; therefore, not accepting these streets would result in them not being maintained at all and could lead to hazards in the future should the road conditions deteriorate.

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:

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