



Date: July 23, 2013

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: W. Bowman Ferguson, 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. The following streets have been improved to City of Durham standards:

Medical Park Drive

- 1) Medical Park Drive – from the centerline of Technology Drive east then south to the centerline of Ben Franklin Boulevard (869’.)

Swansea Street

- 1) Swansea Street – from the end of existing roadway north to the end of construction (100’.)

Recommendation

The Public Works Department recommends that the City Council accept the above named streets as well as the water and sewer lines located within the rights of way for maintenance by the City of Durham.

Background:

In the case of Medical Park Drive, this street is located within an area that has been developed and annexed into the City. Per the extension agreement executed with the developer, street rights of way have been dedicated as public with the understanding that once the street was built to City of Durham standards and as defined by the agreements, it would be accepted for maintenance by the City.

In regards to Swansea Street, this portion of the road was opened and extended beyond the current maintenance limits under City Contract ST-244.

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, as well as accepting added limits to existing maintained streets.

Alternatives:

The alternative to accepting Medical Park Drive from the developer would be to decline their request and ask that they continue to maintain this street under a private maintenance program.

In regards to Swansea Street, the alternative would be to not accept the additional limits, and to treat this section as unmaintained, public right of way.

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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