



Legislation Text

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Ordinance Vacating A Portion Of A Certain 60' Wide Public Right Of Way Designated As Freeman Drive Containing Approximately 1.141± Acres and 49,701± Square Feet Abutting Unaddressed Parcels Owned by the City of Hampton and Designated as LRSNs 13001179, 7000129, and 13001174

Background Statement:

Approval of this ordinance would vacate, pursuant to Section 2.05 of the City Charter, a 1.141+/- acre portion of Freeman Drive abutting City-owned parcels designated as LRSNs 13001174, 13001179, and 7000129. This portion of Freeman Drive is being re-aligned and the area proposed for vacation will no longer be used as a public street. In addition, upon approval of the vacation, the City plans to vacate and adjust the boundary lines between several adjoining parcels in the vicinity, including the vacated former right-of-way area, to result in a new parcel of property for future development. That new parcel will be approximately 5.22 acres. This item is being brought forward in conjunction with Agenda item 19-0295, which if approved, would transfer that new parcel to the Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Recommendation:

Adopt the ordinance.

WHEREAS, the City of Hampton is the owner of a certain public right of way known as Freeman Drive, a portion of which is proposed to be vacated and is which is more specifically depicted on the attached Exhibit A entitled, "Plat Showing Portions of Freeman Drive Right-of-Way Hereby Vacated," dated May 10, 2019, by Precision Measurements, Inc. (the "Freeman Drive Vacation Area");

WHEREAS, the Freeman Drive Vacation Area is abutting parcels of property currently owned by the City of Hampton and designated as LRSNs 13001179, 13001174, and 7000129;

WHEREAS, the City is in the process of re-aligning this portion of Freeman Drive, after which the Freeman Drive Vacation Area will no longer be used as a public street;

WHEREAS, the City also plans to vacate and adjust boundary lines between several adjoining parcels in the vicinity, including the Freeman Drive Vacation Area, to result in a new parcel of property, and to further transfer that property to the Hampton Redevelopment and Housing Authority ("HRHA") for future development;

WHEREAS, as part of the transfer to the HRHA, the City will reserve all necessary drainage,

utility, and public access easements; and

WHEREAS, the City, acting by and through its City Council pursuant to Section 2.05 of the City Charter, is of the opinion that the Freeman Drive Vacation Area is not now and will not be needed for public right-of-way, and its vacation is consistent with the best interests of the citizens of the City of Hampton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, as follows:

1. That the vacation of the Freeman Drive Vacation Area as depicted on Exhibit A is hereby approved; and

2. That the City Manager or her authorized designee is hereby authorized to record this ordinance and other related documents in accordance with Section 2.05 of the City Charter in the Circuit Court for the City of Hampton, Virginia and to perform other such acts as may be necessary and appropriate in accordance with the intent of this ordinance.