



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

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DATE: May 14, 2018

RE:

Resolution to Set a Public Hearing to Consider Closing a Portion of Shenandoah Drive

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):

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Relationship To Strategic Plan:

Desirable Place to Live, Work and Recreate

Executive Summary:

NCGS §160A-299 gives authority and procedures for the City to close a city street or alley. The Rick Herrema Foundation has petitioned to close a portion of Shenandoah Drive to better enhance future plans for redevelopment of its property. Closing the street will not deny access to any property owners. The first step in the process dictated by NCGS§160A-299 is to have a resolution signed granting the public hearing to consider the closing. Staff would like to set the public hearing for June 11, 2018 which would allow the statutory procedures to be followed. A resolution and map of the proposed closing are attached for reference.

Background:

- The Rick Herrema Foundation has petitioned the City to close a portion of Shenandoah Drive to enhance development of their property.
- NCGS §160A-299 gives authority and procedures required for the City to close a city street or alley.
- This closure will not land lock any abutting property owners.
- A traffic analysis has been completed by staff and found that due to the isolated area of this connection, there is no timetable where simply connecting Shenandoah Drive to provide the “cut through” from Bingham Drive to Hope Mills Road would provide any additional benefit to the larger roadway network.
- If Shenandoah Drive was included in a more comprehensive plan to provide additional

east/west connectivity, such as all the way to Owen Drive, and also upgrading a residential street to a collector type street, then Raeford Road and the intersecting roadways may experience a benefit.

- The Fire Department has reviewed the request and if the proposed connections were made in the future the emergency response times would be greatly reduced.
- A map of the proposed closure is attached for reference.

Issues/Analysis:

- No access will be denied to anyone as a result of the proposed closing.
- The closure would prevent a possible future connection that has partially been dedicated.
- The Emergency Response times could be reduced if the connection were to be made in the future.
- Currently there is no budget or plan in the future for this connection to be made.
- If in the future, after the road is closed, a connection is desired the city would have to seek to have the right of way rededicated.
- The Rick Herrema Foundation has depicted in the plans previously approved by Council the street as being closed and being utilized as part of their development.

Budget Impact:

There is no significant impact to the budget as a result of the proposed closing.

Options:

- Adopt the Resolution calling for the public hearing.
- Deny the request which allows the \$1500.00 fee to be refunded to the requestor.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends adopting the Resolution authorizing the advertisement of the Council's intent to permanently close the referenced portion of Shenandoah Drive and setting the public hearing for June 11, 2018.

Attachments:

Resolution
Map