

EXCERPT FROM MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING
WITH REDLINE CORRECTION TO THE MOTION

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Amendments to the Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan map associated with recommendations from the regional Southwest Area Study led by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)

Staff stated Friendship Road and Bosco Road (future Richardson Road extension) would be addressed this evening.

(1)For Friendship Road, an analysis was calculated which analyzed daily traffic. She spoke about future traffic volumes. All amendments were reviewed with Town departments, and the Planning staff recommended approval as there were generally no major concerns. There was a benefit as far as connectivity and mobility.

Staff stated that consequently there was substantial public comment prior to the Planning Board meeting related to the Catholic church, the concern being the amendment would impact their ability to expand in the future. Also, there were concerns about the proximity of the thoroughfare to their playing field and noise near a place of worship. Planning staff now no longer recommended the amendment – only the shift in the minor collector street. The Planning Board supported the Planning staffs' recommendation.

Responding to Council, staff explained why the change was initially made – it came from the study. Staff explained what would happen if Council rejected the amendment. Also explained was future traffic.

(2)For Bosco Road, a minor change was made in the alignment, and staff pointed out what was being recommended. Planning staff and the Planning Board recommended the amendment.

(3)Needs for additional capacity were the next set of amendments, and staff explained what these were. There was no recommendation from Planning staff, and staff explained why. Planning Board recommended the amendment. Responding to Council, staff spoke to right of way and number of lanes questions.

(4)Staff explained the Center Street and Ten Ten Road amendment which showed future 6-lanes with median and explained the reasons for this. Planning staff and the Planning Board recommended approval.

(5)The North Salem Street amendment was to upgrade to a future 4-lane road, and staff explained the reasons for this. Planning Board and Planning staff recommended the change.

Responding to Council, staff explained why Planning staff did not make recommendation on several of the items – staff wanted the decision to be in Councils' hands.

Mayor Gilbert declared the Public Hearing open.

Mr. Lee spoke about staff recommendation #1 and how he was finally able to communicate with his parents in their language because of attending the church. The church also helps others who want to learn the language as well as learning the rich cultural history.

Mayor Gilbert declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mayor Gilbert called for a motion. Council Member Killingsworth made the motion to ~~approve amendment #1;~~approve the realignment of the future minor collector street with the Pleasant Park entrance and deny the proposed grade separation connecting Friendship Road and Holland Road; Council Member

Stallings seconded the motion.

Council explained why he was opposed to the amendment.

Council stated he felt Council's issues could be addressed in the future.

Council Members Killingsworth, Stallings, Dozier, and Mahaffey voted in the affirmative; Council Member Gantt voted in the negative.

The motion carried by a 4-1 vote.