



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

10/14/2025 1:20 PM

Motion to approve that the portions of Dogwood Terrace Apartments, 722 feet of Bolt Drive, as shown on the attached plat be abandoned as they have ceased to be used by the public to the extent that there is no substantial public interest, per results of public hearing held October 1, 2025, regarding the issue of abandonment pursuant to O.C.G.A. §32-7-2.

Department: Legal Department

Presenter: Jim Plunkett

Caption: Motion to Approve that the portion of Dogwood Terrace Apartments, consisting of approximately 722 feet of Bolt Drive as shown on the attached plat, has ceased to be used by the public to the extent that no substantial public purpose is served, and that its removal from the county road system is otherwise in the best public interest, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2; further, that this action is subject to Engineering recommendations, and the Mayor is authorized to execute any necessary documents to process this approval.

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Background: Dogwood Terrace Apartments is a property owned by the Housing Authority (hereinafter “HA”), which has now been vacated by residents or has residents scheduled for relocation. The abandonment request has been reviewed by all essential county departments and administrators with no objections being made to this abandonment request. The HA is in the process of redeveloping the site, and all roads in question lie within the boundaries of HA property. For the redevelopment to proceed as planned, Augusta, Georgia must formally abandon the roads located within the property boundary. Pursuant to the Cooperation Agreement entered into on November 13, 2013, and attached here to this item, between the Housing Authority and Augusta-Richmond County, the land would be sold to the HA for \$1. Bolt Drive was the last remaining road to be abandoned within the property.

Analysis: In addition, public notice of the proposed road abandonment was published on September 10, 2025, and September 17, 2025. A public hearing was held on October 1, 2025. Notices were also mailed to all adjoining property owners, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2(b)(1). The Law Department have not received adverse comments or objections by mail in response to the advertisement or mailings but did receive comments from the public that appeared at the public hearing. One Mr. Treyvon Beale opposed the closing of 2050 Bolt Drive as they gave away free food to the public. He had other comments, but none of his comments were regarding Bolt Drive being abandoned, they were regarding Dogwood Terrace as a whole. Ms. Arvelle

Robinson asked about the residents of the neighborhood adjoining Dogwood Terrace and how they would traverse to Old Savannah Road. She was informed they could take Nellieville Road to Fifteenth Street to Old Savannah Road. Ms. Jaleyah Dekle asked about the project that was going to be built in place of Dogwood and Mr. Douglas Freeman spoke to all three individuals at length after the public hearing so that they were well informed before leaving. Minutes of the hearing and a transcript are attached to this item.

Financial Impact:	Cost of publication and advertisement of public hearing.
Alternatives:	Do not approve and Augusta maintains responsibility for the road.
Recommendation:	Approve the abandonment of Bolt Drive. HA will take over ownership and maintenance of any public storm conveyance system present within the Complex boundary and the redevelopment project can continue.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	Law. Engineering. Planning.