



Commission Meeting

July 18, 2023

Honorary Name Designation

Department:	Information Technology
Presenter:	Evelyn Chanti, Information Technology GIS Manager
Caption:	Approve assigning the honorary name designation of Deacon Charlie Griffin Sr Way to Maple Street.
Background:	Deacon Darryl R Griffin, on behalf of the family of Charlie W. Griffin Sr, initiated a request for an honorary road name designation for Maple St to honor Deacon Charlie Griffin Sr. The request has been endorsed by Commissioner Stacy Pulliam and Commissioner Francine Scott. Deacon Charlie Griffin Sr was a pillar of the community. He served as a teacher and counselor during his forty-two years of service to Good Samaritan Missionary Baptist Church on Maple St. Deacon Griffin was raised at 1555 Maple St, where he later raised his seven children. The family property, which was purchased in the early 1940s, is still in the Griffin family.
Analysis:	Deacon Charlie Griffin, Sr. was ordained as a Deacon of Good Samaritan Baptist Church in 1963. His wife unexpectedly passed away in 1965 and as a single father was able to raise productive, professional children. In addition to supporting his family and his church, Deacon Griffin was also active in his broader community. He was often called to counsel kids and young adults in the neighborhood. If a child got in trouble with the justice system, Deacon Griffin would go to court with the family to advocate for them and provide assistance. He also advocated for important issues in his community, meeting with Augusta leaders to address needs. He was a founder of the Bethlehem Action Committee (BAC). He also helped seniors in the community by helping them apply for services or taking them to doctor's visits, the grocery store, or to vote. The honorary designation request is for Maple St. because this is where Deacon Charlie Griffin Sr was an active leader of his community. Living Status: deceased.
Financial Impact:	Cost for road signs – Paid
Alternatives:	
Recommendation:	Approve assigning the honorary designation of Deacon Charlie Griffin Sr Way to Maple St.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	Cost for placement of honorary road name signs and application – Paid 2 signs – Beginning and End of Maple St at the intersections with Nicholas St and Sherman St

REVIEWED AND
APPROVED BY:

N/A