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## City Council Regular Meeting

**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services

**FROM:** Michelle McCullough, PE, CFM – Deputy Director of Development Services/City Engineer

**MEETING:** August 5, 2024

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**SUBJECT:**

Consider approval of a professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates in the amount of \$21,000.00 to evaluate pedestrian safety and off-street parking as requested by Mayor Pro Tem, Dan McClendon. (*Staff Contact: Michelle McCullough, Deputy Director of Development Services/City Engineer*)

**SUMMARY:**

Staff received a request from the City Council to evaluate pedestrian safety and emergency vehicle access along S. Dobson Street in the general area of E. Ellison Street to Town Creek. S. Dobson Street is a 40-foot two-lane curb and gutter roadway from E. Renfro Street, to just north of Town Creek, and is considered a minor collector on the City's Master Thoroughfare Plan. Between E. Ellison Street and E. Miller Street, there are two 12-foot travel lanes with existing 8-foot-wide public parallel parking stalls on both sides of the road. South of E. Miller Street, there is no parallel parking since the road narrows to 30 feet in width. The speed limit along S. Dobson Street is 30 mph.

Parents dropping off and picking up children from Nola Dunn Elementary School have utilized the public parallel parking. In addition, members of the Open Door Church also utilize the public parallel parking during church services.

There is one designated cross-walk recently constructed by the city in between E. Bufford St. and E. Eldred Street. This cross-walk directs pedestrians from the west side of the road to a sidewalk located along the east side of the road. There are no sidewalks along the west side of S. Dobson, except for an area adjacent to the angled parking stalls near the cross walk. Citizens have expressed safety concerns for those individuals who park along the west side of S. Dobson Street who then proceed to cross the street outside of the designated cross-walk.

The study will evaluate the existing parking utilization and pedestrian accommodations and opportunities for improvements for pedestrian safety within the area. The study will also evaluate opportunities for additional parking in the area. The evaluation will not begin until school is back in session and traffic patterns have normalized. Staff anticipates presenting recommendations to the City Council in November 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the professional services agreement in the amount of \$21,000.00.

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

NA

**REFERENCE:**

NA

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Budgeted Y/N:** N

**Fund Name:**

**Full Account #s:** 1013102-62010

**Amount:** \$21,000.00

**Project:** NA

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