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Subject: RE: 8307 Creekstone

Susan,

The property at 8307 Creekstone Circle was reviewed on November 22, 2021 to verify what options can be performed for preventing large/oversized vehicles such as delivery or garbage trucks from damaging the existing City water meter property and the Owner's yard. There are currently landscaping rocks placed just behind the back of the paving in order to prevent the large/oversized vehicles from backing into the yard area. It was also observed that this portion of the cul-de-sac street appears to be the high point of the drainage ditch/swale running along the cul-de-sac section. It was also previously noted that this area is not suitable for parking due to the limited area between the existing driveways. A vehicle parking in this area would encroach into either driveway.

Looking at the various options to prevent vehicles from damaging the existing City water meter, there is no objection to providing the following:

- The existing landscaping rocks should be installed where they are buried into the ground and where they do not exceed a height of 6-inches. This in order to prevent potential damage to regular passenger vehicles. It is also recommended that some type of small button reflectors mounted to the rocks or small button reflectors mounted on a pin post so vehicles approaching the area at night time are made aware of the area curbed by the rocks. The type of reflector should be reviewed by Council for preference. Also, As noted by the City Secretary, a Franchise Agreement will be required.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Efrain at 713-622-9264.

Sincerely,

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Discussion and Possible Approval of a variance to allow small boulders to remain in the Right-of-Way for the purpose of protecting a city water valve at 8307 Creekstone

Motion made by Council Member Byrne, Seconded by Council Member Gordy.

Administrator Blevins said if approved, a license agreement to use the City right-of-way needs to be executed.

Greg Donovan, 8307 Creekstone Circle, said for about a year they have had four (4) landscaping rocks at the front of their yard along the roadside because in their cul-de-sac trucks take three-point turns. He shared images of just last Monday when the garbage truck ran into the yard and pushed a rock backward into the property. Mr. Donovan said there is a City water valve box that has been run over in the past just behind the rocks. He said since the rocks have been there, he hasn't had to make repairs to the City's water flush box due to truck damage. Mr. Donovan stated that it is not possible to park a vehicle in front of his house because it is only fifteen feet wide between his and his neighbor's driveway. He said he is requesting that the rocks be allowed to remain to protect his yard and the City's water asset.

Council Member Schwarz asked if adding additional rocks would help. Mr. Donovan said he is willing to invest in stabilizing the rocks, possibly from behind, but did not want to install anything permanent in case the City asked him to remove them. He said he has not received any complaints from neighbors.

Council Member Carey said he had a similar problem at a house he used to live at and said sometimes the rocks work and sometimes they don't. He asked if a curb or lip on the edge of the pavement would be supported by the Council. Council Member Gordy said he would like to see what the City Engineer suggests. He said he would prefer to see a curb. Mr. Donovan said a permanent barrier might prevent the surface water that flows to the front of his property. Engineer Him said the paving should crown in the middle and flow to the sides. He said there should be a swale at the side of the roadway to allow water to drain but that has been damaged by the trucks running over the edge. Engineer Him said in order to allow water to flow there would need to be breaks, or spaces, in the concrete. Mayor Pro Tem Maddock said that his cul-de-sac has had to repair the curb at their entrance multiple times because of the garbage truck hitting it, so a curb might not solve the problem.

Council Member Byrne said he appreciates the work that Mr. Donovan has done to protect the City's asset. He suggested concrete be placed under the rocks for reinforcement. Council Member Byrne stated that taller rocks would not help because that additional height might prevent emergency and other vehicles from making turns

with their extended cabs and bumpers.

Council Member Byrne amended his motion to table item 4.A. until a recommendation can be provided by the City Engineer.

Voting Yea to Table the Motion: Council Member Gordy, Council Member Byrne, Council Member Carey, Mayor Pro Tem Maddock, Council Member Schwarz

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