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Mayor and Members of the City Council

**STAFF REPORT**

For the Meeting of November 25, 2024

**Title/Subject**

Proposed renaming of a portion of NE Hill View Drive.

**Summary and Background**

Sunset Estates is a subdivision in the northeast quadrant of Hermiston which was originally approved in the 1990s. Phase 1 was constructed in the mid-2000s and Phase 2 is preparing for development at this time. When the development was originally planned, NE Hill View Drive was platted as a semi-circular street connecting to NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street at two points. This semi-circular street pattern does not provide for future connectivity or utility extensions to the neighboring properties to the east, thus limiting future development potential and potentially increasing development costs. City staff have negotiated with the developer and are in the process of creating a street extension to the east line of the development. This street extension requires the renaming of a portion of NE Hill View Drive in order to avoid confusion and creating a three-way intersection where all three legs of the intersection would be labeled as Hill View Drive.

Staff is proposing to rename the affected portion of the road as E Holt Ave, reflecting the family name of the original owner of the development. Mr. Holt's family still owns the development and is selling additional right of way to the city for street purposes and has made this request. There are no existing dwellings on the affected portion of the road and no houses will be affected if the renaming occurs before occupancy of any dwellings.

Changing a street name is a process proscribed in the Oregon State Statutes and the city will follow the procedures established in ORS 227.120. Under this section, the city engineer shall make a determination that renaming a street is in the best interest of the city and a six-mile area around the city. Joshua Lott of Anderson Perry, the city's engineers of record, has reviewed this issue and agrees that renaming the street is in the best interest of the city. A copy of Mr. Lott's email is attached to this report. Upon receiving a recommendation from the city engineer, the council shall set a date for a public hearing on the proposed street renaming. Staff recommends that the council establish December 9 as the date for the hearing.

Maps showing the existing and proposed street layout and naming are attached to this report.

**Tie-In to Council Goals**

N/A

**Fiscal Information**

There is no financial impact from this decision.

**Alternatives and Recommendation**

Alternatives

The council may choose to set December 9 or another date for the hearing.

Recommended Action/Motion

Staff recommends that the council set December 9 at 7 pm as the date and time for the hearing on street renaming.

**Submitted By:**

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