

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

DATE: August 5, 2025

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Susana Huerta, Planning and Zoning Director

THROUGH: Crystal Caldera, Ph.D., City Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation, Discussion, and Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Closing Samaritan Drive for Public Purposes

SPONSOR(S): None

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

The property owners of Seneca Trails Subdivision have petitioned the City to abandon and vacate the street known as Samaritan Drive. It is their intention to close this street and build a new Samaritan Drive closer to the drainage way between the existing Samaritan Drive and Grass Hill St. (see attached exhibit). The existing roadway was not built to current roadway construction standards, is too narrow for emergency access vehicles, and does not have modern utilities, curbs, or sidewalks.

The property owner, who owns the properties adjacent to both sides of the roadway, is replatting the Grass Hill Estates subdivision to construct a new neighborhood, known as Seneca Trails, and this closure will allow for better circulation, a standard width roadway, and new utilities. The Master Plan of the Development was approved by City Council with this street closure being included.

It has been determined that such a declaration of abandonment is in the public's best interest. The street closure does not affect or impair any public rights in the subject tracts for drainage, water and wastewater mains, electrical transmission lines, communication lines of all types, or any other rights, except for the right of the public to travel on the subject tract.

FISCAL IMPACT

The developer will be responsible for the removal of the existing street and any utilities and for the construction of the new street and utilities. After the city accepts the new street, the city will be responsible for future maintenance.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the attached Ordinance declaring the abandonment and vacation of Samaritan Drive.

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

ATTEST:

SAUNDRA PASSAILAIGUE, TRMC
City Secretary