



MEMORANDUM

To: Finance Committee
From: Rich Olson, City Manager
Date: October 2, 2013
Re: Consideration – NCDOT Request for Right of Way on S. Road Street

BACKGROUND:

NCDOT is in the process of fast tracking the replacement of Bridge #18 over Charles Creek on NC 344. This bridge is commonly known as the South Road Street Bridge. NCDOT plans on putting the bridge project out to bid in February 2014. NCDOT is requesting that the City provide them with additional right-of-way on the west side of South Road Street, which will consist of approximately 3,064 square feet. The tract that NCDOT would like to acquire runs parallel to South Road Street. The City earlier had the area in question probed to insure that no graves were in the area. NCDOT is also requesting acquisition of a small strip of land, which the City owns between the Herrington Road and South Road Street bridges, but is just north of the "V" where Herrington Road and South Road Street intersect. This piece of property consists of approximately 298 square feet.

ANALYSIS:

NCDOT has offered the City \$1,725 for the parcel of cemetery property and \$900 for the piece of property just south of the bridge. The price per square foot is comparable to the amount NCDOT paid the City for right-of-way acquisitions for the Elizabeth Street project. Staff does have a minor concern if we need to relocate the 34 kV electrical line, which is located within the right of way area to be purchased. NCDOT will pay the City to relocate this line outside of the newly acquired right-of-way.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, recommend that the City Council authorize Mayor Joseph W. Peel to execute all documents needed to convey to NCDOT two pieces of property on South Road Street by adoption of the attached resolution.

Resolution
Authorizing Execution of Necessary Documents
For Acquisition of Right of Way by NCDOT

The City Council of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, at its Board Meeting of October 7, 2013 discussed the business of conveying a Right of Way to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, an agency of the State of North Carolina. The following resolution was offered by, _____, seconded by _____ and, being put to a vote, was carried by a unanimous vote.

WHEREAS the construction of the State Highway Project 45347.2.FD15 (BD-5101N) makes it necessary for the North Carolina Department of Transportation to acquire a Right of Way from City of Elizabeth City.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and by this resolution that the City Council of the City of Elizabeth City does hereby authorize Mayor Joseph W. Peel to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the City of Elizabeth City, NC.

Joseph W. Peel
Mayor

Dianne S. Pierce-Tamplen, MMC
City Clerk