



Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 20, 2017

Re: Columbia College East Subdivision - Easement Vacation (Case #17-72)

Executive Summary

Approval of this request would result in the vacation of an existing ten-foot wide utility easement, adjacent to the east edge of the Pannell Street right-of-way, vacated on March 6, 2017. (Council Bill # B50-17)

Discussion

Engineering Surveys and Services, on behalf of Columbia College (owner), requests that the City vacate the existing ten-foot wide utility easement that lies across the western edge of the lots addressed as 1110 and 1114 Wilkes Boulevard. The easement is adjacent to the eastern edge of the Pannell Street right-of-way previously vacated by Council at the March 6, 2017 meeting.

The easement was initially dedicated on across Lots 1 & 2 of Petry Subdivision, which was approved in January of 1985. Also included on the plat was the dedication of additional right-of-way for Pannell Street. It appears that the easement was required along the Pannell Street frontage as a condition of platting, and the easement was never actually used for utility purposes. With the vacation of the Pannell Street right-of-way, the easement is no longer needed.

Staff review has identified no need to retain the easement as no utilities were identified within the easement. It should be noted that the former right of way of Pannell Street has shown as being dedicated as a utility easement on the consolidation plat (Case #17-56) for Columbia College that will receive final approval at the Council's March 20 meeting. This utility easement will ensure that existing and future utilities necessary to serve the former lots and/or structures is maintained.

Staff supports the requested easement vacation. Locator maps and vacation graphic are attached for reference.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None.



Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
3/6/2017	Council Bill # B50-17 – Approved vacation of Pannell Street right-of-way.
1/7/1985	Approved Petry Subdivision (dedicated the subject easement over lot 1)

Suggested Council Action

Approve the requested utility easement vacation.