



Legislation Text

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 8, 2022

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: JAMES F. PARAJON, CITY MANAGER

FROM: KARL MORITZ, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

DOCKET TITLE:

Public Hearing, Second Reading and Final Passage of an Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 5416 that vacated a portion of the public right-of-way that is part of an alley along Mount Vernon Avenue, which is bounded by 3608 Mount Vernon Avenue to the southeast and 3610 Mount Vernon Avenue to the northwest (VAC No. 2021-00001). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

ISSUE: The proposed ordinance repeals the vacation adopted by City Council through Ordinance No. 5416. Ordinance No. 5416 vacated a portion of public right-of-way located in an alley that is bounded by 3608 Mount Vernon Avenue to the southeast and 3610 Mount Vernon Avenue to the northwest as part of the AHDC Glebe/Mt. Vernon development project.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council pass the proposed ordinance (Attachment 2) on first reading on June 28, 2022, and schedule it for second reading, public hearing and final passage on July 5, 2022.

BACKGROUND: On January 22, 2022, City Council approved a number of land use applications for Alexandria Housing Development Corporation's ("AHDC's") development of a multifamily affordable housing project, known as AHDC Glebe/Mt. Vernon. The approvals included a vacation, Coordinated Development District ("CDD") conceptual design plan, CDD development special use permit, and transportation management plan special use permit. Subsequently, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 5416 related to the vacation.

More recently, AHDC changed its project so that it no longer needs the portion of the alley in order to develop. Thus, AHDC no longer desires to pursue ownership of this area of the alley. The revised land use applications are docketed for Council consideration at the July 5, 2022 public hearing.

DISCUSSION: Since AHDC no longer desires to pursue ownership of the portion of the alley public right-of-way and to make the record on this matter clear, staff recommends that City Council repeal Ordinance No. 5416. By repealing the ordinance, the portion of the alley will continue to function as a public right-of-way under City control.

While the Ordinance No. 5416 would expire by its own terms if no deed was recorded within 18 months, staff believes that repealing the ordinance is appropriate.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

Cover sheet and ordinance.

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