

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

AGENDA ITEM

APPROVE A CITY-INITIATED REQUEST TO CHANGE THE STREET NAME OF SHEILA DRIVE TO LOWES BOULEVARD

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Planning Department received a request to change the street name of Sheila Drive to Lowes Boulevard from the Public Works Department. Sheila Drive is a platted, but undeveloped, street that runs 645.62 feet east of Gateway Drive. It was platted as a 60-foot local street as part of Gautier Addition, Phase Three, which was filed for record on December 21, 2009, per dedication instrument 2009-00048116, Deed Records of Bell County, Texas. Currently, Sheila Drive is classified as a marginal access road on the City's adopted Thoroughfare Plan. As part of the Trimmier Road widening project, an extension of Sheila Drive will be constructed to connect to Trimmier Road. In an effort to reduce confusion, staff believes it is appropriate to change the street name to Lowes Boulevard. This will ultimately result in two segments of Lowes Boulevard stretching from Florence Road to W.S. Young Drive.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

Article IV, Chapter 25 of the Killeen Code of Ordinances provides a process for street name changes. Section 25-118 of this Chapter specifies that "Applications for a street name change may be considered for any one (1) of the following reasons, which must be specified in the application:

- (1) To establish continuity of the street's name;
- (2) To eliminate name spelling duplication, phonetic duplication, or misspelling;
- (3) To bring coherence to the street numbering designation (east, west, north, south);
- (4) To provide necessary roadway designation (Street, Road, Lane, Circle, Drive, Boulevard, and similar designations);
- (5) To honor a person, place, institution, group, entity, event or similar subject;
- (6) To enhance a neighborhood through association of the street name with its location, area characteristics, history and similar factors.

Pursuant to Code section 25-120:

"In all instances where it is the city's recommendation that a street name be changed, the department head shall file a request for a change of the name of a street with the Department of Planning and Economic Development. The written request shall state the present official name of the city street, the proposed new name, and a statement of reason or reasons from among those listed above, claimed for such a name change."

The request from the Public Works Department to change the street name of Sheila Drive to Lowes Boulevard is consistent with Section 25-118(1) above. In accordance with Section 25-121(b), the Planning Department has notified property owners abutting Sheila Drive and provided public notice in the newspaper.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the city-initiated request to change the street name of Sheila Drive to Lowes Boulevard.