

## STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

| То:      | Mayor Gavin Buckley  |
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| From:    | David Jarrell, City Manager                                    |
| Date:    | June 15, 2020  |
| Subject: | O-25-20: Conveyance of City-Owned Rights-of-Way at Newtowne 20 |

The existing roads within Newtowne 20 are owned in fee simple by the City. The new development proposes to reconfigure the roadway system and to occupy parts of the existing road right-of-way with parts of the new development.

In order for there to be a clear real property title for this development, the City must convey its interest in the road right-of-ways to the developer. If the City does not convey this property, the City would have to join in the subdivision as a property owner and show the existing rights-of-way as abandoned. There are title companies and financial institutions that would not find this arrangement to be satisfactory. The conveyance will remove a level of liability from the City while demolition and construction is being done on the property.

The City will need to retain an easement for the existing storm drain within the current rights-ofway since it receives storm water from areas outside of the Newtowne 20 on Newtowne Drive.

The new roadway rights-of-way after development will be conveyed to the City.

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