OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

| Subject: | Action Required: | Approved By: |
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| Cooper Orbit Road Abandonment of excess right-of-way, located between Panther Branch Drive and Kanis Road (G-23-489). | √ Ordinance Resolution | |
| Submitted by: | | |
| Planning & Development Department | | Emily Cox Acting City Manager |
| SYNOPSIS | The adjacent property owner requests to abandon the sixty (60)- foot wide excess Cooper Orbit Road right-of-way, located between Panther Branch Drive and Kanis Road. The abandonment is requested as Cooper Orbit Road has been re- aligned with Panther Branch Drive and the old section of Cooper Orbit Road (between Panther Branch Drive and Kanis Road) is no longer needed. | |
| FISCAL IMPACT | None. | |
| RECOMMENDATION | Staff recommends approval of the abandonment request. | |
| BACKGROUND | The Planning Commission reviewed and approved the abandonment request on July 14, 2022, as part of the Woodlands Valley Revised PRD (Z-9536-A). On August 16, 2022, the Board of Directors approved The Woodlands Valley Revised PRD (Ordinance No. 22,162). Following is an excerpt from the staff report for The Woodlands Valley Revised PRD. | |

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BACKGROUND CONTINUED

"The applicant also proposes to abandon the portion of Cooper Orbit Road adjacent to this overall property as part of the development plan. The applicant proposes for Cooper Orbit Road to re-align with Panther Branch Drive to the northwest for a new intersection with Kanis Road. The City of Little Rock and Pulaski County are in a joint effort to re-align Cooper Orbit Road with Panther Branch Drive. The abandonment request for the portion of Cooper Orbit Road adjacent to this proposed subdivision will not be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval until the re-alignment project is complete and accepted by the City of Little Rock."

The re-alignment of Cooper Orbit Road has been completed and accepted by the City of Little Rock. The City's Planning Staff supports the abandonment request.

The utility company comments are as follows:

- <u>AT&T</u>: AT&T approves the Cooper Orbit Road rightof-way abandonment, but will need to maintain a utility easement in the abandonment section of Cooper Orbit.
- Central Arkansas Water: Central Arkansas Water has a twelve (12)-inch waterline in the area of the right-of-way abandonment, and requested that the easement for the waterline be indicated on the plat. In addition, they requested that if the waterline was located outside the easement that a ten (10)-foot easement be provided on each side of the waterline. An updated plat with the requested information was requested for approval.
- Entergy: No objection to abandonment request.
- Little Rock Water Reclamation Authority: No objection to abandonment.
- Summit Utilities: No objection to abandonment.

Information submitted from American Abstract and Title Company notes that there were no reversionary clauses found for the right-of-way proposed for abandonment.