1 <u>2021-27 (1<sup>ST</sup> READING)</u>: TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF STOCKHOLDER 2 ST RIGHT-OF-WAY, EXTENDING FROM ROBERT GRISSOM PKWY TO EXECUTIVE 3 AVE/CANNON RD.

<u>Applicant/Purpose:</u> Sammy Spann (applicant) / to close and abandon a portion of Stockholder Street right-of-way extending from Robert Grissom Parkway and Executive Ave.,/Cannon Road.

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## **Brief:**

- This portion of Stockholder Ave was separated from the main artery with the construction of Robert M Grissom Pkwy in 1998.
- The applicant owns two of the five adjacent properties and is interested in redeveloping the property.
- If approved, the right-of-way property would be divided along the centerline, and deeded over to the abutting property owners.
- In 2006, a similar request was made and the City Council at the time denied the petition, preferring to keep access to the utilities.
- Planning Commission 5/4/21: unanimously recommends denial for the following reasons:
  - o Two adjacent property owners (Clay Dill, Steven Jordan) opposed the proposal.
  - o Abandoning the right-of-way would leave two of the properties without direct access to a public roadway, creating two non-conforming lots.

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# <u>lssues</u>:

- If this request is granted, utility easements will have to be retained for water and sewer lines, as well as for water meter access.
- Potentially "land-locked" parcels of land (1536, 1540, and 1550 Hwy 501) as the 501 right-of-way is blocked from those parcels by the railroad property.

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### **Public Notification:**

- Agenda published and posted.
- Legal ad ran in the Myrtle Beach Herald 04/23/21, 04/30/21, and 05/07/21.
- Certified letters mailed to the owners of record of all five abutting properties.
- Signs posted at each end of the subject right-of-way.
- Two property owners (Clay Dill, Longley Supply; and Steven Jordan, Alpha Omega/Gumm Plaza) oppose the proposal.
  - Longley Supply would lose access to a public right-of-way, as would the Cam Properties building
  - o Alpha Omega owns the property at the corner and does not want to lose a corner lot

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## Alternatives:

Modify the proposed ordinance. Deny the proposed ordinance.

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# Financial Impact:

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# Manager's Recommendation:

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Staff does not recommend abandoning a portion or halving of the right-of-way, as

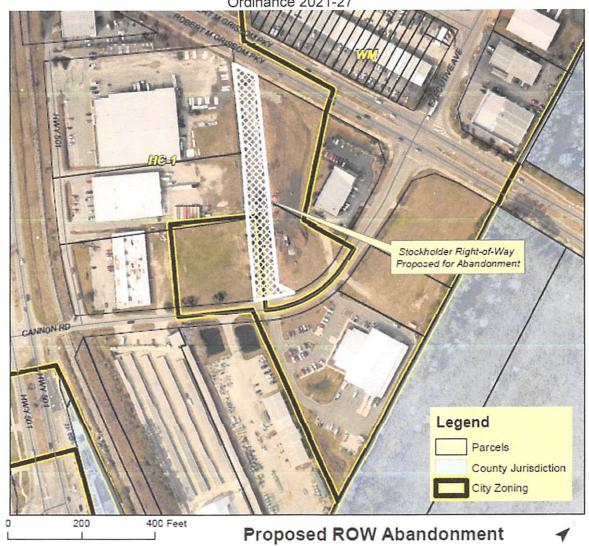
we have utilities on both sides for the length of street.

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<u>Attachment(s)</u>: Proposed ordinance, supporting materials.

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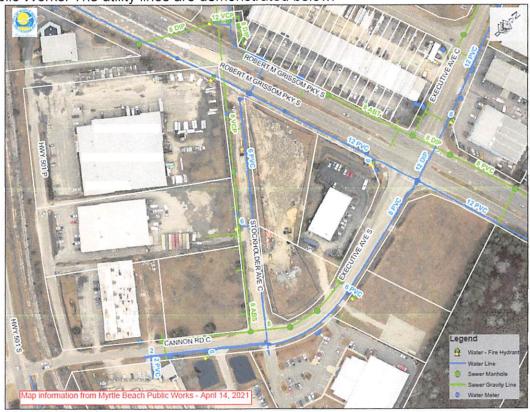
### BACKGROUND:

This portion of Stockholder Street was bisected by the construction of Grissom Parkway in 1998. At that time, this portion of Stockholder was closed at Grissom Parkway, and made a dead-end road accessible only from Executive Avenue/Cannon Road. No properties address off this portion of road.

In 2006 the applicant petitioned for abandonment of the same right-of-way. Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval September 19, 2006. City Council denied the request October 10, 2006, preferring to keep the utility lines in city ownership.

### STAFF COMMENTS:

Public Works: The utility lines are demonstrated below:



Staff is OK with abandoning the right-of-way so long as the utility easements are in place. The easements have to be 15' wide drawn on the center line of each utility line. The easements would have to be kept clear of any structures, landscaping (other than grass), and there can be no parking in the water-line easement (ok in the sewer-line easement.)

Planning: The subdivision regulations require all parcels "abut upon a dedicated public street." Although not depicted on the county GIS site, the rail line is in fact a deeded parcel, located between Highway 501 and adjacent properties. Four of the five parcels abutting Stockholder St also abut another public street (Cannon Rd, Executive Ave, or Robert Grissom Pkwy.) Because of the separation of the railroad property, the property highlighted below only fronts on Stockholder St.



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