



AGENDA MEMO

2/7/2017 Agenda

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jacob Speer, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Abandonment of obsolete sanitary sewer main along Golf Drive

BACKGROUND:

In 1998, the City installed a new sanitary sewer main along Golf and Haynie Streets from Curtis Park to McFarlin Blvd. The new main was designed to replace aging mains that were largely located within easements across the rear of the properties along Golf Drive and Turtle Creek Blvd. Over the years, many structures and landscaping improvements have been made over and near the easements; consequently, access to the old mains for maintenance and repairs is extremely difficult and disruptive. As part of the installation of the new main, service connections were provided for each property along the route and extended to the property line of each lot. Additionally, as part of the main installation project, property owners were offered a stipend from the City to offset the cost of hiring a plumber to adjust the piping on private property to connect to the new service at the front of each lot. Several of the property owners took advantage of that program. Since that time, several more properties along the route have been redeveloped and the new homes have been connected to the new main. There are currently 10 properties still connected to the old mains. Until all of those properties are connected to the new services, we cannot take the old mains out of service. The 1998 project was designed to replace the old mains. For the last 20 years, that project has failed to achieve its objective because the old mains have had to remain in service.

In an effort to complete the design objective of that 1998 project and significantly reduce the City's maintenance obligation, staff proposes a program to require the remaining property owners to connect their sanitary sewer services to the new mains by a date certain. The Fiscal 2017 operating budget allocates \$5,500 per property to continue the stipend program offered with the original project. Staff will provide additional information and visual aids during our discussion of this topic with Council. Staff would appreciate feedback from Council regarding its desire to undertake this effort and the timeframe for requiring compliance.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a program to require all property owners to relocate their sewer services to the new connection points within 6 months of receiving such notice from the City.