CITY OF KNOXVILLE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

FILE #: 9-A-20-AC
AGENDA ITEM #: 5
POSTPONEMENT(S): 9/10/2020, 10/8/2020, 11/12/2020
AGENDA DATE: 12/10/2020

APPLICANT: MIKE SOUEID

TAX ID NUMBER: 107 N/A
JURISDICTION: Council District 6
SECTOR PLAN: Central City
GROWTH POLICY PLAN: Inside City limits
ZONING: RN-2 (Single-Family Residential Neighborhood)
WATERSHED: Third Creek

RIGHT-OF-WAY TO BE CLOSED: Unnamed Alley between Knott Ave. & Cate Ave.
LOCATION: Between Pilkay Rd and Third Creek

IS ALLEY:
(1) IN USE?: No
(2) IMPROVED (paved)?: No

APPLICANT’S REASON FOR CLOSURE: We are consolidating lots and own both sides of this alley. Its current layout is not conducive to development

DEPARTMENT-UTILITY REPORTS: The City's Engineering Department and KUB have requested to retain any easements that may be in place.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Postpone this application for 90 days to the March, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.

This right-of-way closure request is related to an application for a rezoning, sector plan amendment, and One Year Plan amendment affecting several parcels spanning two city blocks that will be heard at the January 10, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. If the rezonings and plan amendments are approved, they will proceed to City Council in February, with the second reading taking place at the end of the month. Postponing the right-of-way closure request until the March meeting allows the applicant more time to acquire the final signature needed on the canvass form. If the rezonings and plan amendments are denied, the right-of-way closure requests could be subsequently withdrawn or denied.

If approved, this item will be forwarded to Knoxville City Council for action on 1/12/2021 and 1/26/2021. If denied, Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission's action is final, unless the action to deny is appealed to Knoxville City Council. The date of the appeal hearing will depend on when the appeal application is filed. Appellants have 15 days to appeal a Planning Commission decision in the City.
9-A-20-AC
CLOSURE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

Name of Street or Alley:  Unnamed Alley between Knott Ave. & Cate Ave.
To be closed from:  Pilkay Rd
To be closed to:  Third Creek

Petitioner:  Soueid, Mike
Map No:  107
Jurisdiction:  City

Original Print Date:  8/13/2020  Revised:  
Knoxville - Knox County Planning Commission * City / County Building * Knoxville, TN 37902
Hi Timothy,

Both of these rezonings will require sector plan amendments as well. The current sector plan (a.k.a. future land use map) has these properties designated as TDR, which does not allow RN-6 zoning.

To include the sector plan amendment, you can check that box on the top of the application (right above where you have checked Rezoning), and fill out the sector plan area (also with the rezoning) on the 2nd page of the application. RN-6 is only allowed in the HDR (High Density Residential) land use class, so you will need to ask for that, and put something in there about multifamily development and the density you are looking for.

Also, for the ROW closures you are requesting in September, we are missing the signature of the development on the other side of the creek to the west (Sutherland Park). You can add that name and signature to the existing page 2 with the rest of the signatures, assuming you still have a copy of that. Let me know if you don’t.

If you have any questions, please let me know.
Michelle

On Sat, Aug 15, 2020 at 6:55 AM Timothy J Howell <tim@tnlds.com> wrote:

Timothy,

I wanted to reach out regarding the signatures on the ROW closure cases to make sure you saw that in my last email. Let me know if you have any questions on that or the application.

Michelle

Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 10:01 AM

Respectfully,

Timothy J Howell

TN Registered Land Surveyor #2263
TN Rule 31 Listed General Civil Mediator
Tennessee Land Development Services
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Michelle Portier <michelle.portier@knoxplanning.org>  Fri, Aug 21, 2020 at 10:53 AM
To: Timothy J Howell <tim@tnlds.com>

Yes, that's fine. Thank you.

Michelle Portier <michelle.portier@knoxplanning.org>  Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 2:36 PM
To: Timothy J Howell <tim@tnlds.com>

Mr. Howell,

Any progress on that signature? Our documentation gets uploaded to the website and packets go out to Commissioners this Friday. Do you think you can send it to me by this Thursday?

Thank you,
Michelle

Timothy J Howell <tim@tnlds.com>  Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 3:15 PM
To: Michelle Portier <michelle.portier@knoxplanning.org>

I am reaching out to my client now to see if he has had any luck getting the signature.

Respectfully,

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Timothy J Howell <tim@tnlds.com>  Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 8:10 AM
To: Michelle Portier <michelle.portier@knoxplanning.org>
I hope to have you that signature(s) soon.

Attached are the rezoning requests (along with sector change requests).

You had specified that I needed to request it to be HDR, but I matched the adjoining MDR/RN-6 property (to avoid pocket zoning/sectoring). If this will not meet our request, please let me know and I will make it HDR instead.

Respectfully,

Timothy J Howell

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On 8/31/2020 2:36 PM, Michelle Portier wrote:

[Quoted text hidden]

2 attachments

- Rezone RN-1.pdf
  2879K
- Rezone RN-2.pdf
  2852K

Michelle Portier <michelle.portier@knoxplanning.org>
To: Timothy J Howell <tim@tnlds.com>

The MDR land use does not support the RN-6 zone. There are some anomalies out there from when we adopted a new zoning ordinance that took effect on January 1, 2020, and that is the case in this situation. You will need to request the HDR land use classification.

[Quoted text hidden]

Timothy J Howell <tim@tnlds.com>
To: Michelle Portier <michelle.portier@knoxplanning.org>

Ok, here are the apps with HDR

Respectfully,

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Mr. Howell,

Regarding the requests to close the rights-of-way, we will need to recommend postponement of both requests since we do not yet have the last signature on the canvass form. It would be heard at the October meeting.

Thank you,
Michelle

Thanks. We have been having trouble tracking down an actual person who can sign.

Respectfully,

Timothy J Howell

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AUGUST 5, 2020

Knoxville Utilities Board
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Steve Borden, Regional Director, TN Dept. of Transportation
Harold Cannon, Director, Department of Engineering
Steve King, Department of Engineering
Sonny Partin, Plans Reviewer, Fire Department
Shannon Sims, AT&T
Ben Davidson, Department of Engineering
Charlotte Goforth, Department of Engineering

From: Michelle Portier, Senior Planner, Knoxville-Knox County Planning

RE: REQUEST CLOSURE OF UNNAMED ALLEY BETWEEN PILKAY RD. AND THIRD CREEK AND BISECTING CITY BLOCK 50810, COUNCIL DISTRICT 6, CENTRAL CITY SECTOR. (9-A-20-AC)

Please give us the following information in writing regarding this proposed closure if your agency has an objection, or any conditions you wish considered with this request:

1. Is there any present or anticipated future need for this street/alley which in your opinion would warrant retaining it for public use?
2. What present use does it serve?
3. What future use is anticipated?
4. Do you oppose closing (vacating) it?
5. If closed (vacated), would easements meet your needs?
6. If easement will meet needs, please state easements required.

This request will be considered by the Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission on September 10, 2020. A map showing the street or alley in question is attached for your information.

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to reply to our office by Monday, August 24, 2020 will be considered as no objection by your agency.

C: Amy Brooks, Interim Executive Director, Knoxville-Knox County Planning
Attachment: Application
August 20, 2020

Knoxville-Knox Planning
City-County Building, Suite 403
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

SUBJECT: Closure of unnamed alley
MPC File # 9-A-20-AC; City Block 50810

The City Engineering Department has no objections to close the above described right-of-way area. However, should this right-of-way be closed, the City will reserve easements for all drainage facilities and utilities, if there are any current facilities, located in or within five (5) feet of the property described herein. No easements are reserved if there are no current facilities within the closure area. If any existing facilities or utilities are found not feasible to the site development or use, they may be removed and relocated, subject to City Engineering and/or other applicable easement holder review and approval.

Sincerely,

Benjamin D. Davidson, PLS, Technical Services Administrator
Technical Services/Department of Engineering
Ph: 865-215-2103
Dori,

Our office has reviewed the two applications and have approved for fire dept access.

Sonny

Asst. Chief Sonny Partin, CFPS
Deputy Fire Marshal
Knoxville Fire Department
400 Main St. Suite 462
Knoxville, Tn. 37902
865-215-2283 Office
August 24, 2020

Michelle Portier
Knoxville-Knox County
Metropolitan Planning Commission
Suite 403, City-County Building
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Dear Ms. Portier:

Re: Right-of-Way Closure Request 9-A-20-AC

We have reviewed our records and find that we have existing utility facilities located within the subject right-of-way. The approximate locations of these facilities are indicated on the enclosed prints. However, KUB does not release and hereby retains all easements and rights for existing utility facilities, whether or not shown on these prints.

Should this right-of-way be closed, KUB will require the following permanent easement for its utility facilities.

   Sewer – 12.5 feet on each side of the centerline of the sewer line, 25 feet total width

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (865) 558-2483.

Sincerely,

Christian Wiberley, PE
Engineering
CGW

TDOT D18 Operations has no comment on either one.

Steve Borden, P.E. | Director/Assistant Chief Engineer
TDOT – Region 1
7345 Region Lane
Knoxville, TN 37914
(865) 594-2400
Steve.Borden@tn.gov

From: Dori Caron <dori.caron@knoxplanning.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 9:20 AM
9-A-20-AC
Exhibit A. Contextual Images
## RIGHT-OF-WAY CLOSURE

**Name of Applicant:** Mike Soueid

**Date Filed:** 7/27/2020  
**Fee Paid:** $400  
**File Number:** 9-A-20-AC

**Map Number:** 107  
**Zoning District:** RN-2  
**City:** ☑️  
**County Sector:** Central City

**Jurisdiction:** ☑️ City  
**Council District:** 6th

### INFORMATION:

**Name of Right-of-Way:** Alley connecting PitKay Rd. & 3rd Street between Knott Ave & Creek Ave

**Type of Right-of-Way:** ☑️ Alley

**Location of Right-of-Way:**

BETWEEN (City Block or Lot where appropriate)  
AND (City Block or Lot where appropriate)  

**Right-of-Way Is:** In Use ☑️ Yes ☐ No  
**Improved (example: paved)** ☑️ Yes ☐ No

**Reason for Closure:** We are consolidating a bunch of lots and own both sides of this Alley. Its current layout is not conducive to development.

### TO BE CLOSED:

**From:** (Street, Alley, Other)  
Alley from PitKay Rd.

**To:** (Street, Alley, Other)  
Third Creek  
Between Knott Ave & Creek Ave.

### ALL CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO:

**Tim Howell**  
1707 N Ridge Ct  
Sevierville, TN 37862  
865-748-2557  
[thm@tdhds.com](mailto:thm@tdhds.com)

**Name:** (Print)  
**Address:**  
**City:**  
**State:**  
**Zip:**  
**Phone:**  
**Email:**

### AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICATION:

I hereby certify that I am the authorized applicant, or representing the applicant and all property owners involved in this request or holders of option on same.

**Signature:**

**Mike Soueid**  
6894 Giralda Dr Boca Raton, FL 33433  
561-271-2557  
[msoueid@gmail.com](mailto:msoueid@gmail.com)

**Name:** (Print)  
**Address:**  
**City:**  
**State:**  
**Zip:**  
**Phone:**  
**Email:**

### APPLICATION ACCEPTED BY:

Michelle Portier
# RIGHT-OF-WAY CLOSURE CANVASS FORM

All owners and holders of option on property abutting the proposed closure must sign the list below and express their opinion about this closure. A map showing the location and addresses of these properties must accompany this application.

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