Council Letter City of Danville, Virginia



CL - 883 NEW BUSINESS B.

City Council REGULAR MEETING

Meeting Date: October 17, 2023

Subject: Consideration of Approval of the Acceptance of Parcel No. 01944 on Riverside Drive in

Exchange for Release of Liens.

From: Christopher (Ryan) Dodson, Assistant City Attorney

COUNCIL ACTION

A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Acceptance of Real Property Identified as Parcel No. 01944 for Right-of-Way Improvements Along Riverside Drive.

SUMMARY

City Staff is seeking approval from City Council to acquire ownership of a parcel of land identified as Parcel No. 01944 on Riverside Drive in exchange for the release and satisfaction of all nuisance abatement liens and associated costs, and tax delinquencies affecting the property, to facilitate road safety improvements upon the parcel.

BACKGROUND

The City currently holds approximately \$30,500 in delinquent taxes, nuisance abatement liens, and associated collection costs, and interest affecting one (1) parcel located on Riverside Drive. The liens and costs greatly exceed the market value of the parcel. The present owner of the parcel is incapacitated and unable to pay for the delinquencies based on current assets. City staff is interested in acquiring ownership of the parcel directly, in order to facilitate safety improvements to protect the road from grading and related issues. The conservator of the owner is willing to sign a deed transferring ownership of the parcel to the City in satisfaction of the delinquencies and associated costs.

RECOMMENDATION

City staff recommends accepting ownership of Parcel No. 01944 on Riverside Drive in exchange for releasing all existing City-held liens, taxes, and associated collection costs, and interest, affecting the Parcel, contingent upon the actual transfer of the Parcel to City ownership.

Attachments

- 1. Resolution
- 2. Deed of Bargain and Sale