

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 06/16/20

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 20-0432

LOG NAME: 20STREET NAME CHANGE - SAYLES TRAIL

SUBJECT

Adopt an Ordinance Changing the Name of a Portion of Kutman Court between Birdell Street and Wiseman Avenue to Sayles Trail and Authorize Related Waivers (COUNCIL DISTRICT 5)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize certain waivers and adopt an ordinance changing the name of a portion of Kutman Court between Birdell Street and Wiseman Avenue to Sayles Trail.

DISCUSSION:

City Council approved Council Proposal No. 317 on June 4, 2020 which requested authorization to change the portion of Kutman Court between Birdell Street and Wiseman Avenue to Sayles Trail as shown in the attached location map (Exhibit "A"). The City Council approval also authorized staff to waive the \$700.00 application fee and requirements to submit names, addresses and signatures of all abutting property owners concurring with the proposed street name change.

Pastor Kenneth Sayles' leadership as a Dunbar Wildcat quarterback is scoring big wins in the Stop Six community on one of the most blighted streets in the neighborhood. When a fire destroyed his church, Sayles was committed to remaining in the Stop Six Community and acquired a tax-foreclosed property on Calumet at Birdell. While remodeling, supplies were often stolen with no witnesses to the crime. Very few of the duplexes on Birdell were occupied, most were boarded up and provided cover to those who were engaged in criminal activity. The intersection of Birdell and Calumet began to change as new property owners started obtaining and remodeling the duplexes on Birdell. One resident stated Pastor Sayles is doing what the Church is supposed to do: Shine a Light of love.

The Fire Department supports this street name change request.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of these recommendations will have no material effect on City funds.

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