

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 06/16/20

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 20-0434

LOG NAME: 20STREET NAME CHANGE - POLLARD SMITH AVENUE

SUBJECT

Adopt an Ordinance Changing the Name of a Portion of Calumet Street between Amanda Avenue and Birdell Street to Pollard Smith Avenue 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 Calumet Street between Amanda Avenue and Birdell Street to Pollard Smith Avenue.

DISCUSSION:

City Council approved Council Proposal No. 316 on June 4, 2020 which requested authorization to change the portion of Calumet Street between Amanda Avenue and Birdell Street to Pollard Smith Avenue as shown in the attached location map (Exhibit "A"). The City Council Proposal 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.

Callie Pollard was known as the Matriarch of the Cavile Place public housing community. 'Mama Callie' provided a nurturing presence for the hundreds of children whose parents were often struggling to make ends meet. Police Officer Jim 'Whitehead' Smith was a strong ally in her efforts to positively influence the children and teens. The two made news one afternoon when Officer Whitehead was shot. Mrs. Pollard ordered nearby teenagers to find the shooter. At her direction, the shooter was apprehended by neighborhood teens and later arrested. Callie and Whitehead kept in touch through the years. HUD Secretary Ben Carson was delighted to see a (newly reopened) police substation on the grounds of Cavile. It was named in her honor with Whitehead at her side.

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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