



Nashville Town Council Agenda Meeting

Wednesday, September 30, 2020
7:00 PM

Nashville Town Council Chambers
114 W. Church Street, Nashville, NC 27856

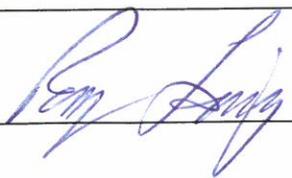
1. Call to Order by Mayor Brown
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Prayer
4. Public Comments Period
5. Items for Discussion
 - a) Request from Nash County to permanently close Elm Street between Court Street and Drake Street to allow construction of a new jail.
6. Council Comments
7. Mayor's Comments
8. Adjourn



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AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE:	September 30, 2020
PREPARED BY:	Randy Lansing, Town Manager
ISSUE CONSIDERED:	Request from Nash County to Permanently Close Elm Street between Court Street and Drake Street to Allow Construction of a New Jail
SUMMARY OF ISSUE:	<p>The Town of Nashville has received a request from Nash County to permanently close a 200-foot portion of Elm Street between North Court Street and North Drake Street to allow construction of a Nash County Detention Facility on the northwest corner of the Courthouse/Jail property and associated facilities. The Town has water, sewer and storm sewer lines in the Elm Street right-of-way. If this portion of Elm Street were vacated, we would need to put utility easements on the land to maintain access to our utilities. Jonathon Boone, Nash County Director of Public Utilities, says no building would be built on the vacated street right-of-way. It would be fenced with permanent penitentiary fencing and used as a secondary containment area for emergency evacuation of the detention facility. With this portion of Elm Street closed, Elm Street traffic would have to turn north onto Court Street, then west onto Vale Street, and south onto Drake Street to get around the closed street. Court Street is 18½-foot wide. Typical residential streets are 24 to 28 feet wide. There are three houses on Court Street, and cars are almost always parked on it. Two-way traffic cannot pass on the street with parked cars. At 18½-feet, the street was not designed or built to carry pass-through traffic. The same is true of Vale Street between Court and Drake streets, which is 18½ feet wide, and more-often-than-not, has cars parked on it. Drake Street is 24-feet wide. Bobby Liverman with NCDOT has agreed to put a traffic counter across Elm Street between Court and Drake on a weekday for 24-hours so the number of vehicles that would be routed up Court and Vale streets, if Elm Street were closed, can be known. My recommendation is for the Town to work with Nash County on the new detention center, by vacating the requested portion of Elm Street, but require Nash County to relocate the closed portion of Elm Street 100-feet to the north, through the County’s parking lot, to Drake Street. This will keep the Elm Street traffic out of the Court Street and Vale Street neighborhood.</p>
MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION:	<p>If the Council is agreeable to Nash Co’s request, a resolution announcing the Town’s intent to pursue closing and vacating the street will be on the October 6th Council meeting agenda. Notice of the intent to vacate will be mailed to surrounding property owners and published in the Nashville Graphic for 4 consecutive weeks. A public hearing on the street closing would be held November 3rd followed by a Council decision to close the street.</p>
ATTACHMENT(S):	<p>Nash County’s Request to Vacate a Portion of Elm Street An Aerial Photo of the Proposed Detention Center Area A Drawing of the Proposed Fencing for the New Detention Center</p>
REVIEWED BY TOWN MANAGER:	

August 12, 2020

Mr. Randy Lansing
Town Manager, Town of Nashville
499 South Barnes Street
PO Box 987
Nashville, NC 27856

Re: Nash County Detention Facility Expansion and Closure of Elm Street between North Drake Street and North Court Street

Dear Mr. Lansing,

As you are aware, Nash County is currently working with Moseley Architects to design an addition to the Nash County Detention Facility. This expansion is intended to accommodate the projected growth in the inmate population at the jail over the next twenty years and to provide the Sheriff with the additional isolation cells that he feels are needed for his staff to safely operate the facility.

As the only available area to accommodate such an expansion is in the northwest corner of the existing facility, the designer and the Project Coordination Team has identified the need to close the portion of Elm Street. At present, the proposed addition will include two (2) stories and will include 94 beds (47 beds in each of two dorms). Based on the current conceptual plan, the building footprint will consume almost all of the available real estate in this area and will displace the existing parking lot, the existing emergency evacuation area, and the existing bulk solid waste containers. The limits of the building will also make installation of a fence for secondary containment around the facility impractical.

As we discussed when we met this past Thursday, the proposed closure of Elm Street west of North Court Street will address some of the more pressing needs related to our project. These needs include:

- Safe and reasonable access for tractor trailers to make food deliveries to the existing loading dock at the facility,
- Installation of a secondary containment fence and appropriate buffer around the perimeter of the new addition and the north and eastern sides of the existing facility (note that two escapes in the Spring of 2019 occurred in this area),
- Creates another barrier and minimizes the potential for public access to the back of the facility (which eliminates a delivery mechanism for passing contraband),
- Creates space to relocate the onsite dumpster enclosure, and
- Allows for a secure emergency evacuation area in the event inmates are required to be evacuated from the facility (this also provides for a secure area to load inmates in the event that emergency transport is needed).

I have attached a proposed schematic for the block of Elm Street in question and the proposed fencing to be erected in this area (and further to the east towards Boddie Street). As envisioned, a gate would be installed just west of North Court Street in order to provide secure access for delivery trucks and other jail related vehicles. While we recognize that the proposed closure would result in a less direct

route for emergency responders when responding from the east, it appears that properties west of North Court Street could be accessed via North Court Street, West Vale Street (which is located roughly 300 feet north of Elm Street), and North Drake Street without experiencing a significant increase in response times.

As was shared during our meeting this past week, please see attached for a copy of the (1) conceptual plan for the proposed closure, (2) a preliminary floor plan for the proposed addition to the facility, and (3) a schematic illustrating the maneuvers required for a tractor trailer to access the existing loading dock at the jail once the addition is constructed. As we discussed, the county would be happy to meet with you and your staff in a small group setting to discuss specific concerns related to this request (e.g. emergency response concerns) or to discuss our project more holistically with your Technical Review Committee. To this end, if you will let me know your preference for any such meeting(s), I will plan accordingly.

In the interim, please let me know should you require any additional information in order to evaluate this request.

Sincerely,



Jonathan L. Boone, PE
Director of Public Utilities & Facilities
Nash County

Attachments (3)

cc: Zee Lamb, County Manager
Commissioner Robbie Davis
Sheriff Keith Stone
Mike Phillips – Assistant Director Public Utilities & Facilities

Nash County Detention Center Additions & Renovations

Nash County, North Carolina

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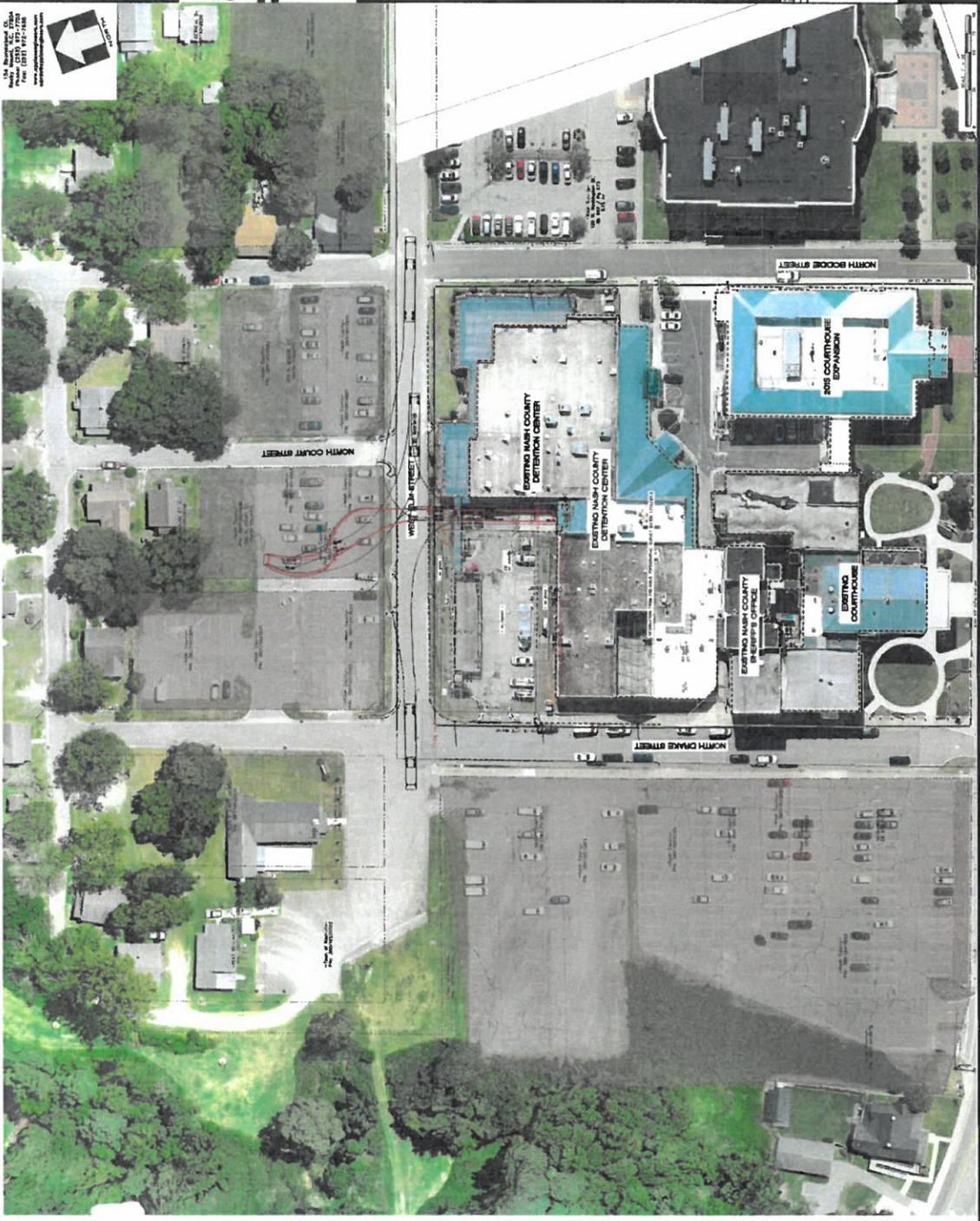
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