



Planning, Streets and Traffic Committee

5:00 p.m., Monday, January 25, 2021

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AGENDA

Resolution No. 415-21 – A resolution to establish an honorary street in the memory and service of Patrolman Cassie Johnson along the full length of Garrison Avenue.

Bill No. 7891 - A Bill creating a no outlet on Overbrook Road, a public thoroughfare, in the City of Charleston, West Virginia and updating the traffic control map and traffic control file consistent with this Bill.

Discussion

Auxiliary Signs

Miscellaneous

Approval of the Minutes of the December 28, 2020 meeting

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Municipal Planning Commission

Application for Street Naming

MPC Hearing Date: JAN 6th, 2020

SND No: SND - 20-0065

Applicant Information	Street Information
Name: <u>Shannon A. Snodgrass</u>	Proposed Street Name: <u>Patrolman Cassie Johnson</u>
Address: <u>22 High Meadow Dr.</u>	Subdivision Name:
Phone: <u>304 545-2032</u> <u>Char. WV 25311</u>	☐ Private Street or ☒ Public Street
Agents Name, Address, Phone (If other than Applicant): <u>/</u>	☐ New Street Naming or a ☐ <u>honorary</u> Street Renaming:
	Location Description: <u>placed under Garrison Ave.</u>

IMPORTANT: This application must be typed or legibly printed and filed with the Planning Department in person or by mail to 915 Quarrier Street, Suite 1 Charleston, WV 25301. You or your representative must be present at the scheduled public hearing in order to present your request and answer questions. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS.

The following supporting documentation must be submitted with this application:

- ☐ A petition containing the signatures of at least 80% of the owners of the land abutting the subject road;
- ☐ A map which clearly delineates the street to be named; (Planning Dept)
- ☒ A filing fee of \$125.00; and
- ☐ Any additional information, including photographs, elevations, testimonials or other documentation, which may support your application

I hereby affirm that all of the statements and information contained in or filed with this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Shannon A. Snodgrass
Signature

12/3/2020
Date

To: Dan Vriendt Director of Planning, City of Charleston, WV

From: Shannon Snodgrass, Council Ward 11

Subject: Honorary naming of Garrison Ave for Patrolman, Cassie Johnson

Date: December 4, 2020

On December 3, 2020, I received a phone call from Lt. Jamey Noland with the Charleston Police Department. He along with the other officers in D Shift, of which Cassie was a member, requested me to initiate the process for creating an Honorary Naming of Garrison Ave for Patrolman Cassie Johnson.

Lt. Noland informed me that Patrolman Johnson not only grew up in and around the Garrison Ave area, she protected this area as part of her patrol area and part of D shift. Patrolman Johnson gave the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty by being shot and ultimately killed while continuing her dedication in keeping Charleston safe. I respectfully ask that we initiate and give Garrison Ave the additional honorary naming to reflect Patrolman Cassie Johnson.

Please accept this narrative along with the application and my check for \$125.00 to begin this process. I am available to assist in any manner. I would also like to request that all members of D shift and council members to have the opportunity to sign on the resolution when appropriate and timely. Thank you to Lt. Jamey Noland and D shift for allowing me to assist in achieving their request to honor their fallen sister as part of the CPD, D shift.

**PETITION IN SUPPORT OF THE HONORARY STREET IN THE MEMORY AND
SERVICE OF PATROLMAN CASSIE JOHNSON ALONG THE FULL LENGTH OF
GARRISON AVENUE**

WHEREAS, Patrolman Cassie Johnson was tragically wounded in the line of duty while responding to an incident on Garrison Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Patrolman Cassie Johnson was a member of D shift; and

WHEREAS, Cassie Johnson was sworn into the CPD in January 2019 at 26-years-old, fulfilling her dream of becoming a police officer; and

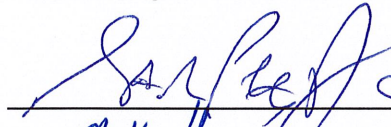
WHEREAS, Cassie Johnson served with valor, dignity, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Cassie Johnson was a lifelong Charleston resident, an exemplary public servant, and a consummate professional, serving first as a humane officer for the City of Charleston, prior to her service as a Charleston police officer; and

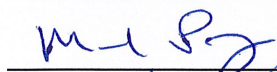
WHEREAS, Cassie Johnson grew up in and around Garrison Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Patrolman Cassie Johnson ultimately succumbed to her wounds on December 3, 2020 that were sustained while in the line of duty while protecting the Garrison Avenue neighborhood.

THEREFORE, D shift of the Charleston Police Department unanimously supports City Council establishing an honorary street in the memory and service of Patrolman Cassie Johnson along the full length of Garrison Avenue who lost her life in the line of duty while responding to an incident on Garrison Avenue.

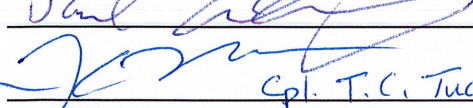
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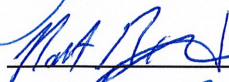
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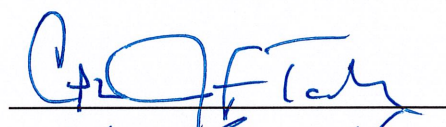
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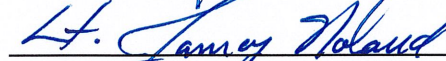
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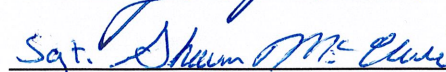
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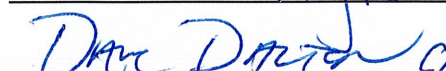
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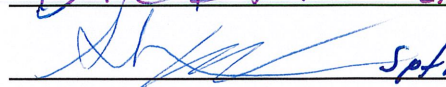
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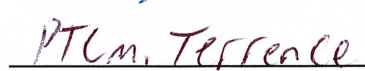
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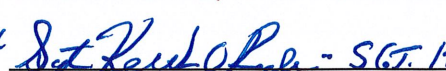
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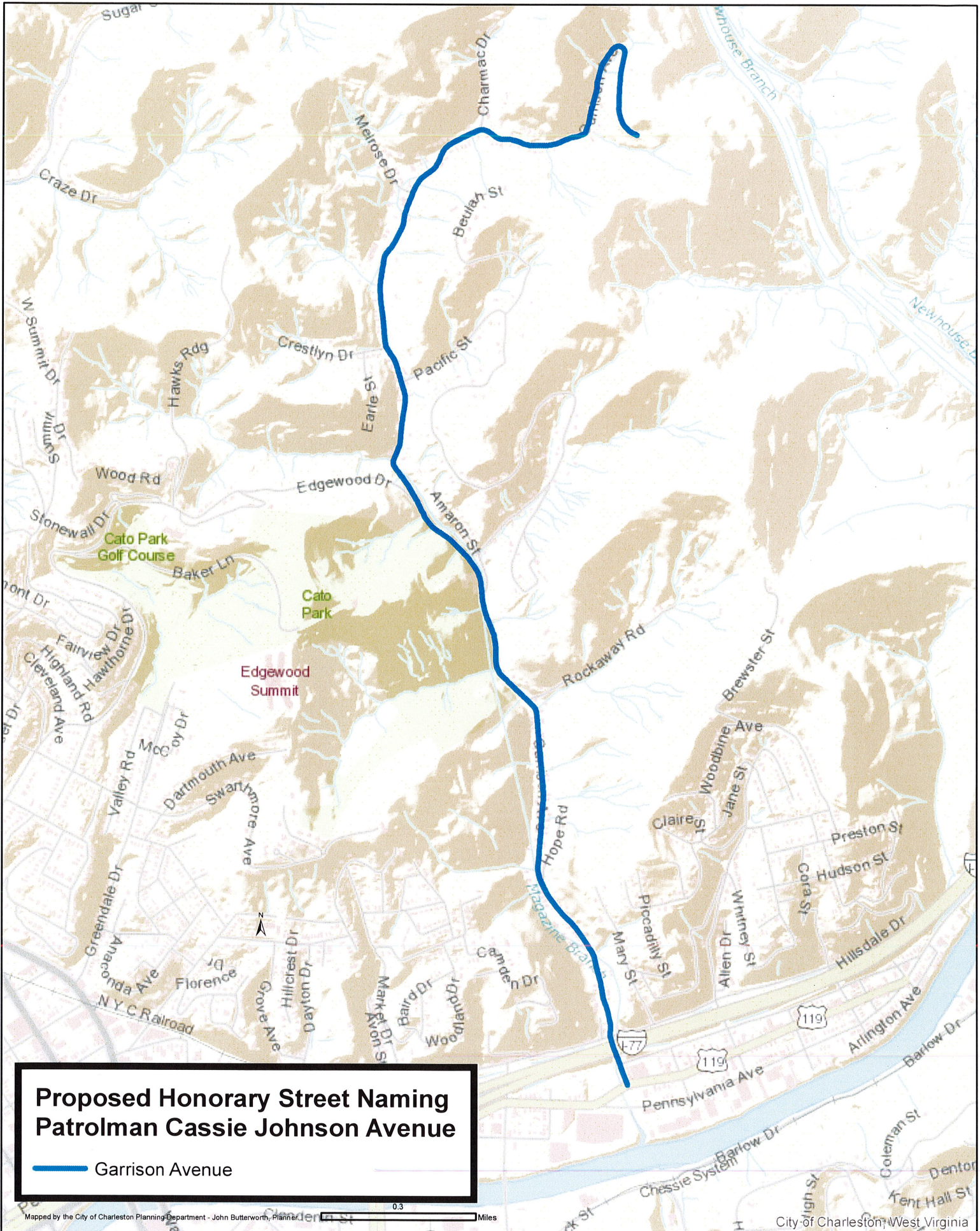
 Sptlm. Shawn Kler

 Ptlm. Terrence Castro

 Sgt. Keith O. Peoples

 Ptlm. B.A. Foster

Exhibit - A





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PATROLMAN CASSIE JOHNSON AV



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PATROLMAN CASSIE JOHNSON AV

Planning, Streets, and Traffic Committee
Staff Analysis
January 25, 2021

REQUEST: A request to give the honorary name of PATROLMAN CASSIE JOHNSON AVE to Garrison Avenue in compliance with E-911 Addressing standards.

APPLICABLE CODE:

City Code – E911 Addressing Regulations

STANDARD OF REVIEW:

The Committee is to receive public input and the recommendation from the Municipal Planning Commissions and to forward a recommendation to City Council for final action.

HISTORY:

Charleston Police Department Patrolman Cassie Johnson was tragically wounded in the line of duty while responding to an incident on Garrison Avenue. On December 3, 2020 she succumbed to the wounds that were sustained while in the line of duty while protecting the Garrison Avenue neighborhood.

ANALYSIS:

Proposed Name: PATROLMAN CASSIE JOHNSON AVE

Location: Garrison Avenue from the intersection of Bigley Avenue to the northern terminus.

Reason for the request: The petitioners have proposed street renaming to honor the service and memory of Patrolman Cassie Johnson.

The Municipal Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval.

RECOMMENDATION AND FINDINGS:

The Planning Department recommends **approval** of the application the given the following findings:

1. The honorary naming of the street does not alter existing addressing for emergency service or postal delivery and therefore does not interfere with the E911 Addressing Regulations; and
2. Patrolman Johnson was a selfless servant of the citizens of Charleston as a humane officer and a police officer; and
3. Patrolman Johnson was killed in the line of duty providing this faithful service; and
4. Charleston Police Department has been in consistent contact with the family of Patrolman Johnson and they have expressed support for the honorary naming petition.

Bill No. 7891

Introduced in Council

Passed by Council

January 19, 2021

Introduced by

Referred to
**Planning/Streets & Traffic
Committee**
Finance Committee

Sam Minardi and Brent Burton

Bill No. 7891 - A Bill creating a no outlet on Overbrook Road, a public thoroughfare, in the City of Charleston, West Virginia and updating the traffic control map and traffic control file consistent with this Bill.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

1. The Council of the City of Charleston, West Virginia finds and determines that prior hereto a request has been made to create a no outlet on Overbrook Road to reduce excessive vehicular traffic on the public thoroughfare, in order to maintain public safety.

2. That Overbrook Road was intended to serve a residential community but is now being used as a main thoroughfare and short-cut connecting to other public streets, and as a result there has been an increase in accidents not reported to the Charleston Police Department or near-accidents as caught on video by homeowners and reported on news outlets, the said increase in vehicular traffic creating an unreasonable danger to public safety to the residents of Overbrook Road and to other vehicular and pedestrian traffic on Overbrook Road.

3. That Overbrook Road is approximately 12 feet in width in certain locations and thus can only accommodate one vehicle when said road is a two way street.

4. That other alternatives, including expansion and re-design of Overbrook Road are not viable options due to cost, available width of the existing right-of-way, and current terrain and street design.

5. That it is prudent to designate a portion of Overbrook Road as having no outlet and restricting its use as a public thoroughfare for local and public safety traffic only.

6. That a no outlet segment of Overbrook Road be and is hereby created, reserving, however, unto the City of Charleston or unto any public utility, all right, title and interest said City or utility may now have in the public thoroughfare comprising Overbrook Road.

7. That no person shall construct improvements or take any other actions which would use the no outlet segment for their personal use or benefit.

- 29 8. That the no outlet segment, including placement of applicable signage, shall be designed
30 by the City Engineer and City Traffic Director, or designees, to accomplish the public purposes as
31 articulated in this Ordinance.
- 32 9. That the traffic control file and traffic control map shall be updated consistent with this
33 ordinance.
- 34 10. All prior ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby
35 repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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REQUEST: Bill No. 7891 - A Bill creating a no outlet on Overbrook Road, a public thoroughfare, in the City of Charleston, West Virginia and updating the traffic control map and traffic control file consistent with this Bill.

APPLICABLE CODE:

City Code – Sec. 114-262. - Traffic control file.

STANDARD OF REVIEW:

Amendments to the traffic control map and the traffic control file shall be made by legislation passed by the council, with the exception of the erecting and relocating of parking meters, which shall be made pursuant to the provisions of section 114-628. Upon the effective date of such legislation and upon the erection of proper signs and markings giving notice, amendments shall be in full force and effect. All such amendments shall be recorded on the official traffic control map and the official traffic control file.

HISTORY:

Several residents on Overbrook Road feel that speeding is a safety issue and they are therefore requesting the City to terminate the road and designate it for local and public safety traffic only.

ANALYSIS:

Reason for the request: To address speeding by limiting vehicles to local and public safety traffic only and to create a no outlet segment.

Location: Overbrook Road from Oakwood Road to Hickory Road

Overbrook Road is a substandard street which narrows to 12 feet in certain locations. Other roads in the vicinity have similar attributes such as Hickory, Pleasant and Stone Roads. Overbrook Road is a through street which offers alternative means of ingress and egress throughout the South Hills. High levels of road connectivity are important to allow traffic to spread-out. It also offers alternative means of egress in case of an emergency.

The bill fails to designate where the road should be terminated. Additionally, terminating the road will mean some residents will be cut off from Oakwood Road, the primary transit route. Terminating the road will require the creation of a cul-de-sac for emergency and service vehicles. This undertaking would be an exceedingly expensive due to the topography.

RECOMMENDATION AND FINDINGS:

The bill is substantially and woefully incomplete. The Planning, Engineering, and Traffic Engineering Departments recommends the request be tabled until such time as the design, engineering, location, cost, and funding of the cul-de-sac have been determined. Additionally, a signed petition submitted by the affected property owners showing consensus to the request should be submitted.

Municipal Planning Commission

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting of the Municipal Planning Commission was conducted electronically. The meeting was made available to the public as a live stream via Zoom (per the agenda).

Members Present

Aric Margolis
Lisa Fisher Casto
Terry Pickett
Alice Hypes
Deanna McKinney
Adam Krason
Quintie Smith
Margo Teeter
Mary Beth Hoover
JoEllen Zacks

Staff Present

Dan Vriendt
John Butterworth

Others Present

Amy Shuler Goodwin
Shannon Snodgrass
Jamey Noland
Adam Knauff
Shirley Johnson
Unnamed Attendees

Call to Order: Aric Margolis

New Business:

Street Naming: A request to give the honorary name of PATROLMAN CASSIE JOHNSON AVE to Garrison Avenue in compliance with E-911 Addressing standards.

MR. MARGOLIS: Mayor, would you like to speak regarding this application?

MS. SHULER GOODWIN: Yes, thank you Mr. Chair.

Mayor Goodwin spoke in support of the application and the legacy of Patrolman Johnson.

MR MARGOLIS: Dan, would you like to present staff notes on this case?

MR. VRIENDT: I believe Councilwoman Snodgrass can speak to it as she is the applicant.

MS. SNODGRASS: Thank you Dan.

Ms. Snodgrass read the submitted request letter and thanked Patrolman Johnson's family for their support of the honorary naming application. Ms. Snodgrass indicated that Lieutenant Noland and the other members of CPD D Shift requested this application in honor of their fallen fellow officer.

LT. NOLAND spoke in support of the application and expressed that Patrolman Johnson's fellow officers were unanimous in support of this application.

MR MARGOLIS recognized Ms. Johnson, mother of Patrolman Johnson to speak.

MS JOHNSON spoke of her support of the honorary street naming and her daughter.

MR MARGOLIS recognized Councilman Knauff to speak.

MR KNAUFF spoke in support of the application as councilor for the ward.

Other members of the public spoke in support of the application.

Motion and Vote: On motion of Deanna McKinney, seconded by Quintie Smith, the Commission voted 8-0, to recommend approval of honorary street naming.

MR MARGOLIS: The next item of business is Election of Vice President for the remainder of the 2020-2021 term. Dan, John would you like to speak to this?

MR. BUTTERWORTH: Yes, Mr. Chairman. With the removal of Chad Robinson from the Commission the position of Vice President is vacant. This appointment today will fill the position until the regular, annual election of officers in July.

MR MARGOLIS: Are there any nominations?

MR. SMITH: I will volunteer for the position.

MR MARGOLIS: Are there any other nominations? Hearing none, is there a motion?

Motion and Vote: On motion of Deanna McKinney, seconded by Mary Beth Hoover, the Commission voted 8-0, to elect Quintie Smith as Vice President of the Municipal Planning Commission.

MR. KRASON joined the meeting.

Minutes of the December MPC meeting: On motion of Quintie Smith, seconded by Deanna McKinney, the Commission voted 9-0 to approve the December 9, 2020 minutes.

Adjournment.