AGENDA ITEM:  2

CASE NUMBER:  SNC 18-03

LOCATION:  Beginning at the intersection of O.K. Robertson Road and Thomas Street / US Highway 51; thence northwest down O.K. Robertson Road to its intersection with Millington Road; thence north down O.K. Robertson Road ending at its convergence with the Loosahatchie River

OWNER/APPLICANT:  City of Memphis

REPRESENTATIVE:  Doug McGowen, City of Memphis Chief Operating Officer

REQUEST:  Rename a section of O.K. Robertson Road to Academy Drive

LENGTH:  +/-7,633 feet

CONCLUSIONS

1. The request is to rename a section of O.K. Robertson Road to Academy Drive beginning at the intersection of O.K. Robertson Road and Thomas Street / US Highway 51; thence northwest down O.K. Robertson Road to its intersection with Millington Road; thence north down O.K. Robertson Road ending at its convergence with the Loosahatchie River.

2. The Office of Planning and Development expanded the street name change request to include all of O.K. Robertson Road south of the Loosahatchie River to ensure uniformity and clarity.

3. The subject thoroughfare’s renaming will eliminate confusion for motorists navigating to the Memphis Police and Fire Academies, with the truncation of O.K. Robertson Road at the Loosahatchie River due to the washing away of the bridge, a significant portion of the thoroughfare in the immediate area is currently undrivable and as such there will be no issues of confusion with this portion south of the river being renamed. Furthermore, this change will enhance the status and recruitment efforts of the Memphis Police and Fire Departments.

4. Two known existing street name sign blades will need to be changed at the intersecting streets with the subject thoroughfare of Thomas Street / US Highway 51 and Millington Road. Note that an existing sign blade at the intersection of O.K. Robertson Road and Thomas Street / US Highway 51 is incorrectly branded and mistakenly identifies this section of O.K. Robertson Road as Millington Road.

5. Per the Shelby County Assessor’s website only one parcel is formally addressed to the subject thoroughfare at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval with conditions
GENERAL INFORMATION

Zoning Atlas Page: 1630

Subject Thoroughfare Length: +/-7,633 feet

PUBLIC NOTICE
In accordance with Sub-Section 9.3.4A of the Unified Development Code, a notice of public hearing is required to be mailed. A total of 10 notices were mailed on November 27, 2018.
Subject thoroughfare located within the pink circle
VICINITY MAP

Property Owners

1. City of Memphis
2. Michael L Gilliland
   Revocable Living Trust
3. Sara Wickham
4. Mary J Collins
5. BGM Welding
   Mechanical DBA
UNDRIVEABLE SECTION OF O.K. ROBERTSON ROAD

The area outlined in purple is undriveable thoroughfare.
AERIAL

Subject thoroughfare indicated in orange, imagery from March 14, 2018
Subject thoroughfare indicated in orange
LAND USE MAP

Subject thoroughfare indicated in orange
SITE PHOTOS

Intersection of O.K. Robertson Road and Thomas Street / US Highway 51 looking northwest down O.K. Robertson Road

Intersection of O.K. Robertson Road and Millington Road looking north down O.K. Robertson Road
Beginning of undrivable section of O.K. Robertson Road south of the Loosahatchie River looking north

Northernmost extent of drivable section of O.K. Robertson Road south of the Loosahatchie River looking south
Blockaded segment of O.K. Robertson Road north of the Loosahatchie River looking south
Subject thoroughfare indicated in orange
STAFF ANALYSIS
The application and letter of intent have been added to this report.

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RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends approval with conditions.

Conditions
1. The street name change shall take effect sixty (60) days after approval by the City of Memphis and Shelby County Land Use Control Board.

2. The applicant shall be responsible for replacing all street name sign blades affected by this change and for all applicable fees charged by the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division for address re-assignments.

3. The Address Assignment Department of the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division shall notify the current property owners along the roadway segment of the street name change and its effective date.
DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS
The following comments were provided by agencies to which this application was referred:

City/County Engineer:
1. The City Engineer recommends this application.

City/County Fire Division: No comments received.
City Real Estate: No comments received.

City/County Health Department:
Water Quality Branch & Septic Tank Program:
   • No comments.

Shelby County Schools: No comments received.
Construction Code Enforcement: No comments received.

Memphis Light, Gas and Water:
Land and Mapping-Address Assignment:
   • CUSTOMER WILL NEED TO REQUEST STREET NAME FROM MLGW WITH THE STREET NAME REQUEST FORM AT THIS LINK
     http://www.mlgw.com/images/content/files/pdf/StreetNamingRequest.pdf
APPLICATION

Memphis and Shelby County
Office of Planning and Development
CITY HALL 125 NORTH MAIN STREET-SUITE 468 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38103-2084 (901) 576-6601

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC STREET NAME CHANGE APPROVAL
Case #: SNC 18-03

Date: ____________________

Property Owner of Record: City of Memphis
Phone #: ____________________

Mailing Address: ____________________
City/State: Memphis/TN Zip 38103

Property Owner E-Mail Address: ____________________

Applicant: City of Memphis
Phone #: ____________________

Mailing Address: 125 N. Main St., Suite 308
City/State: Memphis/TN Zip 38103

Applicant E-Mail Address: coo@memphistn.gov

Representative: Doug McGowan, COO
Phone #: 901-636-6558

Mailing Address: 125 N. Main St., Suite 308
City/State: Memphis/TN Zip 38103

Representative E-Mail Address: coo@memphistn.gov

Engineer/Surveyor: Manny Belen, PE
Phone #: 901-636-6700

Mailing Address: 125 N. Main St., Ste. 644
City/State: Memphis/TN Zip 38103

Engineer/Surveyor E-Mail Address: manny.belen@memphistn.gov

Street Location:

- Inside of Memphis City Limits: Yes
- Unincorporated Shelby County: Yes
- City of Reserve Area: No

Existing Street Name: O. K. Robertson Road
Proposed Street Name: Academy Drive

Reason for change:
Renaming the discontinuous section of O.K. Robertson Rd. south of the Loosahatchie River will eliminate confusion for motorists navigating to the Memphis Police and Fire Academies as well as enhance the status and recruitment efforts of these agencies.

Name change starts at: Thomas St. (U.S. Hwy. 51)
and proceeds to: the north end of existing roadway about 1900 feet north
Length of street name change: about 1900 feet

Intersecting streets where a street name sign will need to be changed:

A. Thomas St.  B. Millington Rd.  C. 
D.                     E.                     F.  

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I (we) hereby make application for the approval of a street name change described above and in the accompanying revocation instrument. I (we) accept responsibility for any errors or omissions which may result in the postponement of the application being reviewed by the Memphis & Shelby County Land Use Control Board at the next available hearing date. I (We), owner(s) of the above described property hereby authorize the filing of this application and the above named persons to act on my behalf.

City of Memphis  10/18/18  Manny Belen  10/18/18
Property Owner of Record  Date  Applicant  Date

GUIDE FOR SUBMITTING
PUBLIC STREET NAME CHANGE APPLICATION

A  THE APPLICATION - Two (2) collated sets of this application in accordance with the requirements of the Unified Development Code and as outlined below shall be submitted to OPD. The following information is required to be submitted for consideration as a complete application, and except for copies of the Preliminary Closure Plat, shall be provided on sheets of 8.5"x11" in size. All preliminary name change plats shall be folded to a size not over 9"x14" with title facing out. The application with original signatures shall be completed either with legible print or typewritten. Each application set shall be compiled in the following order:
1) This application, 8.5"x11" Street Name Change Plat, Vicinity Map, 2-3 sets of gummed-backed Mailing Labels, 2 sets of paper copied Mailing Labels, Original Instrument of Dedication, 20"x24" print of Street Name Change Plats, folded.
2) A compact disc with all submittal documents in “PDF” and any proposed conditions in “WORD”.

(For additional information concerning these requirements contact Land Use Control Section at (901) 576-6601.)

VICINITY MAP
Two (2) copies showing the subject street proposed for the name change (boldly outlined) and all adjacent parcels. Show for each parcel its dimensions, owner's name (on the vicinity map unless prior approval is given to do otherwise) and the public streets, alleys or private drives that it abuts. In situations where the parcels on the map are so small that the property owner's names are unable to fit and numbered legend is used, every effort should be made to place the legend on the map itself and not a separate sheet.

B. LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES
1) Two (2) complete lists of names and mailing addresses, including zip codes, of all owners shown on the vicinity map, typewritten on 1"x 2 5/8" self-adhesive mailing labels and 2 paper sets.
2) Two (2) self-adhesive mailing labels (1"x 2 5/8") each for the owner of record, applicant, representative and/or engineer/surveyor.

C. FILING FEES  (All Fees Are Subject To Change without Prior Notice)
1) Submit a non-refundable check or money order in the amount of $400.00. Make check payable to "M/SC Office of Planning and Development"

*ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON AND THE SUBMITTER MUST RECEIVE A RECEIPT OF ACCEPTANCE FROM STAFF
LETTER OF INTENT

O.K. Robertson Rd. - Background narrative:

Historically, O.K. Robertson Rd. started at Thomas (aka Highway 51) and went north across the Loosahatchie River to end at the intersection with Fite Road in Shelby County. Over time, the bridge that went over the Loosahatchie River failed and it then became two segments of roadway that have never been joined together again; it remains this way today. Substantial segments of original O.K. Robertson Rd. north and south of the Loosahatchie River bridge have been removed since 1965. A section of existing O.K Robertson Rd. north of the Loosahatchie River will remain after the renaming of the southern segment.

The portion of O.K. Robertson Rd. being proposed for a name change begins north from Thomas Street turning northward past Millington Rd at the Greenhill Stadium and proceeds to an ending point about 1900 feet from its beginning. The ROW for the abandoned section of O.K. Robertson Rd. continues northward and a private drive connects that leads into the facilities of the Memphis Police and Fire Academies.

The main segment of this road leads to the Memphis Police Academy and Memphis Fire Academy. Motorists tend to get lost following their GPS devices as it leads them to a portion in the Shelby Forest area in the County. Renaming the discontinuous section of O.K. Robertson Rd. south of the Loosahatchie River will eliminate confusion for motorists navigating to the Memphis Police Academy and Fire Academy as well as enhance the status and recruitment efforts of these agencies. This will still leave an existing portion of the County roadway north of the Loosahatchie River being named O.K. Robertson Road after its namesake.

The Commanders of the Fire and Police Training Academies are in support of this application.
LETTERS RECEIVED
No letters received at the time of completion of this report.