

Open Work Session

Honorary Street Signs:

- **Apostle James F. Greene**
- **Clinton Franklin Stewart**

October 19, 2021

Mr. Mark Whitelock, Deputy Director of Public Works, came before Council and said Apostle James F. Greene was the founder of Pentecostal Church of Deliverance. He said Mr. Clinton Stewart was the funeral director and owner of Stewart Funeral Homes.

Mr. Whitelock said he looked at the criteria for honorary street signs, and he believes both of these men were probably pillars of their community, and they certainly have a very good geographical foundation in this community. He said they both seem to be of good moral character and basically meet all the criteria needed for honorary street signs.

Mr. Dodd asked what the locations will be, to which Mr. Whitelock responded, the sign for Mr. Stewart will be Olivia Drive and West Road, and actually will be three signs because the street right next to the funeral home. He said the sign for Apostle Greene will be at Northwest Drive and East Road.

Mr. Holloway asked if there is coordination with 911 between the name of the street now and the new name that will be added in case somebody calls so the 911 operators will know, to which Mr. Whitelock responded, the street retains its original name. He explained, this is a topper sign that goes on top, but he does not know if someone called 911 and used the honorary street name that it would associate to the street name with 911. He said that is a very good question and he does not know the answer. Mr. Holloway said he thinks they need to check into that to make sure there is no confusion. He said he does not know how that all works over there, but if they punch it into their computer, will it automatically pop up, to which Mr. Dodd responded, they can make a note in their computer for the address. Mr. Holloway clarified, it needs to be coordinated, to which Mr. Whitelock responded, he will reach out to Mr. Shipley and coordinate it with him.

Mr. Dodd clarified, will one of these have three different signs, to which Mr. Whitelock responded, yes. He explained, Apostle Greene's will actually be called Greene Way and one topper will be placed at Northwest Drive and Rose Street, and another at Northwest Drive and East Road, so he will have two different signs. He said Mr. Stewart will have three, which will be placed at West Road and Olivia Street, another at East Road and Olivia Street, and Olivia Street and Ellington Street.

Mr. Dodd said Mr. Holloway brought up a good point, so if they can make sure that the 911 Center knows about these.

Mr. Cannon said he assumes they will use the current Wicomico logo on the street, to which Mr. Whitelock responded, yes. Mr. Cannon said he believes the honorary street signs that are currently up probably should be replaced with the current logo as well as opposed to the 2019 anniversary logo.

Mr. Davis asked what the current logo is, to which Mr. Cannon responded, the County Seal. He clarified, the signs that are up now have the old centennial logo.

Mr. Dodd asked how long these signs will stay up, to which Mr. Whitelock responded, he does not believe he saw anything in the Legislation about that. Mr. Davis said he thinks it is ten years. Mr.

Whitelock said he has the Legislation here. After reading the Legislation, he then clarified, it is ten consecutive years.

Mr. Dodd said these both need Pubic Hearings, which can be held on November 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Holloway said he would like to find out about the 911 situation, to which Mr. Whitelock responded, he will follow up on that and let Council know, and he will have the old signs taken down and new signs put up. Mr. Holloway asked that Mr. Whitelock send Council the information about 911 so it does not hold up the meeting.

There was no further discussion.



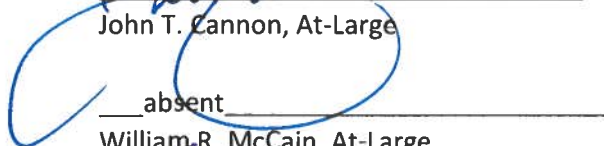
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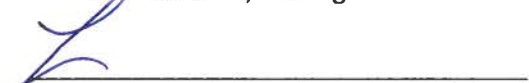


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