
From: Carol Duncan
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2023 9:57 AM
To: chrismooreplumbing@yahoo.com; Harold Copenhaver; Aldermen
Cc: Keith Inman; Derrel Smith
Subject: RE: Annexation petition

Hello all,

I apologize for not responding yesterday, I was on a plane all day returning to Jonesboro. As far as opening the door for others, I would venture to say that in the past we have annexed properties that only adjoin the city limits on one side. I do not believe any previous annexation creates a situation where denying the next can be seen as "arbitrary and capricious." I believe that every annexation is different and must be considered on its own merits. I cannot speak to the ramifications on city services, other than to say I cannot imagine that one property on the road to Sage Meadows where our fire, police, and sanitation go regularly would be much of an issue for them, but I will let those departments speak for themselves. There is no obligation of the City Council to accept the annexation, just as there is no precedent set if you do so in reviewing future annexations. I would say that we should amend the ordinance to state what zoning the property will be should the annexation be approved. That can be done by amendment at the first reading. I am copying Derrel on this email so that he can be prepared to make a recommendation on zoning at the next council meeting. While state law does not require it, we may want to clarify our council rules to state that annexations go through MAPC first so that zoning can be determined before it gets to council. That may have happened in the past, but it is not required unless we set a rule to that effect. I hope that answers your questions, please let me know if there is anything further you need from me on this issue.

Carol

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From: Chris Moore <chrismooreplumbing@yahoo.com>
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Carol

Last night the public works committee made a decision to forward a petition for annexation to full council.

The only reason stated by the petitioner was to speed up response time for the fire dept.

The property only bordered on one side with the city limits.

From a quick view of boundary maps, there are several hundred parcels with homes on them similar to the one last night

I am concerned that approval would open the door for anyone whose property adjoins the city on one side to petition for annexation under same reasoning, and we would be obligated to grant annexation in order not to be arbitrary and capricious .

The annexation petition if passed will obligate the city to provide among other services.

- trash pick up
- police and fire protection
- code enforcement

It will also obligate CWL to provide electric service.

Can you opine on what the ramifications of this petition will be , both for services the city will have to provide and for future petitioners?

Chris Moore

Sent from I phone

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