



CITY OF GROVEPORT REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

TO: The Honorable Mayor Lance Westcamp and Members of City Council

FROM: Steve Farst, City Engineer

MEETING DATE: February 22, 2016

TOPIC: ORDINANCE NUMBER 16-016

DISCUSSION

The adoption of this ordinance would authorize the Administrator to accept grant of a water line easement from Duke Secured Financing 2009-1ALZ, LLC, who is the owner of certain real estate located at 6300 Commerce Center Drive. The easement facilitates construction of a privately-built, public water main that will, when complete create a looped water main near the intersection of Rohr Road at Commerce Center Drive. This looped connection is beneficial to the area to provide for more reliable water quality and more consistent water flow in the distribution system for domestic use and fire protection. The water main would be constructed by a contractor engaged by Van Trust Realty as a commitment by that company related to their Rohr One project. This main would be dedicated to the City when complete under separate ordinance. The land owner has agreed to the grant of easement.

Council is asked to consider passage of this ordinance as an emergency for the following reasons:

1. The easement is sought by the City per a development agreement established in 2014 with Van Trust Realty, who had requested the City to consider expediting recordation of the easement, once the land owner had agreed to the grant of easement.
2. The City staff and Van Trust Realty desire this water main to begin construction as soon as possible.
3. The looped water main eliminates a "dead-end" water main along Rohr Road that the City of Columbus and City of Groveport both agree is an important improvement that when complete will reduce concerns with degradation of water quality potentially created by the "dead end" line. The completion will also fulfill a system improvement commitment established in a memorandum of understanding between Columbus and Groveport.

For these points and the reasons stated above, staff recommends passage of this ordinance.