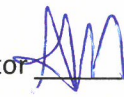


TOWN OF BLACKSBURG
AGENDA MEMO

DATE: September 8, 2023

TO: Town Council

FROM: Anne McClung, Planning and Building Director 

PREPARED BY: Matthew Sampa, Planner I

TITLE: ROW23-0001 Request to vacate approximately 20,439 square feet of Town-Owned Right-of-Way (adjacent to Tax Parcel 347-8 1) at 2600 Research Center Drive by Gretchen Merix of Balzer & Associates (applicant) on behalf of Snyder-Hunt Company, LLP (owner).

Ordinance 2037: An Ordinance Vacating the Public Utility and Sidewalk Easements on Land Located at 2600 Research Center Drive.

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- **Background:** The attached is a right-of-way vacation request to vacate the Rimrock Drive public right-of-way. The approximately 20,439 square foot Rimrock Drive is located off of Research Center Drive, and is a built street containing public and private utilities. The vacation request precedes a proposed by-right building and parking lot expansion for Blue Ridge Cancer Care. Planning Commission heard this request at the September 5, 2023 public hearing and recommended approval with four conditions as detailed in the Planning Commission memo (attached).

The related Ordinance 2037 would vacate the active public utility and sidewalk easements that currently exist adjacent to the Rimrock Drive right-of-way. Within these easements, the existing sidewalk will become private serving only this parcel and the existing fire hydrant will be removed. The ordinance will require these areas to be vacated prior to the approval of the site plan for the building and parking expansion.

- **Considerations:** See attached staff report, memos, and application.
- **Action:** Place on the September 12, 2023 consent agenda and schedule the public hearing for October 10, 2023.
- **Attachments:**
 - Planning Commission to Town Council memo dated September 5, 2023
 - Staff report with attachments dated August 11, 2023
 - Staff update memo dated September 01, 2023
 - Application dated July 03, 2023