



# City of Greensboro

Melvin Municipal  
Office Building  
300 W. Washington Street  
Greensboro, NC 27401

## Agenda Report

File Number: 2024-20

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### Agenda Item# H.1.

**Agenda Date:** 1/2/2024. **Department:** Planning

**Meeting Type:** Council Meeting **Category:** Public Hearing Agenda

**Title:** 2024-20 Resolution to Close Whittmore Street (Cranford A. Jones of O’Ferrell LLC, Yong Bryant of Young Real Estate Investments, LLC and Deena Hayes of the Guilford County Board of Education)

**Council Priority: Place an ‘x’ in the box.**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abundance of Attainable Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Admin <u>Briefly Explain 3 word maximum</u> |

**Council District:** District 1

**Public Hearing:** Yes

**Advertising Date/By:** December 21 and 28, 2023/by City Clerk

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**PURPOSE:**

Cranford A. Jones of O’Ferrell LLC, Yong Bryant of Young Real Estate Investments, LLC and Deena Hayes of the Guilford County Board of Education has requested to close Whittmore Street, generally described as from its intersection with O’Ferrell Street extending westward approximately 891.62 feet to its terminus. Staff requests that City Council hold a public hearing to receive public comment and to consider adoption of the street closing resolution

**BACKGROUND:**

The City Council is being asked to consider closing the following street: Whittmore Street from its intersection with O’Ferrell Street extending westward approximately 891.62 feet to its terminus.

The total area of R-O-W that is requested to be closed is identified as approximately 8,608 square feet (0.198 acres).

- Applicant: Cranford A. Jones of O’Ferrell, LLC, Yong Bryant of Young Real Estate Investments, LLC, and Deena Hayes of the Guilford County Board of Education

*Vision Statement: “A Community with Endless Economic Opportunities and Exceptional Quality of Life.”*

- The signees make up 100% of the road frontage along the R-O-W requested to be closed.

The City must make two determinations in order to close a street: (1) that closing the street to vehicular traffic is not contrary to the public interest and (2) that no property owner in the vicinity is deprived of reasonable means of ingress and egress.

At their November 3, 2023 meeting, the Technical Review Committee recommended the closing the above described portions of Brevard Street and Gay Terrace with the following conditions:

1. That the City shall retain 20-foot utility easements over existing utility lines until such time as the lines are no longer needed for public use.
2. The street closure shall not be final until a plat is recorded combining the area within the right-of-way with the adjacent properties.
3. If any of the sidewalk along O'ferrell Street falls within the right-of-way that proposed to be closed, a public pedestrian access easement shall be dedicated to the City of Greensboro.

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

This item will have no budget impact

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

It is recommended that City Council hold a public hearing and adopt the resolution to close this street.