



INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Gary D. Greer,
City Manager

DATE: May 5, 2015

SUBJECT: Ordinance No. 3322 changing the name of a portion of Mercer Parkway to
Morgan Parkway

A portion of Mercer Parkway street right-of-way extends approximately 2,350 feet between the west right-of-way line of IH35E and the east side of the City of Dallas rail right-of-way (formerly known as the Chicago Rock Island Pacific Railroad). This portion of the Mercer Parkway street right-of-way located east of the Dallas rail right-of-way was dedicated by a previous plat, Westside Addition Section 2 and does not connect with Mercer Parkway west of the Dallas property.

In 2014, road improvements on Mercer Parkway between IH35E and the Dallas rail right-of-way were constructed for a distance of approximately 1,803 feet with a cul-de-sac turnaround at the west terminus of the road. The remaining 548 feet of street right-of-way extending westward beyond the cul-de-sac will continue to serve as a utility corridor.

Since the dedicated rights-of-way for Mercer Parkway do not extend across the Dallas rail right-of-way, there will be no connection between Mercer Parkway east and west of the Dallas property. This physical separation of the two portions of Mercer Parkway street right-of-way is considered to be a potential source of confusion for both the general public and emergency services response. The proposed change of street name to Morgan Parkway will eliminate confusion related to addresses and physical access to the streets. There were no existing addresses for the previously dedicated right of way.

Possible Council Action:

1. I move to approve Ordinance No. 3322 renaming a portion of Mercer Parkway to Morgan Parkway.
2. I move to approve Ordinance No. 3322 renaming a portion of Mercer Parkway to Morgan Parkway, with modifications.
3. I move to table the item or take no action.