

**City Council – Action Request Form**

**Date:** November 19, 2013  
**To:** The City Manager  
**From:** Paul Norby, Director of Planning and Development Services

**Council Action Requested:**

Request to rename a public street from Linden St. to N. Research Parkway (*East Ward*).

**Summary of Information:**

The City of Winston-Salem is petitioning to rename a public street from Linden St. to N. Research Parkway. As part of the overall development in the area, a continuous new road is planned beginning between U.S. 52 and S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive near Diggs Boulevard and extending northward through the Research Park, ultimately connecting into existing Linden Street which terminates at N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive on the north end. Part of this road between Rams Drive and existing Linden Street has recently been constructed, with the part south of Rams Drive getting underway soon as a North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) project. NCDOT currently refers to this project as the Salem Creek Connector.

This continuous road needs to have one name, end to end, to avoid confusion for motorists, business deliveries and emergency response. When the right-of-way for the recently completed new road was dedicated on plats submitted by Wake Forest Innovation Quarter earlier this year, it was named Research Parkway. NCDOT is also aware that the southern segment of the road they are building would be named Research Parkway. This means that the portion of Linden Street extending northward from E. Third Street to N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive needs to be renamed at this time. Therefore, the City of Winston-Salem is proposing to rename the segment of Linden Street between E. Third Street to N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to N. Research Parkway. Affected property owners have been notified and no objections have been received.

Following a public hearing, Planning staff recommends the Council adopt the attached ordinance approving this request.

**Committee Action:**

<b>Committee</b>	Public Works 11/19/13	<b>Action</b>	Forwarded to Council
<b>For</b>	Council Members Clark and Besse	<b>Against</b>	Opposed: Council Member Montgomery; Abstaining: Council Member Adams

**Remarks:**