City Council – Action Request Form

Date: September 10, 2019

To: The Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager

Aaron King, Director of Planning and Development Services

Council Action Requested:

Resolution regarding the Eligibility of Evergreen Farm located in the Southwest Ward for the National Register of Historic Places (Southwest Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods **Strategic Objective:** Preserve Historic Resources

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The National Register is a federal program administered by the National Park Service and is the nation's official list of historic buildings worthy of preservation. Listing in the Register is predominantly an honor and does not negatively affect the rights of private property owners. The nominated property comprises nine parcels, of which six are completely or partially located within the City of Winston-Salem. North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) owns one parcel in Forsyth County, as the Northern Beltway is proposed in this area. NCDOT has requested the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) delay the nomination to give NCDOT time to evaluate the potential impacts that the nomination would have on the alignment for the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway project (R-2247A). Materials from NCDOT are attached. In response, the SHPO requested that the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County proceed with review of Evergreen Farm, and provide a recommendation regarding listing in the National Register prior to the October 10, 2019 National Register Advisory Committee (NRAC) meeting.

Committee Action:			
Committee	CD/H/GG 9/10/2019	Action	Approval
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Remarks:			

The Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission will consider the eligibility of Evergreen Farm at its meeting on September 4, 2019. At this meeting, the HRC will determine whether Evergreen Farm, or a portion of the nomination, meets the criteria for listing in the National Register. At the September 10, 2019 General Government Committee meeting the results of the HRC meeting will be presented. On October 7, 2019, the City Council will be asked to vote on a resolution that (a) Evergreen Farm meets the criteria for listing and the Council recommends that the property be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; (b) Evergreen Farm does not meet the criteria for listing and Council recommends that the property not be listed in the National Register; or (c) only a portion of Evergreen Farm meets the criteria for listing and the Council recommends that the property not be listed in the National Register. The North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee will consider the nomination of Evergreen Farm on October 10, 2019.