



Office of the City Administrator

To: Mayor Welch, Common Council Members
From: Al Hulick, City Administrator
Date: August 18, 2020
Subject: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution 2020-23 Authorizing a Petition to the Office of Railroad Commissioner for a Potential Upgrade to the Rail Crossing at Putman Parkway

Summary

The City of Milton is currently investigating the potential to expand rail service to the eastern portion of Crossroads Business Park. The potential rail extension would extend from the existing spur south of STH 59 and potentially head in an easterly direction parallel to Putman Parkway. The exact alignment is not known at this time, but alterations to the existing rail crossing at Putman Parkway may be necessary.

Whenever rail crossings are created or altered, a petition must be filed with the Office of Railroad Commission (ORC). Resolution 2020-23 begins the process of the petition process for the potential alteration of that crossing. The passing of this resolution does not obligate the City to move forward with alterations, but is required by the ORC if the petition process is to move forward. In the event the crossing alterations are not needed or the plans to extend the rail do not move forward, the petition would not be officially filed and no further work would commence.

Recommendation

Therefore, the City Administration recommends the Common Council approve Resolution 2020-23 authorizing the petition to the Office of Railroad Commission for potential alterations at the existing rail crossing located on Putman Parkway.