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# ***CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE***

*Office of the City Manager*

## **MEMORANDUM**

**RUSS BLACKBURN**  
*City Manager*

**TO:** RUSS BLACKBURN, CITY MANAGER

**FROM:** WES MCCURRY, CRA DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR FORMAL RESOLUTION TO RENAME PAAR DRIVE IN THE  
SOUTHWEST ANNEXATION AREA TO HEGENER DRIVE

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

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Pursuant to City Council comments at the September 12, 2022, meeting, the proposed road renaming for Paar Drive and Hegener Drive are advanced herewith for the consideration of City Council. The Hegener Drive road name was already used on Southern Grove Plat No. 26, recorded in Plat Book 84, Page 36, which is the section of road proposed for construction extending south from Tom Mackie Boulevard, south of Trade Center Drive, on Southern Grove Plat No. 23, recorded in Plat Book 77, Page 33. To avoid confusion of a change in road name 'mid-block' it is recommended that an Ordinance be adopted to rename this section of road Tom Mackie Boulevard consistent with that on Southern Grove Plat No. 23 and that the Tom Mackie Boulevard name be reflected on the next extension of road south to Marshall Parkway. The attached map shows the portions of Tom Mackie Boulevard/Hegener Drive that have been platted to date.

As you know, Paar Drive has been the name identified with the East-West No. 4 roadway within Southern Grove and continuing west through Riverland and Wilson Groves DRIs terminating at Rangeline Road (approximately 4.6 miles). It was designated as Paar Drive due to the originally proposed overpass at Interstate 95 which would have connected this road segment to the existing Paar Drive on the east side of I-95. The City's Comprehensive Plan was recently amended to remove the proposed overpass, hence this road will not connect to Paar Drive east of I-95.

At the current time, approximately 0.8 miles of Paar Drive from Anthony F. Sansone Sr Boulevard west to the entrance of the Kenley neighborhood is being constructed. Without the overpass, there would be extreme confusion with having the same roadway name on opposite sides of I-95 with no actual connection.

Attached is a proposed Ordinance to rename Paar Drive and Hegener Drive within the Southwestern Annexation Area to Hegener Drive. It is anticipated that the proposed Ordinance could be heard at the October 24, 2022, and November 14, 2022 City Council meetings. I have also contacted Ms. JoAnn Riley's office to verify ability to use the name.

### **Why Hegener Drive?**

After Paul J. "Pete" Hegener, (born September 18, 1940, Milwaukee, WI; died March 23, 2012, Vero Beach, FL). Pete was well known throughout Florida and particularly in St. Lucie County where he was

the former President of Core Communities for 16 years. Under Pete's creative leadership Core operated and completed the St. Lucie West Master Planned Community-home to the south county campus of Indian River State College, the New York Mets Spring Training Facility, and over 200 businesses employing more than 7,000 people. Pete was the primary driver for the vision behind the development of Tradition, an 8,000-acre Master Planned Community just south of St. Lucie West. Tradition will eventually be home to 17,000 residences, several schools, more than twelve million square feet of mixed use space and is the hub of significant job creation in the City. Pete's dream of an integrated community where one can live, work, learn, shop, and play is a hallmark of Tradition. As a former Director of Enterprise Florida, the state's Economic Development arm, and Director of the St. Lucie County Economic Development Council, Pete worked diligently in the community to create a cluster of enterprises involved in biotechnology and innovation, as well as new schools and a hospital. Pete served on the Advisory Board for Florida Atlantic University and on the Board of Trustees for Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Studies.

Thank you.