

## Item 24-1051: Variance Request for Driveway Extension

### Common Council

Wed, Oct 02, 2024 7:00PM

**Mayor Jake Woodford** 1:14:10

All right, with that, we'll move along. We're going to stick with municipal services, and this will be item 24-1051 a variance request for driveway extension [XXXXXX] North Ballard Road. And again, I'll just note this is coming out of committee with a recommendation for denial. All right, we have a motion and a second to approve and open the floor for discussion. Alder Croatt.

**Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14)** 1:14:48

Thank you, Mayor. This has a little bit of a lengthy legislative history, partly because of me refer backs, and then it was, I believe not, on the agenda once by mistake. But it is in my district, and I have talked to this property owner a couple times. The concrete in question is installed. The property owner had paid the contractor for the install, and the action here would be to allow them to keep it or to make them rip it out. The contractor has said that they will rip it out. Obviously, the property owner would like to retain it. They have about 25—it's my understanding they have about \$2,500 invested in the concrete pad.

**Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14)** 1:15:37

I will note that I was told that it was not to be utilized as a parking spot. It was a turnaround. However, I've seen a vehicle there on numerous occasions when I drive by. So, a little bit disappointed in that in that fact, because I understand the reasoning for using it as a turnaround. Ballard is a busy road. Traffic travels by their house at 35, 40, even higher speeds, and it can be pretty heavy at times. So, I can definitely see the need to or want to not back out onto Ballard and versus turning around and pulling out straight. But again, the vote here will be to tear out about \$2,500 of concrete if you don't approve their variance. And that's—I guess, that's all I have to add. Thanks.

**Mayor Jake Woodford** 1:16:35

Any further discussion. All right, so again, recommendation from committee is denial. So, an aye vote will uphold the committee's decision to deny. Everybody clear on that. Okay, with that please cast your votes. Motion passes 12 to two. Denial has been upheld.