

## RESOLUTION 2021-03

### A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD STATING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF HOLDEN AVENUE AND PROPOSING DEANNEXATION IN SUPPORT FOR SUCH REALIGNMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, Orange Avenue is an urban principal arterial state road which connects the City of Edgewood to Downtown Orlando; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, Holden Avenue and Gatlin Avenue each intersect with Orange Avenue in offset 3-way intersections; and

**WHEREAS**, the four-lane section of Orange Avenue intersecting Holden and Gatlin Avenues carries over 56,800 vehicles per day; and

**WHEREAS**, the heavy traffic at these intersections regularly results in queues stretching over ½ mile in each direction; and

**WHEREAS**, this heavy traffic also causes issues with significant neighborhood cut-through traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation graded the intersection of Orange Avenue and Holden Avenue as the worst intersection in Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, because Holden and Gatlin Avenues are each county roads and Orange Avenue is a State road, the City is unable to remedy any issues with the intersections without Orange County's cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, the issues presented by these intersections would be greatly remedied by realigning Holden Avenue such that it aligns with Gatlin Avenue, replacing the two offset three-way intersections with one large 4-way intersection; and

**WHEREAS**, Orange County has considered such realignment multiple times, dating as far back as 1973; and

**WHEREAS**, instead of permanently fixing the intersections, such as through realignment, Orange County has repeatedly addressed the intersections through minor improvements providing minimal relief; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that said realignment is the most practical and cost-effective major improvement to the Holden and Gatlin Avenue intersections; and

**WHEREAS**, Orange County is currently considering options to address the Holden and Gatlin Avenue intersections; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has received a report indicating that Orange County yet again intends to address the intersections with minor changes, leaving the City of Edgewood to deal with interminable traffic problems while Orange County delays permanent solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council wishes to enact this Resolution to state its support for the proposed realignment of Holden Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, in support of such realignment, the City Council states its intention to de-annex nine acres of abutting park to enable the realignment and an increase in the size of the park.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA**, as follows:

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby states its support for realigning Holden Avenue to align with Gatlin Avenue to relieve the congestion along Orange Avenue within the City of Edgewood. The City Council opposes the solution suggested by VHB, which would leave individual intersection movements with an “F” level of service.

In support of the realignment, the City Council states that it would voluntarily de-annex nine acres of Cypress Grove Park to enable the realignment of Holden Avenue and the expansion of the park.

**Section 2.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 20th day of **April, 2021**.

  
Richard A. Horn, Council President

**ATTEST:**

  
Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk