

## NORTH GREENWOOD AVENUE AND EAST ARCHER STREET-PAINTING COUNCIL FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE MAYOR

The Tulsa City Council makes the following findings and recommendation to the Mayor regarding the disposition of the street-painting located on North Greenwood Avenue immediately north of East Archer Street and south of the I-244/ U.S. 412 north leg of the Inner Dispersal Loop (IDL):

### FINDINGS

1. While the City Council has the authority pursuant to Tulsa Charter Article VIII, Section 13 to grant permits for the use of portions of public streets, no application for such a permit for the Greenwood and Archer street-painting was or has been presented to the City Council and no process for granting such a permit has been established.
2. Street-painting and/or defacing City of Tulsa property is not lawful. If such action is ever made to be lawful, either permanently or temporarily, it should only be permitted by the City of Tulsa after a studied and mindful process adopted in cooperation and coordination with the Mayor and the Mayor's administration.
3. Construction adjacent to the Greenwood and Archer street-painting, including but not limited to the Greenwood Rising history center, could result in deterioration of the pavement where the Greenwood and Archer street-painting has been placed.
4. A mill and overlay has been planned for North Greenwood Avenue immediately north of East Archer Street and south of the I-244/ U.S. 412 north leg of the IDL.
5. Removal of the Greenwood and Archer street-painting has been estimated to cost the City of Tulsa an unforeseen expenditure of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented municipal budget shortfalls and City employees have been furloughed in order to maintain a balanced budget.
6. Pursuant to Tulsa Charter Article II, Section 17, the City Council is authorized to make appraisals, comments, and recommendations to the Mayor on the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of administrative practices.

### RECOMMENDATION

With the planned mill and overlay for North Greenwood Avenue immediately north of East Archer Street and south of the I-244/ U.S. 412 north leg of the IDL and removal of the Greenwood and Archer street-painting projected to cost taxpayers twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), the City Council recommends to the Mayor that the efficiency, economy, effectiveness and expenditure of public funds dictates that the Mayor should remove the painting via the mill and overlay project. Additionally, the City Council has been informed of private efforts to relocate/replace the painting to private property, subject to the City's zoning and other applicable regulations, which it hopes will proceed without delay.